

POPE & TALBOT INDUSTRIAL LANDFILL #1



Proposal to Remove Site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the proposed delisting of the Pope & Talbot Industrial Landfill #1 site from the state's Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked "2" on the list (a rank of "1" represents the highest level of risk compared to other sites, and a rank of "5" represents the lowest). You are welcome and encouraged to comment on this proposal through July 10, 2003.

Site background

The Pope & Talbot Industrial Landfill #1 is located on Teekalet Avenue to the south of State Route 104 in Port Gamble, Kitsap County, Washington.

Pope & Talbot, Inc., began development in Port Gamble in 1852 as the Puget Mill Company. Sawmill operations continued at the site until 1995. In 1997, the sawmill was dismantled.

Pope & Talbot, Inc., operated Industrial Landfill #1 from the 1950s to the early 1980s. The landfill received general mill waste, including bark, wood debris, steel banding, and dredge sediments. The landfill contained approximately 30,000 cubic yards of waste and covered an area of approximately 90,000 square feet. The primary contaminants found at the site included petroleum hydrocarbons and the following heavy metals: lead, arsenic, copper, zinc, selenium, nickel, mercury, and chromium.

What was done to clean up the site?

From March to August 2002, landfill waste was excavated and sent to a permitted solid waste facility for disposal. After cleanup took place, the site soil, sediments, and groundwater were sampled and tested for petroleum hydrocarbons and heavy metals and were found to meet state cleanup standards.

Why delist the site?

Ecology has determined that this site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment and proposes removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology would like your input!

Ecology's proposal to delist the former Pope & Talbot Industrial Landfill #1 site from the Hazardous Sites List is open for public comment through July 10, 2003. Documents pertaining to the delisting are available at the location listed in the box. Please send your written comments before July 10, 2003, to John Keeling, Site Manager, at the address listed on this page.

If substantive comments are received, further site investigation or cleanup may be required before the site is delisted.

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**Public Comment Period:
June 11 – July 10, 2003**

**Documents can be reviewed at
the following location:**

WA Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 160th Avenue SE
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(425) 649-7190
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