

# USG Interiors Inc. Puyallup

## 925 River Road E., Puyallup



### Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Available for Public Comment

#### Investigating Toxic Pollution

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is entering into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with USG Interiors, Inc. (USG) to investigate and clean up the USG Puyallup site.

Under this agreement, USG agrees to:

- Conduct a Remedial Investigation to determine the extent and nature of pollution at the site.
- Complete a Feasibility Study to evaluate possible cleanup options.
- Draft a Cleanup Action Plan.

This site will be cleaned up to meet Model Toxics Control Act (70.105D RCW) standards.

#### More Cleanup Work!



USG is also investigating and cleaning up pollution at the USG Highway 99 site at 7110 Pacific Highway East in Milton. To find information about other Ecology cleanup sites, please visit: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites\\_information.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html).

#### Ecology wants your comments!

You are invited to review and comment on the **Agreed Order** and **Public Participation Plan**. The box to the right has information about where to find the documents and submit your comments (**April 24 to May 23, 2008**).

#### Site Background

The USG Puyallup site is located next to and on the banks of the Puyallup River (see map on back).

Before 1983, USG used the site to dispose of waste from their rock wool manufacturing plant in Tacoma. Slag containing arsenic from the former Tacoma Asarco smelter was used as raw material for making rock wool. As a result, waste from USG's Tacoma plant (before 1973) contained arsenic—a toxic metal.

In 1982 USG approached Ecology about cleaning up the site. In 1984, USG and Ecology entered into an Agreed Order to do the cleanup. From 1984 to 1985 USG dug up and removed waste from the site, and disposed of it in a hazardous waste landfill. However, testing shows that some arsenic contamination remains in soil and groundwater.

#### What Happens Next?

Ecology will consider and respond to all comments in the **responsiveness summary**. This document will be available at the locations listed on this page, and sent to those submitting comments.

USG will conduct further investigation of pollution at the site, and begin planning a cleanup. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study report and draft Cleanup Action Plan when they are completed.

## April 2008 Fact Sheet

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

April 24 through  
May 23, 2008

#### Direct Your Questions & Written Comments to:

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#### Locations where you may view a copy of the Agreed Order:

**Puyallup Public Library**  
324 S. Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371  
(253) 841-5454

**Citizens for a Healthy Bay**  
917 Pacific Avenue Suite 100  
Tacoma, WA 98402  
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#### Web Site:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/USG\\_Interiors/usg\\_interiors\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/USG_Interiors/usg_interiors_hp.htm)

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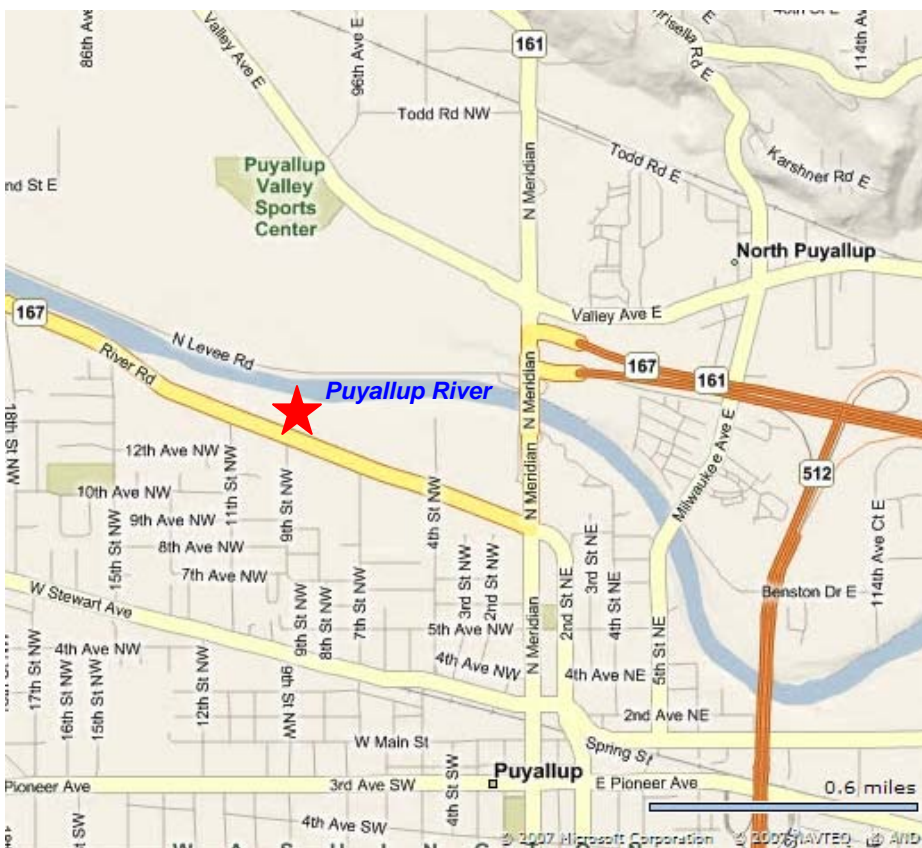
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## Washington State Department of Ecology—Toxics Cleanup Program



### USG Puyallup Cleanup Site

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April 24—May 23, 2008

### Why did I receive this mailing?

The Washington State Department of Ecology is working with USG, Inc. to investigate and clean up the USG Puyallup site at **925 River Road E**. This fact sheet is being mailed to inform the community about the cleanup.

### What can I do?

Please share concerns or questions about this cleanup, or information you might have about the history of this site.

### To be removed from this mailing list:

Please call Hannah Aoyagi at (360) 407-6790 or e-mail [haoy461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:haoy461@ecy.wa.gov).

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