

Sampling Work Plan Approved

On August 10, 2010 Department of Ecology approved a work plan required under a cleanup agreement for part of the Rayonier Mill site. Under the plan, Rayonier Properties LLC (Rayonier) agrees to finish investigating contamination on the former mill property. Together with data about nearby marine areas, the upland sampling results will help Rayonier plan for cleanup of the Study Area—part of the larger site.

The work plan is available to the public at the locations listed on the right. Ecology is not holding a public comment period but questions are welcome.

What does the work plan cover?

The work plan gives background on the Rayonier Mill site and past sampling data, and describes the proposed sampling work.

- Sampling existing groundwater wells and drilling new wells.
- Sampling surface water in Ennis and White creeks.
- Finding and sampling groundwater seeps along the shoreline.
- Taking soil samples, especially around known hotspots.
- Checking old pipes for contamination.

Rayonier will do sampling in five phases, from late August until February, 2011. Table six in the work plan gives a complete summary of these steps. This approach allows Rayonier to analyze different types of samples and use the data to help plan the next phases.

Next Steps

Rayonier began work in late August by opening up and cleaning existing wells. Sampling work will continue through early 2011. Rayonier will submit a technical memo summarizing the results in April or May of 2011. Ecology will respond to questions and provide updates through the sampling process.

Related Work

Ecology is planning to release the Rayonier Mill Off-Property Soil Dioxin Study around the end of 2010. The Port Angeles Harbor Sediments Investigation Report will come out in early 2011. Ecology will hold public comment periods and open houses for both studies (websites listed on the right).

Work Plan Available

Questions are welcome! Contact:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/rayonier/rayonier_hp.htm

Harbor Sediments Investigation

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/portAngelesHarborSed/paSed_hp.htm

Off-Property Soil Dioxin Study
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