

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.

If you have questions or want to be added to the mailing list (electronic or paper) for the Site Register, contact Linda Thompson at 360/407-6069 or e-mail Ltho461@ecy.wa.gov. Specific regional contacts are listed after each entry.

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FORMAL CLEANUPS

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

BENTON COUNTY

Ron's Food Mart, 19th Avenue and South Washington Avenue, Kennewick Facility Site ID# 9524655

**Public comment period:
6/30/08 – 7/30/08**

Five-Year Review Completed

Ron's Food Mart Site is located in Kennewick, Washington. During excavation for a fuel dispenser footing in 1992, suspected petroleum contaminated soils were encountered at the site. White Shield, Inc. (WSI) performed a limited site assessment at that time, and confirmed the presence of gasoline range petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH-G) at concentrations exceeding Model Toxics Control Act Method A cleanup levels.

A remedial excavation was conducted in 1998. Due to the close proximity of the south sidewall of the excavation to municipal underground utilities, it was not possible to remove all contamination at that time. Following backfill of the excavation with clean soil, the site was capped with asphalt.

Reviews are conducted every 5 years by Ecology for sites that have Environmental Covenants and/or Institutional Controls. The review is intended to examine the effectiveness of cleanup activities and to assure the continued protection of human health and the environment.

The asphalt cap remains on the Site. Based upon the site visit conducted on May 2, 2008, no repair, maintenance or contingency actions have been required.

The Restrictive Covenant for the Site was recorded and is in place. This Restrictive Covenant continues to prohibit activities that will result in the release of contaminants contained as part of the cleanup activities.

Soils with residual petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations higher than Method A cleanup levels are still present. However, the asphalt cap continues to prevent human exposure to contamination by ingestion and direct contact with soils. The Restrictive Covenant for the property ensures that the integrity of the cap will be protected through maintaining the current use of the Site.

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review all comments received and will make recommendations for any suggested changes. If no significant changes are made, the review will be finalized. If significant changes are made to the document, an additional public comment period will be held. In addition, you may provide us with relevant information to the 5-year review. Please report any questions you have, or unusual activities taking place at the Site.

The report is available at

- 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: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/ronsFoodMart/rfm.htm>

For more information or to give written comments, please contact **Jeff Newschwander**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **509/454-7842** or e-mail Jene461@ecy.wa.gov.

**Tesoro Truck Stop, 528 Ely Street,
Kennewick Facility Site ID# 21625465**

**Public comment period:
6/30/08 – 7/30/08**

Five-Year Review Completed

During the removal and decommissioning of four gasoline and diesel tanks at the Tesoro Truck Stop Site in 1996, suspected petroleum contaminated soils were encountered. Confirmation samples collected from the north sidewall of the diesel tank excavation indicated the presence of heavy oil or mineral spirit range petroleum hydrocarbons at concentrations exceeding Model Toxics Control Act Method A cleanup levels. Due to the depth of the contamination, not all of the contaminated soils could be excavated.

Two soil borings were conducted later in 1997 to confirm the depth of this contamination. Petroleum hydrocarbon contamination was not detected below 25 feet below ground surface (bgs) and groundwater was not encountered until 95 feet bgs. Due to the depth of groundwater and the limited depth of contamination, no further remedial activities were conducted.

Following remedial activities, the site was repaved with asphalt. The Site was returned to commercial use and was eventually used as a commercial truck stop.

A No Further Action determination was assigned to the site on March 8, 1998. A restrictive covenant was recorded for the property on March 22, 1998.

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The asphalt cap remains at the Site. Based upon the site visit conducted on

May 2, 2008, no repair, maintenance or contingency actions have been required.

The Restrictive Covenant for the Site was recorded and is in place. This Restrictive Covenant continues to prohibit activities that will result in the release of contaminants contained as part of the cleanup activities.

Soils with residual petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations higher than Method A cleanup levels are still present. However, the asphalt cap continues to prevent human exposure to contamination by ingestion and direct contact with soils. The Restrictive Covenant for the property ensures that the integrity of the cap will be protected through maintaining the current use of the Site.

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Ecology is holding a public comment period from June 30, 2008 through July 30, 2008, during which you may comment on the periodic review report.

The report is available at

- 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: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/tesoroKennewick/tesoro.htm>

For more information or to give written comments, please contact **Jeff Newschwander**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **509/454-7842** or e-mail **Jene461@ecy.wa.gov**.

CLALLAM COUNTY

Rayonier Mill Off-Property Soil Dioxin Study, Port Angeles

**Public comment period:
6/30/08 – 7/30/08**

Draft Soil Sampling Plan Available for Public Comment

Public Meeting July 9, 2008

Ecology is planning a study to look at whether dioxins were deposited in surface soils downwind of the former Rayonier Mill in Port Angeles. Past soil testing in the community near the mill has found very low levels of dioxins. However, it is currently unknown if those levels are associated with the former mill, some other sources, or simply background levels.

This study will focus on areas in Port Angeles that are downwind of the former Rayonier Mill site where dioxins might have been deposited in the past. Ecology will try to determine

- The magnitude of dioxin soil contamination in the areas identified as “downwind” of the Rayonier site.
- The former Rayonier Mill’s contribution to measured dioxin contamination, compared to other possible sources.

Specific sample locations have not yet been chosen. Ecology will need help from local property owners with accessing the sampling locations.

Some property owners will be contacted for permission to sample their soils. Final sample locations will be chosen after the end of the comment period and will be based on public input, historical data and ability to gain access to property in the study area.

You may review the draft Soil Sampling Plan at the following locations:

- Port Angeles Public Library, 2210 South Peabody Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362 **360/417-8500**

• Peninsula College, 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA 98362
360/417-6280

• Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98504-7775. (Please call **360/407-6365** or e-mail **Dene461@ecy.wa.gov** for an appointment.)

• Ecology's website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/rayonierOffProp/rayonierOffPr_hp.htm.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Connie Groven**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **360/407-6254** or e-mail **Cgro461@ecy.wa.gov**. For public involvement information, please contact **Hannah Aoyagi**, Public Involvement Coordinator at **360/407-6790** or e-mail **Haoy461@ecy.wa.gov**.

KING COUNTY

South Park Marina, 8604 Dallas Ave S, Seattle Facility Site ID# 44653368

Ecology has completed the final Additional Site Characterization Activities Data Report

This report presents the results of environmental sampling done at the South Park Marina (SPM), as outlined in the Sampling and Analysis Plan for Site Reconnaissance Investigation (SAP). The SPM is located at 8604 Dallas Avenue South in Seattle, Washington. The site lies within the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW) Superfund site and is adjacent to the waterway and the Terminal 117 Early Action Area (EAA). Terminal 117 was recognized as a high priority site by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a candidate for early sediment cleanup action. SPM is adjacent to the northern boundary of the Terminal 117 site. Historical information and sampling results suggest that soil and groundwater contamination may also be present at the SPM site.

The final report is available for public review at:

• Ecology Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98008-5482. (Please call **Sally Alexander** at **425/649-7239** or **Sally Perkins** at **425/649-7190** for an appointment.)

• Ecology's website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/lower_duwamish/sites/terminal_117/Terminal_117.html

For more information, please contact **Mark Edens**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **425/649-7070** or e-mail **Mede461@ecy.wa.gov**.

PIERCE COUNTY

Eddon Boat Park, 3711 and 3805 Harborview Dr., Gig Harbor Facility Site ID# 1301959

**Public comment period:
6/23/08 – 7/23/08**

Agreed Order and draft Cleanup Action Plan Available for Public Comment

Ecology would like your comments on the draft Cleanup Action Plan for the

Eddon Boat Park site. Ecology is working with the City of Gig Harbor (City) to clean up the approximately three acre site. The land will later be developed as a public park.

The upland property and the in-water areas are contaminated with heavy metals, tributyltin, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). The City investigated soils, groundwater, and sediments at the site under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields grant and with technical assistance from Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The City is now working with Ecology's formal cleanup program to plan site cleanup.

The draft Cleanup Action Plan includes

• Dredging contaminated sediments near the boatyard haul-out railway, pier, and dock

• Capping less contaminated sediments

• Removing a small area of contaminated soils north of the boathouse building

• Removing treated timber bulkheads on the south part of the site

Cleanup of contaminated sediments, soils and groundwater must meet state standards under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D.

The following cleanup documents are available to view and comment:

- The Agreed Order for cleanup
- The Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)
- The Public Participation Plan

You may review them at:

• Peninsula Branch Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335
253/851-3793

• Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98504-7775. (Please call **360/407-6365** or e-mail **Dene461@ecy.wa.gov** for an appointment.)

• Ecology's website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/eddonBoatPark/eddon_hp.htm

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Joyce Mercuri**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **360/407-6260** or e-mail **Jmer461@ecy.wa.gov**. For public involvement information, please contact **Hannah Aoyagi**, Public Involvement Coordinator at **360/407-6790** or e-mail **Haoy461@ecy.wa.gov**.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Company (BNSF) Parkwater Railyard, 5302 East Trent Avenue, Spokane

Facility Site ID# 676

Negotiations begin for an Agreed Order

Negotiations began June 26, 2008 between Ecology and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Company (BNSF) for an Agreed Order. The Order will require BNSF to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the Parkwater Railyard site. The site is formerly known as the Yardley facility. The Agreed Order is a legal document issued by Ecology. It formalizes the agreement between Ecology and BNSF for the necessary investigations at the site. It is anticipated negotiations for the Order will be complete in sixty days.

The site has been used as a railyard for nearly 100 years. Operations included fueling, maintenance, and switching of rail cars. Fuel tanks containing diesel, waste oil, gasoline and cleaning solvent were housed on-site to support the daily operations. In 1991 an underground storage tank containing petroleum was being removed and during the removal, a removal a petroleum release was discovered. During the removal a petroleum release was discovered. Additional petroleum contamination was discovered during soil excavation in another area at the site.

The purpose of the Remedial Investigation is to gather more information to determine where and how much contamination is present in soil and groundwater. The Feasibility Study will evaluate cleanup alternatives in preparation for a cleanup action.

For more information, please contact **Zachary Hedgpeith, P.E.** at **509/329-3484** or e-mail **Zahe461@ecy.wa.gov**.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Associated Grocers, 1001 South 3rd Street, Yakima Facility Site ID# 36633115

**Public comment period:
6/30/08 – 7/30/08**

Five-Year Review Completed

Soil sampling was conducted in 1994 as part of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the Associated Grocers Site located in Yakima. Soil samples indicated the presence of diesel and heavy oil-range petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH-Dx) at concentrations exceeding MTCMA Method A cleanup levels. Two remedial excavations were conducted at the site during 1996, but contamination remained in the soils at the Site. Groundwater contamination was not detected.

Because contamination remains at the site, protective capping was selected as the remedial action for the Site. Asphalt was used to cover the majority of the site that does not fall under the building footprint. Following remedial activities, a restrictive covenant was recorded for the property and the Site received a No Further Action determination.

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The asphalt and clean soil cap remain on the Site. Based upon the site visit conducted on May 19, 2008, no repair, maintenance or contingency actions have been required.

The Restrictive Covenant for the Site was recorded and is in place. This Restrictive Covenant continues to prohibit activities that will result in the release of contaminants contained as part of the cleanup activities.

Soils with TPH-Dx concentrations higher than Method A cleanup levels are still present. However, the asphalt cap continues to prevent human exposure to contamination by ingestion and direct contact with soils. The Restrictive Covenant for the property ensures that the integrity of the cap will be protected

through maintaining the current use of the Site.

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- Ecology's website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/associatedGrocers/associatedGro.htm>

For more information or to give written comments, please contact **Jeff Newschwander**, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at **509/454-7842** or e-mail **Jene461@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.

CHELAN COUNTY

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

Unocal Bulk Plant 0082, Hwy 97 and East St, Chelan Facility Site ID #

345 - Submitted 7/7/08. Report received: Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report, Event of March 28, 2008 and Event of May 23, 2008.

Unocal Bulk Plant 0853, 6 N 5th St, Wenatchee Facility Site ID # 346 -

Reports received: Groundwater Monitoring Report 4th quarter 2007, submitted 4/14/08; Groundwater Monitoring Report 1st quarter 2008, submitted 6/18/08.

COWLITZ COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: 360/407-6300

Arco 4093, 406 Allen Street, Kelso Facility Site ID # 31787227 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Groundwater Monitoring Rpt 1st & 2nd Quarters 2008.

GRANT COUNTY

Eastern Regional Office Contact: Keith Holliday, 509/329-3431 or e-mail Khol461@ecy.wa.gov

Country Store, 4421 Prichard Rd, Moses Lake Facility Site ID # 72858424 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Monitoring Well Report.

KING COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact: e-mail Dmus461@ecy.wa or call 425/649-7136

Arco Facility #04291/Mukhpal K Jeji, 801 NE 65th St, Seattle Facility Site ID # 1195519 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Well Abandonment Activities; Delta.

Circle K/76 #2705484, 33520 21st Ave SW, Federal Way Facility Site ID # 93987145 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report

received: Groundwater Status March 2008.

Circle K/76 #2705493, 720 N Central Ave, Kent Facility Site ID # 71657457

- Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Groundwater Status December 2007.

Freemont 76, 4600 Fremont Ave N, Seattle Facility Site ID # 33185679 -

Submitted 6/20/08. Report received: May 2008 Groundwater Monitoring & Sampling Event.

Renton-Northwest LLC, 4105 NE 4th St, Renton Facility Site ID # 47917271

- Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Groundwater Status March 2008.

Texaco Station #63-232-0400, 501 Tukwila Parkway, Tukwila Facility Site ID # 35955167 - Submitted 6/23/08. Report received: Groundwater Status March 2008.

Texaco Station #63-232-1416, 210 NE 45th St, Seattle Facility Site ID # 14577491 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: 1st Qtr 2008 Monitoring.

KITTITAS COUNTY

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

Wondrack Ellensburg, 15th St and Water St, Ellensburg Facility Site ID # 25139 - Submitted 7/3/08. Report Received: First Quarter 2008 Groundwater Monitoring Report.

MASON COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: e-mail Kcro461@ecy.wa or call 360/407-6240

Jackpot 367, 401 South First Street, Shelton Facility Site ID # 25614376 - Submitted 6/24/08. Report received: 2nd Q 2008 Groundwater Monitoring.

PIERCE COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: e-mail Kcro461@ecy.wa or call 360/407-6240

Jackpot 315, 6112 River Road, Puyallup Facility Site ID # 31148765 - Submitted 6/20/08. Report received: 2nd Q 2008 Groundwater Monitoring.

Tillicum Chevron, 15408 Union Ave SW, Tacoma Facility Site ID # 57297299 - Submitted 6/20/08. Report received: 1st & 2nd Q 2008 Groundwater Monitoring.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact: e-mail Dmus461@ecy.wa or call 425/649-7136

Cameron Enterprises V, 1515 164th St SW, Lynnwood Facility Site ID # 67979269 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Groundwater Status February 2008.

STEVENS COUNTY

Eastern Regional Office Contact: Doug Ladwig, 509/329-3440 or e-mail Dlad461@ecy.wa.gov

Food Mart 025, 750 N Hwy 395, Colville Facility Site ID # 7612479 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Groundwater Monitoring Report Second Quarter 2008.

THURSTON COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: e-mail Kcro461@ecy.wa or call 360/407-6240

Arco Am/Pm Mini Market, 402 Sleater-Kinney Rd SE, Lacey Facility Site ID # 1851774 - Submitted 6/20/08. Report

received: 1st & 2nd Q 2008 Groundwater Monitoring.

East 4th Food Mart 372, 927 4th Ave E, Olympia Facility Site ID # 74983837 - Submitted 6/20/08. Report received: 2nd Q 2008 Groundwater Monitoring.

WALLA WALLA COUNTY

Eastern Regional Office Contact: Mike Boatsman, 509/329-3492 or e-mail Mboa461@ecy.wa.gov

Dennis Poffenroth, 202 N 2nd, Walla Walla Facility Site ID # 37422436

- Submitted 6/24/08. Report received: Groundwater Monitoring-2nd Qtrly. Sampling 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.

BENTON COUNTY

CR VCP Contact: Frosti Smith, 509/454-7841 or e-mail Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov

P & K Auto Svc Inc, 1415 Gillespie, Richland Facility Site ID # 38448497 - Submitted 6/24/08. Site status: Independent remedial action in process.

KING COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Donna Musa, 425/649-7136 or e-mail Dmus461@ecy.wa.gov

ConocoPhillips 2708603, 27121 Military Rd S, Kent Facility Site ID # 1413845 - Submitted 12/15/04. Report received:

Final Cleanup Report. Site status: Completed Opinion Letter; Independent remedial action in process.

Fort James Operating Co, 4111 156th Ave NE, Redmond Facility Site ID # 52335454 - Submitted 6/24/08. Report received: Remedial Investigation Report. Site status: Independent remedial action in process

Snoqualmie Falls Hydro Project, Snoqualmie Facility Site ID # 9205564 - Submitted 4/23/08. Report received: Remedial Investigation Report. Site status: Completed Consultation.

PIERCE COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Scott Rose, 360/407-6347 or e-mail Sros461@ecy.wa.gov

Precision Pattern Inc., 620 E G St, Tacoma Facility Site ID # 85239825 - Submitted 6/19/08. Report received: Remedial Investigation Report. Site status: Independent remedial action in process

THURSTON COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Scott Rose, 360/407-6347 or e-mail Sros461@ecy.wa.gov

Ram Auto & Truck Recycling, 8048 Martin Way E, Lacey Facility Site ID # 63563665 - Submitted 6/19/08. Site status: Independent remedial action in process.

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.

GRANT COUNTY

Contact: Todd Phillips, Grant County Health District, e-mail tphillips@granthealth.org or call 509/754-6060, ext. 18.

FUDS Ephrata AFB, 1010 Airport Street, Ephrata Facility Site ID # 11456528

RUDS Larson Titan S2, 101 Rd 10 SE, Warden Facility Site ID # 78312864

PIERCE COUNTY

Contact: Tony Ohrazda, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept., e-mail tohrazda@tpchd.org or call 253/798-6566.

Eddon Boat Park, 3805 Harborview Drive, Gig Harbor Facility Site ID # 1301959

THURSTON COUNTY

Contact: Gerald Tousley, Thurston County Health Dept., phone 360/754-4111 ext. 6509.

East Bay Redevelopment, 315 Jrferson Street NE, Olympia Facility Site ID # 5785176

OTHER DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Ecology announces restructure of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)

Starting July 15, 2008, Ecology will accept applications under the restructured Voluntary Cleanup Program. As part of the restructuring, Ecology will now provide written opinions for individual properties within larger cleanup sites.

The written opinions will include Ecology's determination on whether the cleanup or cleanup action meets the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

MTCA authorizes Ecology to provide technical assistance and written opinions to persons conducting or planning to conduct independent remedial actions. In 2006, Ecology made significant changes to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). These changes included a new application form and VCP agreement, boilerplate letters for written opinions, and a new billing system.

The Washington Legislature amended MTCA in 2007 to clarify Ecology's authority to provide written opinions on remedial actions performed on individual properties within a larger cleanup site. When providing property specific opinions, Ecology must also provide an opinion on the status of the entire site.

What changes has Ecology made in the Voluntary Cleanup Program in July 2008?

Ecology has made several revisions to the Voluntary Cleanup Program. These changes build on the program changes made during the summer of 2006. Key changes include:

- Property-specific opinions: Ecology will now provide written opinions on proposed or completed cleanup actions at specific properties within a larger site. Ecology has prepared several boilerplate opinion letters and guidance for property-specific cleanup actions.
- Revisions to boilerplate opinion letters for site cleanup: Ecology will continue to provide written opinions on remedial actions or proposed remedial actions for entire sites. Several of the boilerplate opinion letters have been revised based on implementation experience since 2006.

- Revisions to the application form and administrative letters: Ecology has updated the application, VCP agreement, and various administrative letters based on implementation experience since 2006. Ecology recognizes that some applicants are currently preparing applications using the 2006 forms. For a limited time, Ecology will accept applications prepared using the 2006 forms. However, beginning on August 15, 2008, applicants must use the updated applications forms.

What will be different about the written opinions issued by Ecology?

Ecology will characterize each cleanup as either a site cleanup or a property cleanup. The written opinion will state whether the opinion applies to the entire site or to an individual property within the site. The type of written opinion you can receive depends on whether the cleanup addresses the entire site or a property within the site.

Will the new procedures change the time Ecology will need to provide written opinions?

Ecology works to provide a response to requests within 90 calendar days of receiving that request. We anticipate that VCP site managers initially will need more time to complete written opinions as they become familiar with the property-specific option. Persons requesting opinions should take this into account when developing project schedules. However, Ecology also believes that review times will return to normal after the first several months using the new option.

Background information on the Voluntary Cleanup Program and the revised forms and opinion letters are available on the Ecology VCP web site: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/vcpmain.htm>

People interested in the Voluntary Cleanup Program can also contact: **Nnamdi Madakor, P.G., P.HG**, VCP Statewide Coordinator at **360/407-7244** or e-mail Nmad461@ecy.wa.gov, or by mail at the following address: Nnamdi Madakor, P.HG, P.G., VCP Statewide Coordinator, Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program HQ, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600.

EIM (Environmental Information Management) Training

Ecology is now offering EIM training to the public free of charge at three locations across the state:

- Washington State Department of Ecology in Lacey, September 3rd 1-4pm & September 4th 1-4 pm
- Yakima Valley Community College in Yakima, September 11th 2-5 pm
- Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane, September 12th 10 am -1 pm

EIM data entry is Required for all cleanup site environmental sampling. This includes:

- Enforcement Orders
- Agreed Orders
- Consent Decrees
- Permits
- Independent Remedial Actions, including the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)
- Grants
- Contracts
- Interagency Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding
- Any other upland or sediment investigations and cleanups
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- Any other sediment sampling, such as for dredging

This training will consist of setting up your personal EIM account, explanations

of EIM submittal spreadsheets, uploading data into EIM, common problems, and time for questions/individual help.

To register for this training or if you have any additional questions please contact:

Jenna Durkee at **Jedu461@ecy.wa.gov** or **509/454-7865**.

TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS

Contact: Ann McNeely, 360/407-7205
or e-mail **Amcn461@ecy.wa.gov**

Rayonier Mill Off-Property Soil Dioxin Study - Frequently Asked Questions Publication # 08-09-131, Date: June 2008

Rayonier Mill Off-Property Soil Dioxin Study Publication # 08-09-132, Date: June 2008

Eddon Boat Park, Gig Harbor, Washington Publication # 08-09-040, Date: June 2008

Solid Wood Incorporated - Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study and Interim Action Publication # 08-09-054, Date: June 2008

Sediment Management Standards Responsiveness Summary Publication # 97-001a