

Site Register

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM



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The Site Register is published every two weeks to inform you about public comment periods, public meetings, hearings, and other information related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70.105D RCW.

You may also find information about public hearings, meetings, workshops, and open public comment periods on Ecology's web page. Go to www.ecy.wa.gov and click on the Public Involvement Calendar.

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FORMAL CLEANUPS

Ecology oversees complex cleanup sites to ensure that your health and that of the environment are protected.

CLALLAM COUNTY

Rayonier Port Angeles Mill, 700 N. Ennis Street, Port Angeles

Public comment period:
10/18/06 – 12/1/06

Availability of RI/FS Reports and Draft and Final Cleanup Plans

A draft Remedial Investigation report (RI) for the uplands environment of the Rayonier Port Angeles Mill is available for public review and comment. The RI describes the nature and extent of contamination for the site. The site has dioxins, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, petroleum and metals in soil and groundwater. Rayonier operated a specialty pulp mill on this property from the 1930s to 1997.

The draft RI is available for review at the following locations:

- Port Angeles Library, Chase & Lauridsen, Port Angeles **360/417-8500**.
- Peninsula College, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles **360/417-6280**.
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503. (Please call **360/407-6365** for an appointment.)
- Ecology's website at : www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html. (Click on Clallam County.)
- Ecology's Public Events Calendar: www.ecy.wa.gov.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Bill**

Harris, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **360/407-6253** or e-mail Whar461@ecy.wa.gov.

KITSAP COUNTY

Pope and Talbot Sawmill Facility (Port Gamble Site), Port Gamble

Public comment period:
11/6/06 – 12/6/06

Draft Interim Action and SEPA determination Available for Public Review and Comment

The Pope and Talbot (P&T) Sawmill Facility is located on the Hood Canal in Port Gamble. The former mill facility consists of upland properties previously owned by P&T and is adjacent to Dept. of Natural Resource managed aquatic land.

P&T conducted sawmill and related forest product manufacturing operations at the site from 1853 to 1995. P&T transferred ownership to Pope Resource Inc. in 1985. Portions of the site are currently leased to Caicos for log sorting and material handling. Environmental investigations begun in 1999 confirmed the presence of wood debris in near shore sediments. This wood debris is harmful to the near shore habitat and will require cleanup.

The purpose of the interim cleanup is to remove the greatest remaining accumulations of wood debris from the marine environment and restore sediment associated habitat functions within this portion of Port Gamble Bay. Final cleanup actions to address remaining areas at the site will be developed following completion of this interim remedial action.

Ecology invites public comment on the Draft Interim Remedial Action Plan and the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance. These documents are

available for the public to view at:

- Port Gamble Historic Museum, 32400 Rainier Ave, Port Gamble, WA 98364 (Please call **Shanna Smith** at **360/297-8074** ext. 22 an appointment Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).
- Ecology Headquarters Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503. (Please call **Carol Dorn** at **360/407-7107** for an appointment.)
- Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0609100.html>.
- Ecology's Public Events Calendar: www.ecy.wa.gov.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Peter Adolphson**, at the Ecology address listed above or at **360/407-7557** or e-mail Pado461@ecy.wa.gov.

KLICKITAT COUNTY

Recycled Aluminum Metals Company (RAMCO), Port of Klickitat Industrial Park, east of Dallesport

Public comment period:
10/18/06 – 11/20/06

Interim Remedial Action Plan

Ecology is providing the opportunity for the public to comment on plans to clean up buried aluminum waste at the Port of Klickitat Industrial Park. The Industrial Park is located approximately two miles east of Dallesport. The site of the proposed cleanup is about 400 feet southwest of Spearfish Lake and about 1000 feet north of Lake Celilo (the name of the portion of the Columbia River that is backed up behind the Dalles Dam).

From about 1982 until 1993 RAMCO took in material from aluminum smelters, then extracted residual aluminum from this material. This extraction process resulted in wastes being generated. One solid waste was called salt cake. A second type of solid waste consisted of captured airborne waste and was called bag house dust.

From approximately 1982 to 1989, these wastes were buried in the unlined disposal site. This is the area Ecology proposes to clean up.

Ecology conducted groundwater sampling in the area proposed for cleanup. Sampling results show levels of major salt-forming chemical elements (sodium, calcium, potassium) are greater than levels of these elements found in seawater. This indicates salts from the salt cake waste have found their way into nearby groundwater. Ecology is also concerned that metals contamination from the aluminum waste could be a concern, but groundwater monitoring so far has not confirmed that. The waste material, when disposed, produces ammonia gas when wet. The odor of ammonia was detected during groundwater sampling events.

Several options for cleanup have been considered. The option preferred by Ecology is excavating the waste and hauling it by truck or rail transportation to a landfill for disposal. Depending on the availability of funding the project could be completed in one year or it may take two or more phases extending over several years.

After reviewing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Ecology has made a decision that the cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist is part of the documents available for public comment.

The SEPA and Interim Remedial Action Plan are available for review at the following locations:

- Port of Klickitat, 154 E. Bingen Point Way # A, Bingen.
- Ecology Central Regional Office, 15 West Yakima Ave, Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902-3452. (Please call **509/454-7658** for an appointment.)
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/ramco/ramco_hp.htm. (Click on Klickitat Co.)

- Ecology's Public Events Calendar: www.ecy.wa.gov.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Bob Swackhamer**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **509/454-7840** or e-mail Rswa461@ecy.wa.gov.

OKANOGAN COUNTY

Flying B #1 Gas Station, 2042 Elm Way, Okanogan

Public comment period:
10/18/06 – 11/20/06

UST Settlement Agreement

Ecology proposes to enter into an Underground Storage Tank (UST) Settlement Agreement with Gagandeep Bains and Bains LLC.

In August 2003, Ecology completed an UST compliance inspection of the Flying B #1 gas station located in Okanogan County. During the inspection, several violations of the UST regulations were found. In October 2003, Ecology issued Notice of Penalty (Penalty) in the amount of \$87,100 for the violations. An Application for Relief of Penalty was filed with Ecology in October 2003. In November 2003, Ecology issued a Notice affirming the Penalty.

In December 2003, an appeal of the Penalty was filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB). In February 2005, Ecology and Mr. Gagandeep Bains, an owner in Bains LLC, entered into Stipulation and Agreed Order of Dismissal for PCHB case No. 03-161 (PCHB Settlement Agreement) which was presented to the PCHB. Based on the PCHB Settlement Agreement, the PCHB dismissed No. 03-161. In June 2006, Ecology commenced this action by filing a Summons and Complaint for Breach of Settlement Agreement and to Recover Unpaid Penalty (Complaint). On September 18, 2006, Ecology filed Plaintiffs Motion for Default Against Defendants and

Plaintiffs Motion for Default Judgment to Recover Unpaid Penalty.

Ecology and the Defendants have agreed to resolve this dispute through a proposed Settlement Agreement. The Agreement settles all issues raised by the Complaint. Ecology agrees to deem Penalty No. DE 03TCPCR-5793 and the PCHB Settlement Agreement satisfied upon Defendants' satisfactory and timely completion of its obligations. Ecology agrees to lower Defendants' obligation to pay \$9,000 under the PCHB Settlement Agreement to \$7,500 in recognition of Mr. Bains' completion of operator training, which was required under the PCHB Settlement Agreement. In order to satisfy the remaining \$7,500 obligation, Defendants agree to make 12 monthly payments in the amount of \$625. If Defendants fail to make any scheduled monthly payment, the full amount of \$9,000 will become due and payable immediately.

The proposed Settlement Agreement is available for public review at:

- Ecology Central Regional Office, 15 West Yakima Ave, Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902-3452. (Please call **509/575-2490** for an appointment.)
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/flying_b/flying_b_hp.htm.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Christina Zerby** at the Ecology address listed above or at **509/454-7833** or e-mail **Czer461@ecy.wa.gov**.

PIERCE COUNTY

Abitibi Consolidated Sales Corporation Site, 4302 Chambers Creek Road, Steilacoom

**Public comment period:
10/30/06 – 11/30/06**

Agreed Order to conduct Remedial Investigation and Cleanup

Ecology and Abitibi Consolidated Sales

Corporation (Abitibi) have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) order to perform a remedial investigation and cleanup of contaminated soils and groundwater at the site. The agreed order is a legal document agreed to between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs), to ensure that proposed activities are conducted in a timely way, in agreement with MTCA and other applicable laws and regulations.

Historically, the facility has been operated as a lumber mill and paper manufacturing mill. Abitibi acquired the facility in January 1998 from Stone Consolidated. The presence of the contaminants at the facility appears to have predated Abitibi's ownership. Abitibi operated the facility until December 2000. The facility has been shut down since that time.

Investigations conducted by the company have documented the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons and benzene in soil and groundwater, and arsenic in the groundwater. These contaminants are currently the chemicals of concern (COCs) for the Site. Soil and groundwater investigations found these COCs above MTCA Method A standards in both soils and groundwater.

Abitibi entered the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to get Ecology's review of remedial investigation and cleanup work done at the site. Ecology made a determination that the nature of the site, its location adjacent to surface water, and the complexity of the site made it a poor candidate for the VCP and informed Abitibi that the work would have to be done under an Ecology Agreed Order. Because Abitibi had anticipated going under the VCP, much of the work on the site had already been done prior to entering into negotiations with Ecology for the agreed order. Ecology reviewed the documentation of work performed up to that time and approved further work to be done before the agreed order would be in effect. Remedial actions are continuing at the site at this time.

Documents related to the cleanup are available for public review at:

- Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma **253/591-5666**.
- Citizens for A Healthy Bay, 917 Pacific Ave. Suite 100, Tacoma **253/383-2429**.
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey. (Please call **360/407-6365** or e-mail **Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov** for an appointment.)

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Marv Coleman**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **360/407-6259** or e-mail **Mcol461@ecy.wa.gov**.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Whatcom Waterway site, Bellingham

**Public comment period:
10/10/06 – 12/9/06**

Ecology will hold a public hearing on the draft Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

Ecology will hold a public hearing on a draft Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and a companion draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Whatcom Waterway site (Site) in Bellingham, WA. The Supplemental RI/FS incorporates the results of environmental investigations conducted since completion of the original RI/FS in 2000, updates previously evaluated cleanup alternatives, describes and evaluates new cleanup alternatives that reflect changes in land use, and identifies a preferred cleanup approach. The EIS supplements the original impact analysis completed in 2000 and evaluates the environmental impacts, benefits and potential mitigation actions associated with the updated and new cleanup alternatives for the Site.

The Site includes aquatic lands adjacent to Georgia Pacific's (G-P) former pulp mill and chlor/alkali plant in downtown Bellingham. In 1965, G-P constructed a chlor/alkali plant at the mill complex to

produce chlorine and sodium hydroxide for use in bleaching and pulping wood fiber. The chlor/alkali plant discharged mercury-laden wastewater directly into an area of Bellingham Bay known as the Whatcom Waterway.

Environmental investigations of the Site have confirmed the presence of mercury and several contaminants associated with wood materials at concentrations exceeding standards under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and Washington Sediment Management Standards. As a result, the Site is subject to investigation and cleanup requirements of MTCA.

The draft supplemental RI/FS and companion draft supplemental EIS will be available for review beginning on October 10th at the following locations:

- Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Avenue, Bellingham **360/676-6860**
- Bellingham Field Office, 1204 Railroad Ave., Suite 200, Bellingham. (Please call **360/738-6250** for an appointment.)
- Ecology Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue. (Please call **425/649-7190** for an appointment.)
- Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/whatcom/ww.htm>.

A public hearing will be held on November 28, 2006. At the hearing interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to present data, views, or oral testimony relative to the draft Supplemental RI/FS and draft Supplemental EIS. Written presentations may also be made at the hearing.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Lucille T. McInerney, P.E.**, Site Manager, at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office address listed above or e-mail Lpeb461@ecy.wa.gov.

INDEPENDENT CLEANUPS

A property owner may conduct an independent cleanup of contamination and submit reports to Ecology. When a property owner applies to Ecology for review of their independent cleanup, the site enters the Voluntary Cleanup Program. After review, Ecology sends a letter to the property owner stating either that additional work is required to be removed from the list of hazardous waste sites or that no further action is needed.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact:
360/407-6300

Miller's Market, 3152 Washington Way, Longview - Report received: 3rd Quarter '06 Groundwater Monitoring Report.

KING COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact:
425/649-7000

PSE Spill, 2212 Witte Rd SE, Maple Valley - Report received: Remedial Action Summary.

Boeing Company Auburn, 700 15TH ST SW, Auburn - Report received: Cleanup Report and Response to Comments, TPH Contaminated Soil in Bldg 17-07.

KITTITAS COUNTY

Central Regional Office Contact:
509/575-2490 or e-mail Rjoh461@ecy.wa.gov

Canyon Road Chevron, 1710 Canyon Rd, Ellensburg - Report received: Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report, Event of September 14, 2006.

Mid State Co-Op, 417 W 3rd, Ellensburg - Report received: September

2006 Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Report.

PACIFIC COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact:
360/407-6300

Quik Stop/Chevron Station, 622 Heath St. Raymond - Received: Letter of intent.

PIERCE COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact:
360/407-6300

BP # 5568, 11202 Pacific Ave, Tacoma - Report received: 1st & 2nd Quarters 2005 Groundwater Monitoring.

Conan Fuel - Daniel H. Root Ltd., 10320 Burnham Dr NW, Gig Harbor - Report received: 3rd Quarter 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact:
425/649-7000

La Conner Station, 315 Morris Street, La Conner - Report received: Subsurface Investigation.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact:
425/649-7000

Cameron Enterprises V, 1515 164th St SW, Lynnwood - Report received: 3rd & 4th Qtr Groundwater Monitoring Report.

Snohomish PUD Spill, 51 Pine St, Edmonds - Report received: Oil Spill Incident Cleanup Report.

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

Under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), a property owner cleaning up a contaminated site pays a fee for Ecology review. When a cleanup is determined to be sufficient, Ecology issues a no further action decision.

CLALLAM COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Former Mel Payne Logging Yard, 2358 101 W, Port Angeles - Submitted 12/21/05, Site status: Independent remedial action. Opinion letter tendered.

CLARK COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Fourth Plain Chevron, 4100 E 4th Plain Blvd, Vancouver - Submitted 10/9/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Hilliard Property, 323 W Market St, Aberdeen - Submitted 10/30/06, Site status: Independent remedial action. Opinion letter tendered.

KING COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Newcastle Shell, 6420 Lake Washington Blvd, Newcastle - Submitted 10/9/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Skyline Cleaners, 8460 164th Ave NE, Redmond - Submitted 10/11/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

EZ Stop, 19200 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline - Submitted 10/16/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Morningside Farm, 29314 129th Ave SW, Vashon - Submitted 10/16/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

LEWIS COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Hand N Hand Recycling, 206 E Floral, Centralia - Submitted 10/31/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

PEND OREILLE COUNTY

ERO VCP Contact: Patti Carter, 509/329-3522 or e-mail Paca461@ecy.wa.gov

Grandview Tailings Area, Two Miles NE of Metaline Falls, Metaline Falls - Submitted 10/9/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

PIERCE COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

1201 A Street Site Key Bank, 1201 A St, Tacoma - Submitted 10/9/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Puyallup Land Fill D, 1500 E Main, Puyallup - Submitted 10/30/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Gai's NW Bakery, 8203 Durango St, Tacoma - Submitted 3/15/05, Site status: Independent remedial action. Opinion letter tendered.

SPOKANE COUNTY

ERO VCP Contact: Patti Carter, 509/329-3522 or e-mail Paca461@ecy.wa.gov

Upper Falls East, 621 W Mallon Ave, Spokane - Submitted 10/9/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

STEVENS COUNTY

ERO VCP Contact: Patti Carter, 509/329-3522 or e-mail Paca461@ecy.wa.gov

Burlington Northern Sante Fe RR Marcus, Railroad MP 100-7-100.8, Marcus - Submitted 10/20/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

THURSTON COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Supervalu Inc, 620 Legion Way SE, Olympia - Submitted 10/25/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

WHATCOM COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Shinn Property, 1309 Raymond St, Bellingham - Submitted 10/16/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

SITE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

An initial investigation is conducted when a suspected release of hazardous materials has occurred. If additional work is required, a site hazard assessment may be conducted. These sites are ranked on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest risk to human health and the environment. The following sites are scheduled for an assessment.

BENTON COUNTY

Contact: Kay Rottell, Benton-Franklin Health District, 509/582-7761, ext. 250.

Benton City Maintenance Yard, 509 7th Street, Benton City

Smitty's Conoco 240, 33 S Garfield, Kennewick

KITSAP COUNTY

Contact: Newton Morgan, Kitsap County Health District, 360/337-5607.

Holly Dump, NW Seabeck-Holly Road, Bremerton

McIntosh Property, 5727 SW Old Clifton Road, Port Orchard

KLICKTAT COUNTY

Contact: Michael Spencer, Department of Ecology, 360/407-7195.

BNSF Track Switching Facility, 500 Main St, Wishram

Goldendale Glass, 116 W Darland, Goldendale

Temple Distributors Inc, 808 S Columbus, Goldendale

WA DOT, 1261 Scalehouse Rd, MP 12.7 Hwy 97, Goldendale

SKAGIT COUNTY

Contact: Polly Dubbel, Skagit County Health Dept., 360/336-9380.

Former Skagit Laundry & Dye Works, 2nd Street & Washington Street, Mount Vernon

Puget Sound Energy Baker River Project site, 46110 E Main Street, Concrete

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Contact: Geoffrey Crofoot, Snohomish Health District, 425/339-5250.

BNSF Stanwood, 271st & 292nd Street NW, Stanwood

Casino Road Mixed Use Project, 510 W Casino Rd, Everett

Edwards Property, 311 W Galena St., Granite Falls

Griffin Property, 8525 99th Ave NE, Arlington

OTHER DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Meeting Announcement

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Science Advisory Board Meeting

There is a Science Advisory Board meeting scheduled for December 11, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the University of Washington, Graham Visitor Center, 2300 Arboretum Dr. E, Seattle, WA.

Key agenda items are: MTCA Rule Revision, Use of the Toxic Equivalency Factors for Dioxin and PAHs, and Determining Moderate Levels of Arsenic for Area-wide Soil Contamination. Please note that the agenda is subject to change.

This meeting is open to public attendance. Lunch is provided for SAB members. You may wish to bring a lunch to this meeting. For more information contact **Dawn Hooper** at Dhoo461@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-7182 or visit the website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/SAB/SAB_hp.html.