

PACIFIC WHOLESALE



Agreed Order for RI/FS Proposed

The Washington Department of Ecology and the City of Raymond have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW) order to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) of contaminated soil and potentially-contaminated groundwater and sediment at the Pacific Wholesale site. The agreed order is a legal document formalizing an agreement between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLP's), to ensure that proposed site cleanup activities are conducted in a timely fashion, in accordance with MTCA and other applicable laws and regulations.

Your comments on this proposed agreed order are welcome through **June 30, 2003**. The box to the right provides information about where to review the agreed order, as well as where to submit comments.

Site Background

The +3-acre Pacific Wholesale site is located at 147 South Third Street, along the south fork of the Willapa River. The property, currently owned by the City of Raymond, is bordered to the north by the former Burlington Northern Railroad (now a walking trail) and Alder Street, to the east by State Route 101, and to the north

by the Willapa River. To the west is a public park and boardwalk. The site was a former warehouse and wholesaler of industrial and building supplies. There were two adjoining metal-sided buildings as well as the warehouse. Property uses also included a lumber company, car dealership, car repair shop, and a power saw retail/repair shop.

During a 1992 environmental audit for the City of Raymond, numerous 50-gallon barrels of various solvents as well as what appeared to be waste oil were discovered. The barrels are no longer on-site. There was a boiler room or oil furnace in the central part of the warehouse. Soil under a paint-mixing vat also appeared to have hydrocarbon or solvent contamination. The 1992 inspection also indicated petroleum hydrocarbons, and the potential for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and heavy metals. Further sampling confirmed elevated levels of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil. Other contamination may exist. In March 2003, an arson fire burned down most of the buildings, leaving partially-burned wood, metal, pilings, and other debris.

May 2003

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGREED ORDER:

May 30, 2003 to June 30, 2003

Comments and requests for updates should be directed to Guy Barrett, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (360) 407-7115.

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The agreed order can be reviewed at the following locations:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html
then click on the appropriate county

www.ecy.wa.gov, then click on "Public Events Calendar page"

Ecology Southwest Regional Office
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What Is Being Done?

The agreed order requires the City of Raymond to conduct a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) of contaminated soil and potentially-contaminated groundwater and sediment. The remedial investigation will determine the nature, extent, and magnitude of site contamination. The feasibility study will evaluate site cleanup alternatives. Interim actions, including removal of building debris and contaminated soil, are also required by the agreed order. The agreed order further requires the City of Raymond to prepare a draft cleanup action plan after Ecology approves the RI/FS. Ecology will oversee implementation of the agreed order to ensure that all parts of the agreed order are fulfilled.

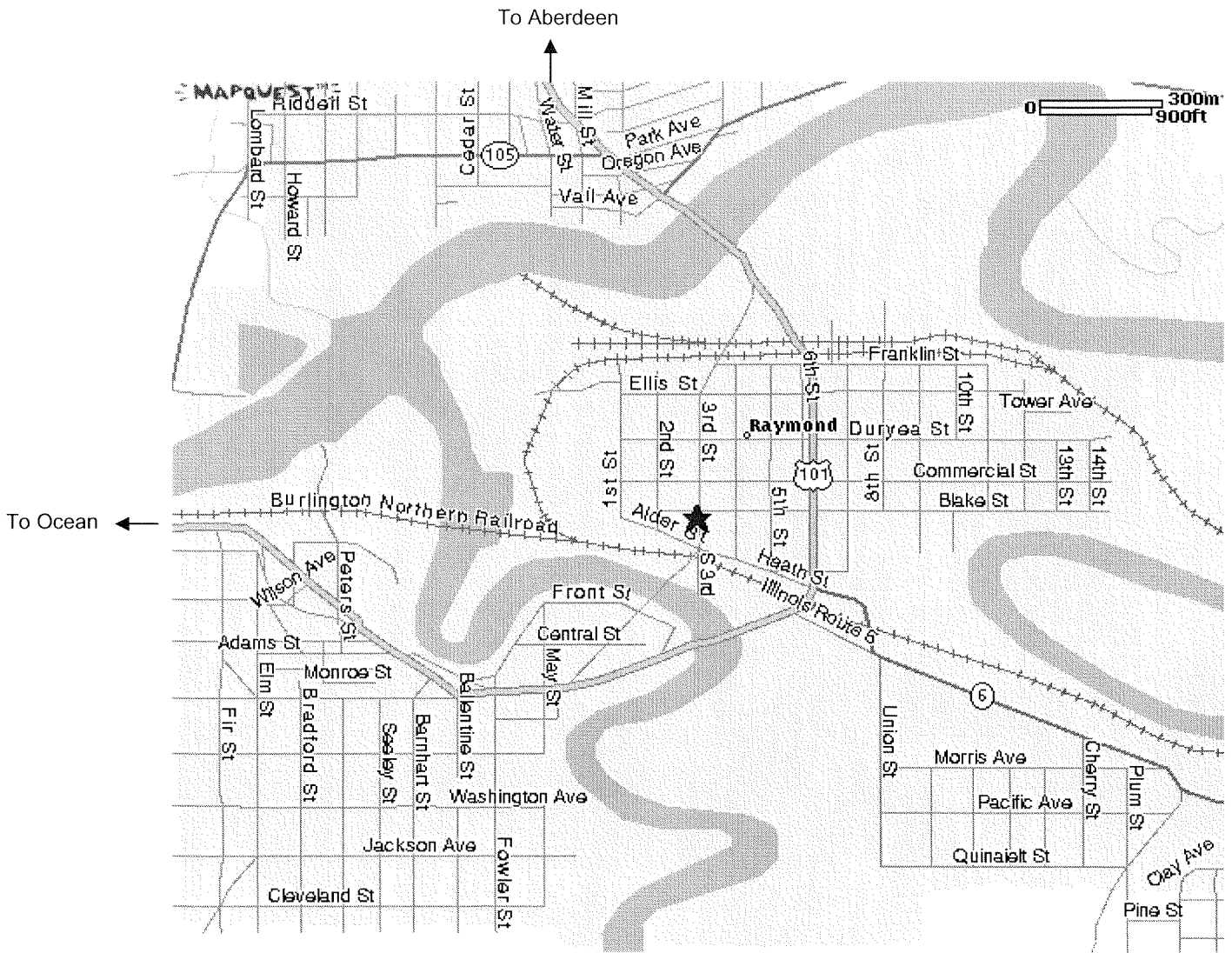
What Happens Next?

Public comment on the proposed agreed order will be considered and the order will be modified, if necessary, based on the comments received. The work for the remedial investigation/feasibility study should be completed by Spring 2005. Further formal public comment opportunities will occur after the remedial investigation/feasibility study is completed and the draft cleanup action plan is prepared.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed agreed order through **June 30, 2003**. The public comment period presents an opportunity to have your ideas and comments heard by Ecology. Information repositories, which include the agreed order, have been set up at the locations listed in the box on page one. To review more detailed site documents than those in the information repositories, contact Ecology's Southwest Regional Office records center at (360) 407-6365 to schedule an appointment.

Please submit your written comments to Guy Barrett, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box on page one. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received, and may revise the agreed order. Updates of site activities will be provided to those who submit comments or request to be placed on the site mailing list. (If you received this fact sheet directly from Ecology, you are already on the site mailing list.)



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