
Abitibi Consolidated Sales Corporation, 4302 Chambers Creek Rd., Steilacoom, WA Agreed Order to Conduct a Remedial Investigation and Cleanup is Proposed



The Washington State Department of Ecology and Abitibi Consolidated Sales Corporation have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW) 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.

Your comments on this proposed agreed order are welcome through November 15, 2006. The box to the right provides information about where to review the agreed order, as well as where to submit comments.

Site Background

The Abitibi Consolidated Sales Corporation (Abitibi) Site is located at 4302 Chambers Creek Road, Steilacoom, WA. The facility has historically been operated as a lumber mill and paper manufacturing mill. Abitibi acquired the facility in January 1998 from Stone Consolidated. Other owners had operated the mill since 1919. The presence of the contaminants at the facility appears to have predated Abitibi's ownership, based on documentation Abitibi provided. Abitibi operated the facility until December 2000. The facility has been shut down since that time.

Investigations conducted by the company on its property have documented the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons and benzene in soil and groundwater, and also arsenic in the groundwater, on the property. These contaminants are currently the chemicals of concern (COCs) for the Site.

October 2006

**The public comment period is:
October 30 through November 30, 2006**

Please direct your questions and comments to:

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You may view documents at the following locations:

Tacoma Public Library
1102 Tacoma Ave.
Tacoma, WA
(253) 591-5666

Citizens for A Healthy Bay
917 Pacific Ave. Suite 100
Tacoma, WA 98402
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WA State Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office
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Ecology web sites:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/abitibi/abitibi_hp.htm

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Investigations include a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, dated January 2001; a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, dated May 2005; a soil and groundwater field investigation, dated July 2005; and additional soil and groundwater characterization performed in February 2006. The soil and groundwater investigations found COCs above MTCA Method A standards in both soils and groundwater.

Abitibi first proposed to enter the Ecology Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to get Ecology 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.

What Happens Next?

Public comment on the agreed order will be considered and the order may be modified, if necessary, based on the comments received. When the results of an RI/FS are completed, a notice of its availability will be published in Ecology's Site Register publication. Further formal public comment opportunities will occur after the remedial investigation/feasibility study is completed and the cleanup action plan is developed.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed agreed order through **November 15, 2006**. The public comment period presents an opportunity to have your ideas and comments heard by Ecology. Information repositories, which include the agreed order, have been set up at the locations listed in the box on page one. To review more detailed site documents than those in the information repositories, contact Ecology's Southwest Regional Office records center at (360) 407-6365 to schedule an appointment.



Source: USGS 2002



0 100 200 400 Feet

1 inch equals 200 feet

— Approximate boundary of Site,
excavated as part of Interim Action

FIGURE 1
Subject Property: Abitibi West Tacoma
Mill
Steilacoom, WA



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