

Fort Vancouver Plywood Site Responsiveness Summary—No Comments

Today's Date: December 16, 2020

Cleanup Site ID: 3057
Facility ID: 1029
Address: W 8th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660
County: Clark

Ecology held a comment period from November 5, 2020, to December 6, 2020, giving the public an opportunity to comment on Ecology's Third Periodic Review of the Fort Vancouver Plywood Site.

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

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

Document for public review during the comment period
Draft Third Periodic Review Report

Site background

Environmental cleanup is complete at the Site and the draft periodic review report showed that the cleanup work remains effective in protecting the health of people and the environment.

The Site consists of 15.8 acres that was a former plywood mill. The Site was used for industry for over 100 years and will continue to be used for industry in the future.

Contamination was linked to burial of industrial debris. Metals including lead and leachable arsenic, carcinogenic polyaromatic hydrocarbons, and petroleum hydrocarbons were found in soil above state cleanup levels. Arsenic, phthalates, vinyl chloride, and petroleum hydrocarbons were found in groundwater above cleanup levels.

Cleanup included removal and proper disposal of contaminated soil and wood waste. The excavation was backfilled with clean soil and covered by an asphalt cap.

Groundwater is monitored regularly. Results show that vinyl chloride and petroleum hydrocarbons were present above state cleanup levels in one monitoring well. The concentrations of these two contaminants is decreasing over time. None of the other contaminants were detected in groundwater.

After cleanup, environmental covenants were filed for the Site because some contaminants were left in place on the property. Among other things, the covenants prohibit activities that could result in the release of contaminants on the Site. The covenants restrict the land to industrial use. Groundwater from the Site may not be used for drinking or for agriculture.

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