

Klickitat Sawmill

Klickitat County



Remedial Interim Actions Completed, Groundwater Monitoring Proposed, PUBLIC MEETING Planned!

The Klickitat Sawmill site is located at 92 Main Street in Klickitat, Washington. This location has been the site of a sawmill since about 1904. A number of owners and operators ran the sawmill until Champion International Corporation, owner of the facility from 1986 to 1995, closed and sold the sawmill to Klickitat Valley Sawmill (KVS) in 1995.

KVS sold the mill to Gary Engman of Timbercreek Associates in 1996. Subsequently, Champion International was purchased by International Paper Corporation. During late fall of 1998, parcels of the site were sold at auction by the county due to non-payment of property taxes by Gary Engman.

What Has Been Done at the Site?

During August and September of 2001, International Paper, through their contractor URS Inc., conducted a site investigation that focused on 11 areas of concern. During July 2002, a Remedial Interim Action took place which was more focused and resulted in the excavation of a total of 529 cubic yards of petroleum- and lead-contaminated soil. Additionally, all 11 on-site groundwater monitoring wells were sampled during both field events. The

latest field work, during July 2002, resulted in 1 hit of diesel in monitoring well #4 and arsenic hits in various wells; both of these contaminants exceed the groundwater cleanup levels.

What does Ecology and the County Propose for Groundwater?

Ecology and Klickitat County have partnered in these remedial activities and are proposing that groundwater be monitored twice per year for a minimum of two years. At a minimum, the groundwater will be analyzed for diesel, arsenic, and possibly pentachlorophenol.

What does Ecology and the County Propose for Soil?

Ecology and Klickitat County recommend a No Further Action determination for petroleum and lead in soil. There are, however, localized areas with residual petroleum-contaminated soil. These areas were left intact due to existing structures or because they are paved. Ecology and the County recommend that a restrictive covenant be placed over these areas; it is possible that if in the future these areas are disturbed a cleanup may be required.

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Public Comment Period:

April 24, 2003 to May 27, 2003

Documents are available for
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Ecology Central Regional Office
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Ecology Would Like Your Comments On These Proposed Actions!

Copies of the Department Decision Recommendation are available for public review at the Klickitat Chevron Station in Klickitat, the Goldendale Community Library at 131 Burgen in Goldendale, and at the Washington State Department of Ecology Central Regional Office at 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902.

Written comments on these proposed actions will be accepted from April 24, 2003 to May 27, 2003. Written comments should be sent to Antonio Valero, Ecology Site Manager, at Ecology's Central Regional Office or e-mailed to aval461@ecy.wa.gov. Additionally, Mr. Tim Hopkinson, Klickitat County Solid Waste Manager, can be contacted at (509) 773-4295.

Public Meeting Planned!

The public is invited to a public meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. on April 29, 2003, in the Music Room at the Klickitat School located at Highway 142 in Klickitat, Washington. This meeting is hosted by Ecology and Klickitat County and the public will have an opportunity to hear the rationale behind these proposed actions.