

Site Investigation Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



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Puget Sound.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on a new proposed agreement to study a site on Puget Sound for cleanup. This Site, Bay Wood Products, is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

Bay Wood Products is generally located at 200 West Marine View Drive on Port Gardner Bay, in Everett, Snohomish County, WA. This is just west of the Legion Memorial Golf Course, on the Snohomish River waterfront in western Everett.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *August 25 through September 24, 2008*.

See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

Bay Wood Products is located on fill that was placed in Port Gardner Bay. Lumber and mill operations began on this Site around 1936. In 1979, Bay Wood Products removed the sawmill and used the Site for log handling and storage until 1994. Site features during Bay Wood Products operations included office and shop buildings, a covered shed, oil drums, electrical transformers, above-ground fuel storage tanks, and log rafts. These features have been removed, and the Site is currently vacant. The following contaminants have been found on the Site in upland soil:

- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- Petroleum products.

In addition, wood waste was also found in upland soil in adjacent

Comments Accepted

August 25 - September 24, 2008

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Everett Public Library

2702 Hoyt Ave
Everett, WA 98201
Phone: (425) 257-8010

Hours: Mon.-Wed. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. 1-5
p.m.

WA Department of Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn,
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(360) 407-7224

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bayWoodProd/bayWood_hp.htm

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in-water areas (imbedded in the sediments). Wood waste smothers near-shore habitat and animals such as clams, and can cause changes in water chemistry that can harm marine and sediment ecosystems.

PCB-contaminated soil was removed from the Site in 1985 and 1993. Much of the wood waste accumulated in the upland area was removed in 1995. However, more study is needed to fully characterize the contamination at the Bay Wood Products Site.

Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document between Ecology and the Site owner, the Port of Everett. The Agreed Order describes the studies that the Port agrees to perform on the Site.

The Agreed Order covers the following studies and documents:

- Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It explains the work needed to look for and analyze contamination in soil, ground water, and sediments.
- RI/FS report. It presents the results of the study and proposes alternatives for cleanup actions.
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). It uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

The purpose of the Agreed Order is to protect human health and the environment by insuring that remedial actions will be conducted at a site where a release of hazardous substances has occurred. It ensures that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and the Port are committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology and the Port agree to provide a public participation plan. This plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The public participation plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can become involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature approved the Puget Sound Initiative. One of the objectives of the Initiative is to protect and restore Puget Sound, cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of these is the Bay Wood Products Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including: Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner.



Bay Wood Products

Other Port Gardner baywide sites include:

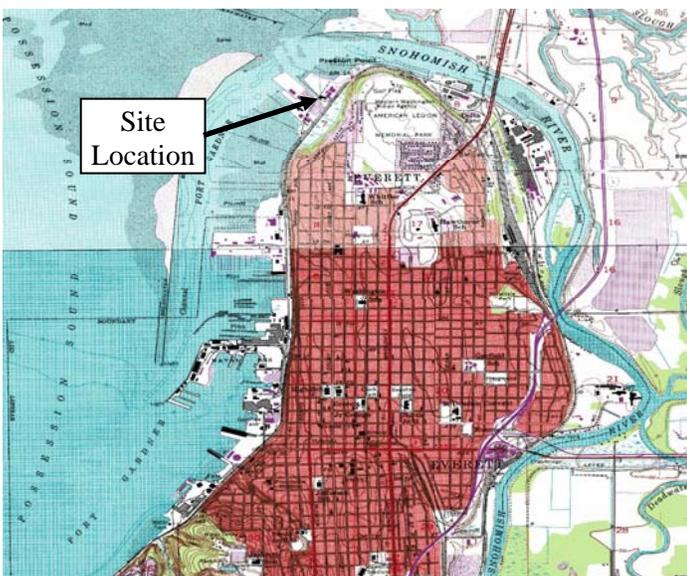
- JELD-WEN Site: A wooden door plant, located at 300 West Marine View Drive.
- Everett Shipyard Site: A ship repair facility, located at 1016 14th Street.
- North Marina West End Site: A marine services and general industrial site, located between 11th and 14th Streets at West Marine View Drive.

For more information about the sites in Port Gardner Bay, contact Andy Kallus at (360) 407-7259 or akal461@ecy.wa.gov, or go to: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cleanup.html>.

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments that have been received. The Agreed Order and draft public participation plan may be modified based upon your comments.

The Bay Wood Products Site is located at 200 West Marine View Drive, on Port Gardner Bay, Everett, WA. (Map Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps for Everett and Marysville Quadrangles; Photo Revised – 1968 and 1973; Photo Source: Imagery: I-Cubed, 2006; Acquired: Via ArcGIS Explorer by ESRI on 1/25/2008)



As future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the back page.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

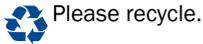
We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, workshops, hearings, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>





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Bay Wood Products, Everett Snohomish County, WA

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