



## **Wasser Winters Site Responsiveness Summary—No Comments**

Today's Date: September 4, 2019

**Cleanup Site ID:** 3404  
**Facility ID:** 1218  
**Address:** 1602 Marine View Drive, Tacoma, WA 98422-4103  
**County:** Pierce

Ecology held a comment period from August 1 to September 1, 2019, to give the public an opportunity to comment on Ecology's 2019 Periodic Review of the Wasser Winters Site.

Ecology received no public comments during the comment period and finalized the 2019 Periodic Review Report.

Relevant Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation: WAC 173-340-420(5)

### **Document for public review during the comment period**

Draft Periodic Review Report

### **Site background**

Environmental cleanup is completed at the site and the 2019 periodic review showed that the cleanup work remains effective in protecting the health of people and the environment.

The site was a former log-sorting yard located along the Hylebos Waterway on the tideflats in Commencement Bay. The Port of Tacoma owns the Wasser Winters Site. From 1997 to 1980, rock, gravel, and ASARCO slag were placed at the site to build a stable ground for running heavy machinery and storing logs.

Surface water investigations at the site in the 1980s indicated elevated levels of metals, including arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc above industrial cleanup levels. The port installed a stormwater collection system and wells to monitor groundwater. A low permeability asphalt cap was constructed to cover contaminated soils that remained at the site and a 100-foot wide stream buffer was left for wildlife habitat.

Dissolved copper, lead, and zinc in groundwater decreased over time. In 2011, Ecology stopped requiring testing for these metals. Arsenic concentrations remain slightly above cleanup levels and groundwater monitoring continues every 30 months.

In 1994, an environmental covenant was recorded for the site to prevent possible exposure to the dissolved metals in groundwater that remained at the site. The covenant restricts property use and requires the owner maintain an asphalt cap over the contaminated area and a stormwater collection system at the site.

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