

Klickitat Sawmill

Klickitat County



Site Investigation to Start

The Washington State Department of Ecology, in a cooperative effort with the County of Klickitat, is pleased to announce that International Paper, under the Voluntary Cleanup Program, proposes to start a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the Klickitat Sawmill (Mill) site. The RI/FS will locate the source of contamination, determine the extent of contamination and evaluate cleanup options as necessary.

Site Background

The mill is located in Klickitat, Washington and includes approximately 300 acres of land along Snyder Creek. Mill operations however, were limited to the southern end of the Snyder Creek Canyon. Reportedly, the mill was established in 1907 and was owned by various entities through the years until mill operations ceased in 1995 at which time the facility was owned by Champion International, which is now owned by International Paper. During 1994 and 1995, Champion conducted various environmental investigations and remediation activities.

Contamination detected in soil consisted of petroleum and pentachlorophenol at concentrations that exceeded state cleanup levels. Groundwater samples detected pentachlorophenol at a concentration less than the cleanup level. In 1995, Champion sold the facility to Klickitat Valley Sawmill (KVS) who initiated demolition of buildings and equipment.

In 1996, KVS sold the facility to TimberCreek Associates who continued the demolition. Two significant fires occurred at the facility during February 1998 and November 1998. In 2000, Klickitat County foreclosed on the property due to nonpayment of taxes. The site was subdivided and some of the parcels sold at auction during October 2000.

Public Comment/Public Meeting

International Paper (IP) will voluntarily perform a site RI/FS to further investigate site conditions and actions necessary to achieve site cleanup. Proposed site activities are detailed in a report entitled "Klickitat Sawmill Site Investigation Work Plan". This report is available for public review and comment at the repositories listed in the box to the right. The **public comment period will run from July 26, 2001 through August 25, 2001**. You are encouraged to comment on this work plan as well as to attend a **public meeting that will take place on August 1, 2001 commencing at 6:00 p.m. at the Klickitat School**.

Please submit your written comments to Antonio Valero, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box to the right. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received and may revise the proposed site activities based on those comments.

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For technical questions or to be placed on the site mailing list please contact:

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Documents are available for public review at:

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