



Quendall Terminals Site

Amended Agreed Order Available for Public Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Chapter 70.105D to provide you with information about the amended Agreed Order for the Quendall Terminals site. You are welcome and encouraged to comment on the amended Agreed Order through October 29, 2002.

Site Location

Quendall Terminals is a 25-acre property located on the southeastern shore of Lake Washington at 4503 Lake Washington Boulevard North, in Renton, Washington. The site is located between the former J.H. Baxter site to the north and the Barbee Mill Company to the south.

Site Background

From 1916 to 1969, the site was operated by Republic Creosote Company, later called Reilly Tar and Chemical Corporation, as a tar refinery which manufactured creosote and other tar products. Following its sale in 1971 to Quendall Terminals, a joint venture of J.H. Baxter & Company and Altino Properties, Inc., the property has been used intermittently for fuel storage and as a log sort yard.

Soil, groundwater, surface water, and lake sediments have been impacted by past use of the Quendall Terminals property. The primary chemicals of concern are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and the volatile organic compounds benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX).

The upper 15 to 20 feet of soil throughout the site have been contaminated by coal tar, pitch, creosote, and other tar distillates. Studies indicate that contaminants are also impacting area groundwater to depths of up to 40 to 50 feet. The groundwater in this zone flows to Lake Washington.

The same PAH and BTEX compounds detected in site soils and groundwater were detected in surface water along the shoreline of Lake Washington. Areas of sediment contamination also have been identified offshore from the largest on-site area of contamination and near the former T-pier and dock.

In 1993, Ecology negotiated an Agreed Order with Quendall Terminals. Under the Agreed Order, amended in 1997, Quendall Terminals was to:

- Complete a Remedial Investigation to characterize the site and define the extent of contamination;
- Complete a Baseline Risk Assessment to characterize potential health threats to humans and the environment; and
- Complete a Feasibility Study to develop and evaluate cleanup options.

A schedule for completion of this work was developed as part of the Agreed Order.

The Remedial Investigation was completed in 1997.

In 1998, the Agreed Order schedule was amended when the

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Comment Period:
9/30/02 – 10/29/02

Send Comments to:

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For other questions or to be added to the mailing list:

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Site documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

Renton Public Library
100 Mill Avenue South, Renton
(425) 235-2610

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Call for an appointment
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Ecology's Web Site:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites.html>

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City of Renton and Port Quendall Company, a Vulcan Inc. affiliate, expressed interest in purchasing the Quendall Terminals property.

Update

The City of Renton and Port Quendall Company have declined on their purchase and redevelopment option for the site. Ecology is again negotiating with Quendall Terminals to complete the Risk Assessment and Feasibility Study, which are requirements of the Agreed Order.

Next Steps

The existing Agreed Order between Ecology and Quendall Terminals will be amended with an updated schedule to complete the Risk Assessment and Feasibility Study.

After the Risk Assessment and Feasibility Study are completed, Ecology will hold a public comment period on the Remedial Investigation, the Risk Assessment, and the Feasibility Study. A Cleanup Action Plan will then be developed in order to implement cleanup work at the site.

Public Comment on the Amended Agreed Order

Ecology is holding a public comment period from September 30 through October 29, 2002, during which you can comment on the amended Agreed Order. The Agreed Order, with the updated schedule, is available at the information repositories listed on the first page of this fact sheet.

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review all comments received and will make recommendations for any suggested changes to the Agreed Order. If no significant changes are made, the Order is considered final and cleanup activities will occur according to the updated schedule.

If ten or more people request a public meeting during the comment period, Ecology will hold a meeting for the purpose of receiving comments.

Ecology would like your input!

You have an opportunity to review and comment on the amended schedule. Please send your comments before October 29, 2002, to Ecology's Site Manager, Brian Sato, at the address below. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail.



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