

Site Investigation Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



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Ecology Wants your Input!

Ecology is asking for your comments on a draft Public Participation Plan and draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) report for the Scott Paper Mill Site on Puget Sound. The Public Participation Plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on this cleanup. The RI/FS report presents the results of an investigation studying contamination. This Site is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

The Scott Paper Mill Site is generally located on the west shore of Fidalgo Bay in downtown Anacortes, WA. Within Anacortes, the Site is located between 17th and 20th Streets, and east of Q Avenue. Seafarers' Memorial Park is on the northern part of this Site.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the draft RI/FS and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments in writing to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *August 29 through September 30, 2008*.
- **Attend** an open house on September 16th or 17th. More information about these events can be found on page 3.

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

Site Background

A lumber mill operated on the Scott Paper Mill Site beginning in the late 1800s. A pulp mill also operated at the Site from approximately 1925 until 1978. No structures remain of either mill. The Site is currently divided into two main portions: north and south.

North Site. Historic features on the northern portion of the Site included numerous buildings, sheds, piers, tailings ponds, boilers, fuel storage tanks, a

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Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Anacortes Public Library

1220 10th Street
Anacortes, WA 98221

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 12-5
p.m.

WA Department of Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn,
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/scott_paper/scott_hp.html

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smokestack, and burners. The Scott Paper Company operated this portion of the Site from 1940 until 1955. In 1979, the Port of Anacortes purchased this portion and used a part of the property as a log yard from 1990 to 1993. In 1998, this portion was divided into three parcels, and Sun Healthcare Systems, Inc. purchased one of these parcels.

In 1999, the Port of Anacortes and Sun Healthcare Systems, Inc. conducted an independent cleanup action on their parcel to remove petroleum-contaminated soil and wood debris (see Ecology Fact Sheet #05-09-057). A 2-foot-thick soil cover and a soil containment wall along the shoreline were also installed.

South Site. The main feature on the southern portion of the Site was the pulp mill building, constructed in 1925. The pulp mill used waste from the lumber mill, and discharged waste water directly to Fidalgo Bay, from 1925 to 1951. The Scott Paper Company operated this portion from 1940 until 1978. The southern portion of the Site was purchased in 1979, and used in the early 1980s as a staging area for oil field equipment, boat manufacturing, and storage. It was again purchased in 1990 by MJB Properties, Inc. and used as a modular home assembly area.

Overview of the Public Participation Plan

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology is providing 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.

Overview of the RI/FS

Work to clean up the Scott Paper Mill Site is being performed by three potentially liable parties, or PLPs, under Ecology oversight. The PLPs are the Port of Anacortes, Kimberly-Clark Corporation (which purchased remaining Scott Paper Company assets in 1995), and MJB Properties.

What we found during the investigation in the northern portion of the Site:

- Metals (including arsenic, antimony, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc), diesel- and motor oil-range petroleum hydrocarbons, carcinogenic polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and dioxins/furans were found in soil at concentrations above preliminary cleanup levels.
- Arsenic was found in soil samples that were collected from less than two feet deep at Seafarers' Memorial Park.
- Petroleum hydrocarbons, arsenic, sulfide, bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, ammonia, and nickel sporadic slight exceedances were found in groundwater.

What we found during the investigation in the southern portion of the Site:

- Arsenic, copper, zinc, chromium, lead, and nickel were found at concentrations above preliminary cleanup levels in soil samples collected from less than two feet deep. Additional metals and cPAHs were found in soil samples collected from greater than two feet deep.
- Arsenic, sulfide, and 4-methylphenol sporadic slight exceedances were found in groundwater.

What we found during the investigation in the marine area across both portions of the Site:

- Metals (copper, lead, and mercury), PCBs, and wood debris were found in marine sediments above preliminary cleanup levels.

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The FS portion of the report provides and evaluates options for cleaning up contamination. This report can be found on the website noted in the box on page 1.

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 Scott Paper Mill 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.

Other Fidalgo baywide sites include:

- Cap Sante Marine Site: A boat yard and marina support area, located just north of the Former Shell Oil Tank Farm.
- Dakota Creek Site: Used for vessel moorage, bulk fuel and oil storage, and shipbuilding activities, located at 155 Q Avenue (northernmost end).
- Custom Plywood Mill Site: A former mill and wood-box factory, located near 35th Street and V Avenue.
- Shell Oil Tank Farm Site: A former petroleum and chemical products storage area, located near 13th Street and Q Avenue.

For more information about the sites in Fidalgo Bay, contact Sandra Caldwell at (360) 407-7209 or saca461@ecy.wa.gov, or go to: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cleanup.html>.

Come to the Open House

Public meetings will be held on 9/16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and on 9/17, from 11:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Seafarers' Memorial Park building.

The Park building is located at 601 14th St., Anacortes, WA.

What Happens Next?

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

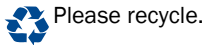
For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, workshops, hearings, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

The Scott Paper Mill Site is located south of 17th Street, east of Q Avenue, and north of 20th Street, on Fidalgo Bay, Anacortes, WA. (Map Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps; Landau Associates, 10/5/06)





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