

## Eatonville Landfill Site

### Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan Available for Public Review and Comment

#### Comments accepted

**August 26 –September 26,  
2021**

#### Submit your comment

online at

<http://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=749MV>

by email to

[Craig.Rankine@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Craig.Rankine@ecy.wa.gov)

by mail to

Craig Rankine, Site Manager  
WA Department of Ecology  
Vancouver Field Office  
12121 NE 99<sup>th</sup> St, Suite 2100  
Vancouver, WA 98682

#### Document review options

Ecology's Site webpage

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=15271>

Ecology cannot offer in-person review options until our offices reopen to the public.

Eatonville Library  
205 Center Street  
Eatonville, WA 98328  
Phone: 253-548-3311

If you need document review assistance, please contact Craig Rankine, Site Manager  
[Craig.Rankine@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Craig.Rankine@ecy.wa.gov)  
360-690-4795, or Nancy Davis, Outreach Coordinator  
[Nancy.Davis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Davis@ecy.wa.gov)  
360-407-0067.

#### Site information

Facility Site ID: 85933  
Cleanup Site ID: 15271

#### Public comment invited

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites your comment on the legal agreement, Agreed Order (AO) DE 20072, and Public Participation Plan for the Eatonville Landfill Site (Site).

Ecology is entering into a legal agreement with the Town of Eatonville (Town) and the Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser). The AO covers planning for the cleanup of hazardous substances at the Site.

The Town and Weyerhaeuser are the potentially liable persons (PLPs) responsible for the cost of cleanup. Ecology will provide the Town with a grant up to \$357,000 to fund their share of the investigation and to plan for cleanup at the Site.

Two documents are available for your review and comment.

- [Draft Agreed Order No. DE 20072 \(AO\)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/docviewer.ashx?did=103596)  
(<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/docviewer.ashx?did=103596>)

The AO requires preparation of documents required for planning cleanup of the Site. These documents include a Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan and RI report. The RI report identifies the type of contamination and where it is found at the Site. The Feasibility Study (FS) compares cleanup methods, and the preliminary draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP) describes the method used to clean up the Site.

- [Public Participation Plan](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/docviewer.ashx?did=103617)  
(<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/docviewer.ashx?did=103617>)

The plan describes how Ecology informs the community about cleanup at the Site. The plan encourages community involvement in cleanup decisions.

The comment period is from August 26 to September 26, 2021.

The blue box on the left shows where to comment and find more information on Ecology's Site webpage.

Ecology will consider comments submitted during the comment period and may change the documents based on comments.

## Site background

The former Eatonville Landfill is near the Town of Eatonville in rural Pierce County. Weyerhaeuser leased the property to the Town for use as a dump from 1950 until about 1980. It is an unlined, unfenced dump site about two acres in size. Municipal solid waste, appliances, car parts, empty drums, tires, and other waste were disposed of at the landfill. Waste burning occurred at the Site.

The landfill is on a very steep slope. There is a wetland at the lower end and the base of the landfill. Water from the wetland flows downstream about ¼ mile to the Mashel River. A major tributary of the Nisqually River, the Mashel River provides critical spawning and rearing habitat for Fall Chinook salmon and steelhead.

The Nisqually State Park surrounds the landfill (see Figure 1). The state plans to develop recreational facilities in the area where the landfill is located.

The Nisqually Indian Tribe holds fishing, hunting, and gathering rights in the Nisqually watershed and the area around the Site is culturally important to them.

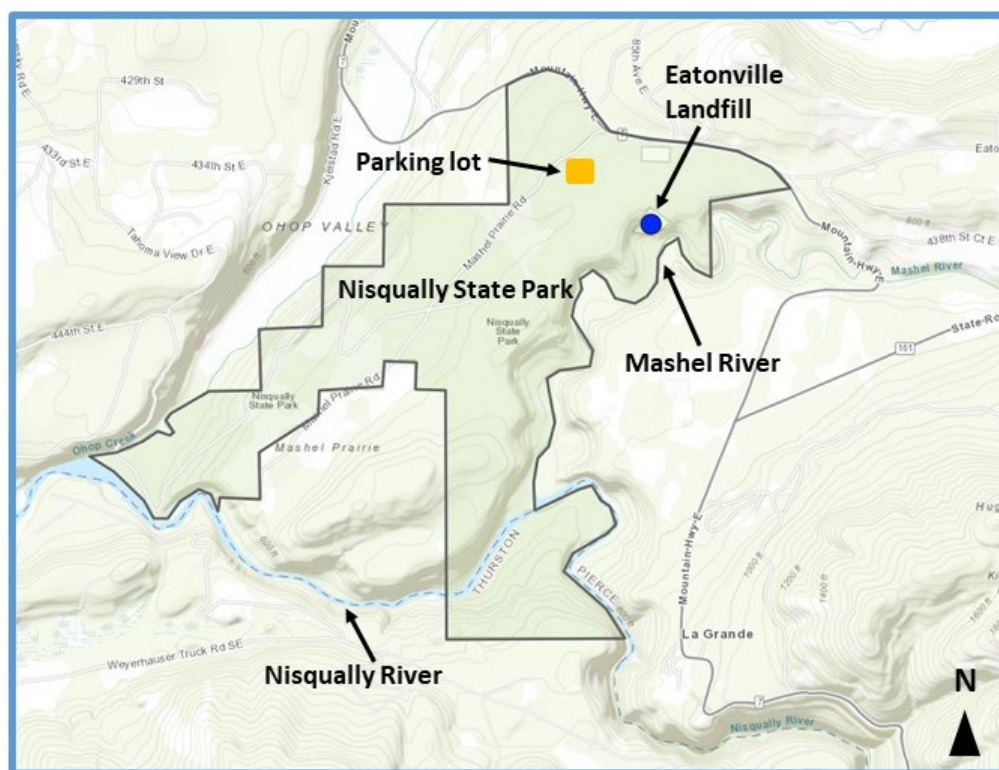


Figure 1. The Eatonville landfill area (blue dot) is surrounded by the Nisqually State Park. The landfill is near the Mashel River, which flows into the Nisqually River. A parking lot (orange rectangle) along the Mashel Prairie Road provides access to the landfill area.

## Hazardous substances known or suspected at the Site

Ecology reviewed investigative documents and placed the Site on the Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List. At the Site, metals (iron, lead, and zinc) have contaminated water to levels above water quality standards. The contamination was found in water seeping from the ground at the base of the landfill.

Other substances may have contaminated surface water, sediment, and/or groundwater. The suspected contaminants include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), petroleum products, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

## Agreed Order (AO) DE 20072

The AO requires the PLPs and Ecology to prepare the following documents.

- PLPs will complete the Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan, investigation, and RI Report. The RI explains what type and where contamination is located at the Site. The RI identifies actual and potential ways that people and the environment can be exposed to contamination.
- PLPs will complete the Feasibility Study (FS). The FS compares alternative methods to clean up the Site.
- PLPs will use the information in the RI/FS to complete a preliminary draft cleanup action plan describing which method will be used to clean up the Site.
- Ecology will use the preliminary plan to prepare the draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP).

When completed, the RI/FS, and dCAP will be available for a 30-day public comment period (see Figure 2).

The Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) will be implemented under a separate legal agreement, which will also be available for public review and comment.

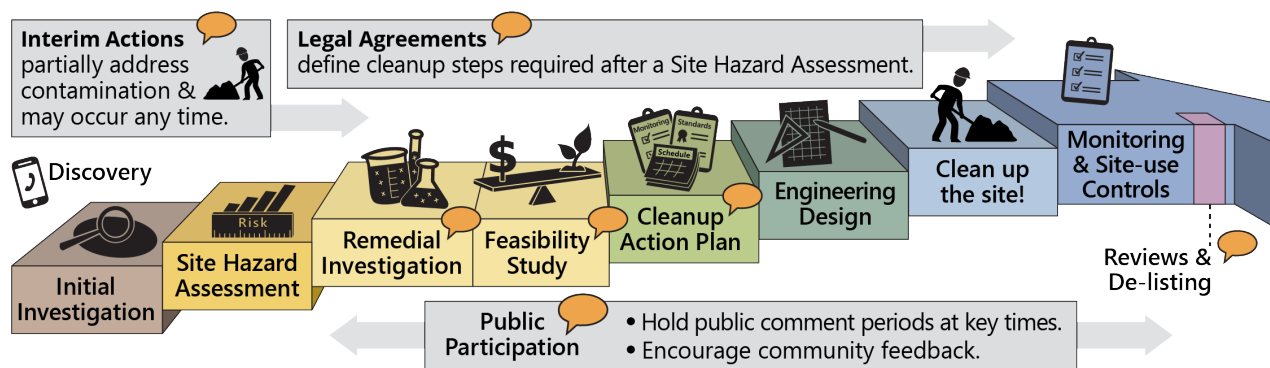


Figure 2. The Site will be cleaned up under the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The RI/FS, CAP, and public comment periods are critical steps in the cleanup process.

## Tips for commenting

Please review the AO and Public Participation Plan and submit your comments, questions, and concerns to Ecology.

Your comment is valuable and helpful in the work we do. A comment can express support, disagreement, or give general information related to a project.

It is particularly helpful when a comment:

- Refers to the section or specific text of the document relevant to the comment.
- Explains why you agree or disagree and suggests alternatives.
- Gives an example to help us understand your comment.

Visit our website for more [commenting tips](https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Public-input-events/Commenting-tips) (<https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Public-input-events/Commenting-tips>).

**Submit your comment by the deadline September 26, 2021.**

We prefer if you submit your comment online at <http://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=749MV>, but you can send the comment to Craig Rankine at the email or mailing address shown in the blue box on the first page.



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## Eatonville Landfill Site

Nisqually State Park, Mashel Prairie Road accessed from State Route 7, Eatonville WA 98328  
Comment period for Agreed Order DE 20072 and Public Participation Plan



### Public Comments Accepted

August 26, 2021 to September 26, 2021

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### Why did I receive this mailing?

You live near the Site or expressed interest in the cleanup. This fact sheet informs you about the proposed work and the opportunity for public comment.

### Habla Español?

Unáse al diálogo sobre Eatonville Landfill Site. Cuando el período de comentarios termine, revisaremos los comentarios y haremos cambios antes de finalizar los documentos. Para más información en español llame al 360-407-0067 y solicite un intérprete.

**Accommodation requests:** To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-489-4971 or email at [nancy.davis@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nancy.davis@ecy.wa.gov), or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.