

Site Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE Site

Reaching the goal of a healthy, sustainable Puget Sound

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on a new proposed agreement to study a site on Puget Sound for cleanup. The Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Site (Site) is one of several properties located on the Everett waterfront that have been identified for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

The Site is located at 2600 Federal Avenue in Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order, Public Participation Plan and Draft State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS).
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted from *October 15 – November 14, 2012*.
- **Attend** an open house on October 29 to learn more about this cleanup and other Puget Sound Initiative sites.

See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments. More information on the open house can be found on page 4.

Site Background

The area comprising the Site was first developed in the late 1800s/early 1900s and was primarily used for pulp and paper manufacturing from 1931 to 2012. Past uses also included bulk petroleum storage operations by several oil companies and sawmilling. While in operation, the pulp and paper mill produced bleached sulfite pulp and various tissue products including paper towels, bath tissue, napkins, and industrial

Comments Invited

October 15 – November 14, 2012

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Document Review Locations

Everett Public Library

2702 Hoyt Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
Phone: (425) 257-8000
Hours: Mon. – Wed. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thurs. – Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 1 - 5 p.m.

Department of Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
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Contact Carol Dorn
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Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2569>

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wipers which are a heavier type of paper towel. Kimberly-Clark Worldwide (K-C) became the owner of the facility in 1995 when it merged with Scott Paper Company. The K-C property includes about 56 acres of uplands and 12 acres of adjacent tidelands.

Historical sampling in the Site uplands has identified mostly petroleum and metals contamination in soil and groundwater. The in-water area of the Site is located within the East Waterway. Samples collected in the marine sediments from the East Waterway were found to contain wood waste, as well as contaminants including:

- Metals (arsenic, mercury, zinc)
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls and Semivolatile Organic Compounds (PCBs and SVOCs)
- Dioxins/Furans

All manufacturing operations at the pulp and paper mill ceased in April 2012, and the Site is currently being prepared for a future use through a demolition process permitted by the City of Everett (City). Demolition activities at the Site will result in the removal of some or all of the structures associated with the former mill.

Due to the mill closure and potential conversion of this large waterfront industrial area to vacant land, the City is currently undertaking a planning process for the property and its immediate vicinity. The planning process for the 92-acre "Central Waterfront Planning Area" will consider a range of land use alternatives. For more information about the planning process, go to: <http://www.everettwa.org/default.aspx?ID=2048>

Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order (Order), is a legal document between Ecology and Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, the Potentially Liable Party, or PLP, at the Site.

Due to the work the City is doing regarding the waterfront planning process, this Order only covers the upland area so that its cleanup may be expedited. The in-water area will be addressed under a separate Order.

As part of this Order, K-C will conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and develop a Draft Cleanup Action Plan for the Site upland area. The Order describes the studies that K-C agrees to perform on the Site upland area and covers the following studies and documents:

- **RI/FS** – Describes the nature and extent of contamination at the Site.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP)** – Uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

Interim Actions

Due to contamination identified in soil and groundwater, interim actions are anticipated on the Site upland area as building and other infrastructure are demolished under permits issued by the City. Interim actions are remedial actions to partially address cleanup of a site. Conducting interim actions during the demolition of the mill offers the opportunity to address known environmental conditions efficiently and cost-effectively.

An Interim Action Plan that contains the approach and procedures for managing potentially contaminated soil or groundwater discovered during the demolition of the facility is provided in Exhibit C of this Order.

Overview of the Draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and K-C are committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology and K-C agreed to provide a Public Participation Plan. This draft Plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The Public Participation Plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can get involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

SEPA Checklist and Determination of Non-significance

SEPA makes sure that environmental values are considered during agency decision-making. Ecology prepared a SEPA checklist to identify potential environmental impacts of the project on the surrounding environment. Ecology determined that the environmental cleanup of the subject site will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment (Determination of Non-Significance). The checklist and determination are both available for public comment.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of these is the Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites, go to:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/psi/overview/psi_baywide.html

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends on November 14, 2012, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. The Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan may be modified based on your comments. As future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

Come to the Open House Oct. 29

A community open house and meeting will be held from 6:00-8:30 pm on Monday, October 29, 2012.

Come learn about the plan to clean up the Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Site and hear an update on each of the Puget Sound Initiative sites.

There will be an open house at 6:00 pm followed by a presentation and Q & A period at 6:30 pm.

Open House & Meeting Location:

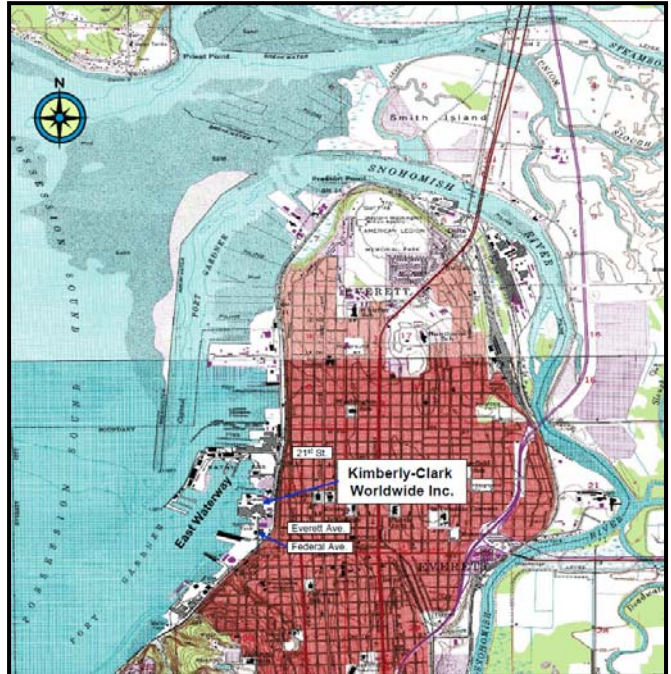
Snohomish Public Utility District No. 1
2320 California Street
Everett, WA 98201

*We hope you can join us
and welcome your comments.*

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.
4. Come to the public meeting from 6 - 8:30 pm on October 29 at the Snohomish Public Utility District.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.



The Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Site is located at 2600 Federal Avenue, Everett, WA.



2012 photo of the Kimberly-Clark Worldwide Site looking northeast from East Waterway.



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