

Agreed Order for Cleanup Available for Public Review and Comment

Public Comment Invited

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Port of Tacoma (Port) are entering into an agreement to begin long term monitoring at the Atofina Chem 3009 Taylor Way Log Yard site. The proposed legal agreement, called an Agreed Order, defines responsibility, details the work done on the site, and describes what must be done to be sure the cleanup is effective.

This Agreed Order follows several partial cleanup activities, or interim actions. It would require the Port of Tacoma to begin long term monitoring to track the success of the completed interim actions.

The box to the right lists where to view the Agreed Order, and how to submit your comments.

Why cleanup?

The log sort yard at the Atofina Chem site was originally contaminated with wood waste and heavy metals. A former site owner used waste called slag from the former Asarco smelter in North Tacoma to build the road bed for the log sort yard. The slag leached heavy metals such as arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc into the soil.

In 1992, Arkema's parent company, Pennwalt Chemicals, created a landfill for the contaminated soils, wood waste, and slag. This was done under a Consent Decree (legal agreement) with Ecology. The landfill was lined with heavy plastic and covered over to keep contaminants from escaping.



Port of Tacoma Cleanup

The Port of Tacoma has purchased several contaminated properties as part of a terminal expansion project. These properties are cleanup sites and must be cleaned up to meet state standards under the Model Toxics Control Act. Ecology will oversee this process to ensure that human health and the environment are protected.

For questions about the Port of Tacoma expansion, please contact:

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Comments Accepted

May 26 to June 27, 2016

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 292-2001

Citizens for a Healthy Bay
535 Dock Street #213
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3635>

Facility Site ID #: 1219

Cleanup Site ID #: 3635

Cleanup Activities

Ecology and the Port conducted a series of partial cleanups, or interim actions. Between 2008 and 2015, they:

- Removed 95,121 tons of material from the toxic waste landfill created in 1992 and disposed of it at a permitted landfill off site.
- Removed and disposed of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of arsenic contaminated soil.
- Stabilized the Hylebos shoreline.
- Capped the site to stabilize remaining soil.

The monitoring described in the proposed Agreed Order is the final step in the cleanup process.

What Happens Next

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed Agreed Order and Cleanup Action Plan for the Atofina Chem 3009 Taylor Way Log Yard site from May 26 through June 27, 2016.

Ecology will consider your comments when finalizing the Agreed Order and moving forward with monitoring. Then, Ecology will respond to your comments in a responsiveness summary, which will be available at the locations listed on page one.

To finish cleanup at the site, groundwater must meet state cleanup standards.



Site Background

The Atofina Chem site is located at 3009 Taylor Way in the Tacoma Tideflats (map on page three). It is also known as **Arkema Mound**, **Elf Atochem 3009 Taylor Way**, and **Pennwalt 3009 Taylor Way Dunlap Towing**. The property sits between Taylor Way and the Hylebos Waterway. The Arkema Inc. cleanup site (the former chemical manufacturing plant), located at 2901 Taylor Way, is directly to the north.

Former owners of the Atofina Chem site included Dunlap Towing Co., Echo Lumber Co., and Arkema Chemical Inc. The Atofina Chem site was used as a log sort yard until the mid-1980s. It was sold to the Port with two other properties in 2007. The Port is the Potentially Liable Person (PLP) responsible for cleanup.

Ecology's Cleanup Process



Atofina Chem 3009 Taylor Way Log Yard



Atofina Chem 3009 Taylor Way Log Yard property, 3009 Taylor Way, Tacoma



Arkema Inc. cleanup site (former chemical manufacturing plant), 2901 Taylor Way
(This site will be undergoing cleanup soon—more information can be found at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/arkema/arkema_hp.htm)

