

Site Cleanup Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE Site

Reaching the goal of a healthy, sustainable Puget Sound

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology asks for your comments on plans to clean up a site on Puget Sound. The East Waterway is one of several cleanup sites located on the waterfront in Port Gardner Bay that has been prioritized for cleanup under the State's Puget Sound Initiative.

The East Waterway Site (Site) is located in the Everett Harbor area (along the industrialized waterfront) near the mouth of the Snohomish River, directly west of downtown Everett, Snohomish County, Washington.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the draft Agreed Order (AO) and the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) for the Site.
- **Attend** the public meeting on July 14, 2015 to learn about the cleanup process, ask questions and provide your feedback.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted from June 30 – July 30, 2015.

See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The East Waterway Site was developed in the early 1900s. Pulp and paper manufacturing was conducted at the Site for just over 80 years. Waterfront industrial and shipping operations were also conducted on the Site beginning as early as 1930, including bulk petroleum operations, manufacturing of heavy equipment and machinery for the oil drilling industry and naval shipyard operations.

Comments Invited

June 30 – July 30, 2015

Public Meeting

July 14, 2015 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Everett Station, Mt. Baker Room
3201 Smith Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Open House at 6:00 p.m.
Presentation at 6:45 p.m.

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Toxics Cleanup Program
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Document Review Locations

Everett Public Library
2702 Hoyt Ave
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 257-8000
<http://epls.org>

Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503
By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn
Carol.Dorn@ecy.wa.gov
(360) 407-7224

East Waterway Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4297>

Facility Site ID #: 2733

Cleanup Site ID #: 4297

After merging with Scott Paper Company in 1995, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. (K-C) became the owner of the pulp and paper mill. K-C operated the mill until 2012, when it filed for permits to demolish the facility to ready the property for sale and redevelopment. Demolition began in summer 2012 and was completed by July 2013. In the 1970s, the Port of Everett (Port) developed part of the East Waterway into a cargo shipment facility. K-C, the Port and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have been identified as Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) at the Site.

Various environmental investigations at the Site conducted from the 1980s to early 2015 found marine sediments contaminated with: metals (arsenic, mercury, zinc, copper, lead), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), semivolatile organic compounds, total polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and dioxins/furans.

In December 2012, Ecology and K-C entered into an Agreed Order (AO) to clean up the upland area to the east of the Site. The East Waterway was not included in the upland area AO. To clean up remaining in-water contaminants, Ecology is entering into a separate AO with the PLPs – K-C, the Port and DNR – to research and identify hazardous substances at this Site. This includes upland sources that could potentially release contaminants to the in-water area. Any such contaminants identified will be addressed under a draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Draft Cleanup Action Plan.

Overview of draft Agreed Order

The draft AO is a legal document between Ecology and the PLPs which outlines the agreement to provide remedial action at the

Site where there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances.

The AO describes the studies the PLPs agree to perform on the Site and provides guidance on the following studies, documents and actions:

- *Draft Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS):* This document explains the work needed to look for, identify and analyze contamination at the Site.
- *Draft Final Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP):* This document uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action at the Site and sets a schedule to remove and treat the contamination.
- *Interim Actions:* These may be completed during cleanup if required by Ecology.

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology has developed a draft PPP, which outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The draft PPP explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can get involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

In 2007, Washington State established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high-priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound, including the East Waterway Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about other cleanup sites, go to:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/brochure/psi/overview/psi_baywide.html

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends on July 30, 2015, Ecology will review and consider all comments received. The draft AO and PPP may be modified based on your comments. If future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>

Come to the Open House July 14

A community open house and public meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

Come learn about the process to clean up the East Waterway Site.

The open house will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a presentation and Q & A session at 6:45 p.m.

Open House & Public Meeting Location:

Everett Transit Station | Mt. Baker Rm.
3201 Smith Avenue, Everett, WA 98201

We hope you can join us and welcome your comments.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.
4. Come to the public meeting on July 14 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Everett Transit Station.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.

Toxics Cleanup Program
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East Waterway Everett, Snohomish County, WA

Public Comments Invited on Cleanup Documents

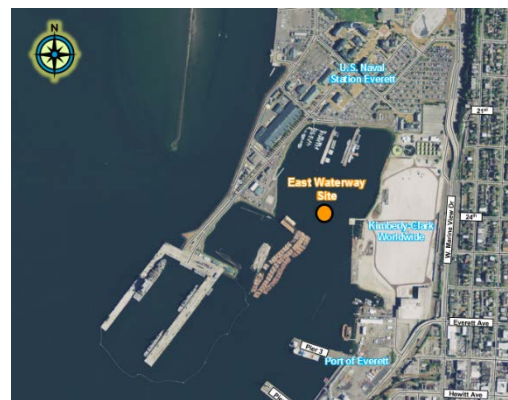
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¿Habla español? Este folleto contiene información sobre la propuesta limpieza de la contaminación medioambiental en la Bahía de Port Gardner. Si necesita esta información en español, contáctenos a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov o por teléfono a (360) 407-6084.

Help with other languages and formats?

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