

Olympic Wood Products, Shelton Proposed Removal from Washington's Hazardous Sites List



You Are Being Asked to Comment

Delisting of Site

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans on removing the Olympic Wood Products site from the state's Hazardous Sites List. The list contains names of sites throughout the state that are subject to cleanup methods and standards outlined in the Model Toxics Cleanup Act (MTCA), Chapter 173-340 WAC.

The Olympic Wood Products site is located in Johns Prairie Industrial Park, 30 E. Export Road, Shelton. (Please refer to the map on page 3 of this fact sheet for the site's location.) The site, a sawmill, was also used for treating raw lumber with preservatives, which resulted in petroleum hydrocarbons, pentachlorophenol (PCP) and a wood treatment byproduct (a type of di-iodo-butane) contaminating the soil and water.

The site has been cleaned up by Olympic Wood Products, Inc. to state standards under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program. The site may be removed from the Hazardous Sites List now that state cleanup standards have been met.

Olympic Wood Products, Inc. has taken several actions to clean up the site and limit future use of the site. Based on these actions, Ecology has determined that:

- The site no longer poses a threat to human health and the environment.
- Cleanup actions conducted at the site satisfy the intent of MTCA.
- No further action is needed.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the delisting. Please see the right hand column for details on where to get more information and how to send your comments to Ecology.

Site History

The approximately 16 acre Olympic Wood Products site is owned by the Port of Shelton and currently leased by Mason County Forest Products. Olympic Wood Products occupied the site from 1981 to 2003. Prior to Olympic Wood Products, the site was occupied for about ten years by another sawmill called Pacific Forest Products. In 1995, Ecology placed the site on the

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Web Sites:
[www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/
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Hazardous Sites List in response to a site hazard assessment that showed soil and surface water contamination. Olympic Wood Products, Inc. entered the site into Ecology's voluntary cleanup program in December 2003, and began to address potential site contamination.

In 2003, Ecology approved a work plan for Olympic Wood Product, Inc. to further investigate the site. Also in 2003, Olympic Wood Products filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy and the bankruptcy trustee directed the remedial investigation contractor to continue the remedial activities at the site. The contractor dug twelve test pits and three soil borings. The test pits and borings were located in areas of suspected contamination based on past and current activities and results of prior investigations. Soil samples were taken from the pits and borings, and sediment samples were taken from a stormwater pond and ditch flowing to the pond. Groundwater samples were taken from temporary wells installed in two of the boreholes.

The samples were tested and some contained petroleum hydrocarbons and pentachlorophenol in concentrations greater than state standards. One of the soil samples contained a compound tentatively identified as a type of di-iodo-butane. Follow up sampling confirmed the presence of this same compound in pond sediments and soils taken from near the mill building. Sampling results indicated groundwater has not been contaminated and the threat of future groundwater contamination is low.

The contractor took the following steps to control sources of contamination, and to remove and appropriately dispose of contaminated soils and sediments:

- Cleaned and closed a dip tank.

- Excavated soils contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbon (diesel fuel, lubricants, etc.).
- Excavated wood-debris sediments from the stormwater pond.
- Disposed contaminated soils and sediments in the Rabanco solid waste landfill located in Roosevelt, Washington.
- Backfilled excavated areas to pre-existing grade with clean fill obtained on the site.
- Filed a restrictive covenant for the property with Mason County which will prevent future exposure of contaminated soils currently capped under concrete and asphalt.

These steps are described in the Soil Remediation Summary Report completed by Olympic Wood Products' consultant in September 29, 2004. Ecology has determined that these actions sufficiently limit the risk to human health and the environment, and that the site should be delisted.

Ecology Wants Your Comments

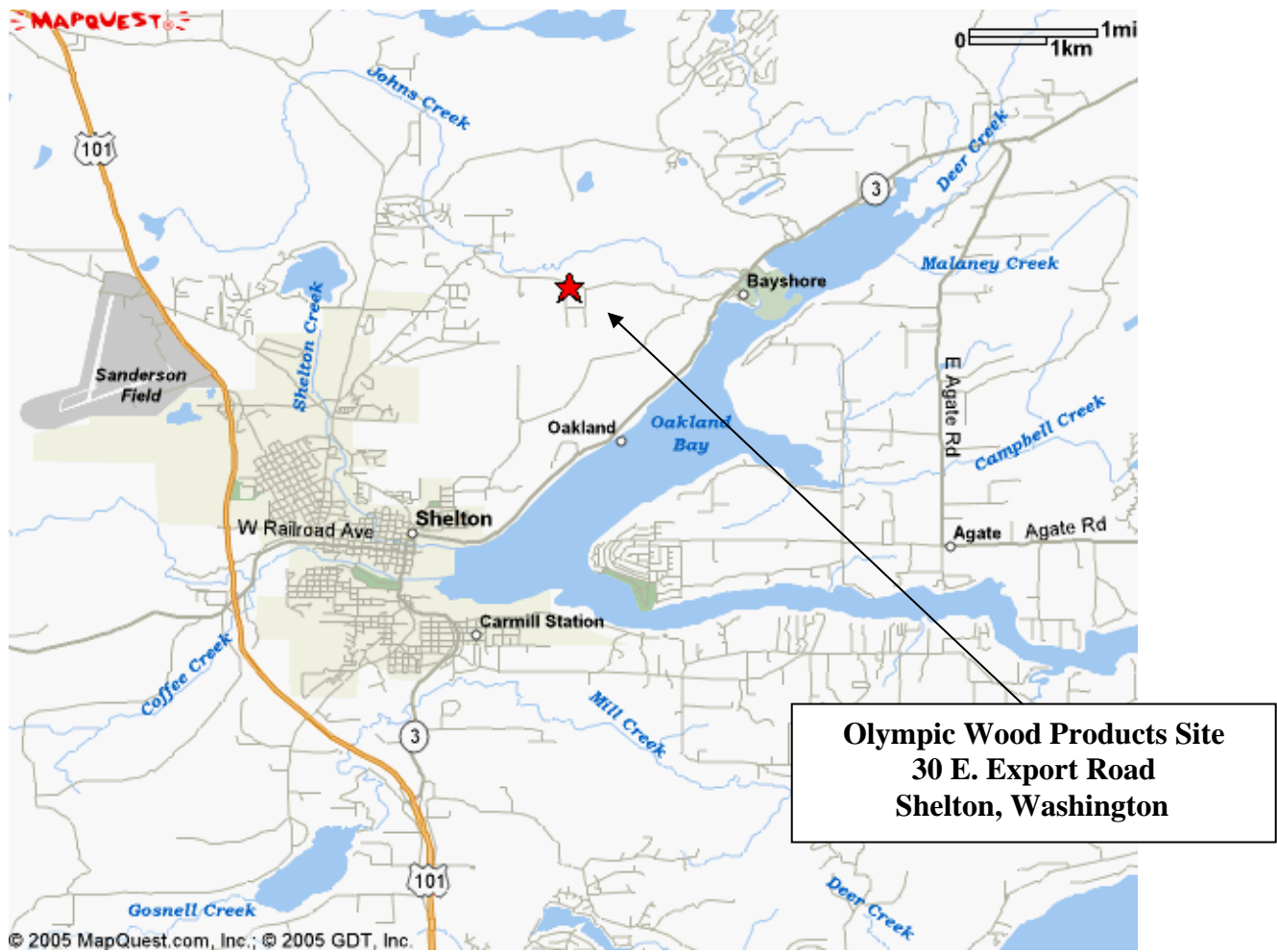
You are invited to review and comment on the proposed delisting of the Olympic Wood Products site February 22 through March 23, 2005.

Please see the box on the front page of this fact sheet for details on how you can access and review documents, and provide comments.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review comments provided by you and others. Responses to comments will be made available at W.G. Reed Library and Ecology (see front of this fact sheet for details). Based on comments received, Ecology may revise the decision to remove the site from the state's Hazardous Sites List.

Location Map



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