

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, ExxonMobil ADC, is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

ExxonMobil ADC is generally located at 2717 and 2731 Federal Avenue on Port Gardner Bay, in Everett, Snohomish County, WA.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order, Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) Work Plan, and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration.
Comments will be accepted *Nov. 2 through Dec. 4, 2009.*

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

Site Background

This Site was used to receive, store and distribute petroleum fuel. The predecessors of ExxonMobil Oil Corporation owned the entire site from 1927 to 1974. Mobil Oil continued to operate the southern portion of the Site until 1987, but sold the northern portion to A.P. Miller for use by American Distributing Company (ADC). ADC conducted bulk petroleum operations on the northern portion from 1974 to 1990. All structures and pipes were removed between 1998 and 2000 from both portions

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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

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

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/ExxonMobilEverett/exxonBlkPlant_hp.htm

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of the Site, which is now an asphalt paved parking lot.

Petroleum contamination has been found in Site soil and groundwater due to past operations. Interim cleanup actions were completed under two previous Agreed Orders in 1996 and 1998.

1996 Actions – Actions in 1996 included cleanup of petroleum releases at the City of Everett's combined sewer overflow (CSO) line into Port Gardner Bay. The 1996 actions also included pilot testing petroleum recovery technologies, as well as characterizing the amount and concentration of “free product” (petroleum that has not been dissolved in groundwater) in soil and contamination in groundwater. As a result of these actions, direct discharge of petroleum into Port Gardner via the CSO was eliminated and about 23,000 gallons of petroleum contamination was recovered.

1998 and Current Actions – Actions in 1998 included preparing a Remedial Investigation/ Focused Feasibility Study (RI/FFS) report to evaluate data collected between 1988 and 1996. Interim actions were also performed between 1998 and 2000 to contain petroleum contamination. These interim actions included demolition of Site structures, construction of an interceptor trench (for petroleum recovery), and construction of a Site cover to minimize movement of surface water into deep soil. Since 2000, groundwater monitoring and petroleum recovery activities are on-going at the Site.

Historical investigations have found the following contaminants above state cleanup levels in soil and/or groundwater at the Site:

- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)

- Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs)
- Lead
- Benzene
- Xylene
- Ethylbenzene

More study is needed to fully characterize the extent of contamination at the ExxonMobil ADC Site.

Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document between Ecology, and ExxonMobil Oil Corporation and ADC. These two companies are Potentially Liable Persons, or PLPs, at the Site. The Agreed Order describes the studies that the PLPs agree to perform on the Site.

The Agreed Order covers the following studies and documents:

- Focused Feasibility Study (FFS). It explains the additional work needed to look for and address contamination in soil and groundwater. The work plan for the FFS has been developed and is included as Exhibit B to the Agreed Order.
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). It will use FFS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to clean up the contamination.

The purpose of the Agreed Order is to protect human health and the environment by ensuring that remedial actions will be conducted at a site where a release of hazardous substances has occurred. It also 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 PLPs 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 PLPs agreed 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 ExxonMobil ADC 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, and Budd Inlet.

Other Port Gardner Puget Sound Initiative sites that are currently under Agreed Orders for cleanup include:

- JELD-WEN Site: A former 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 former marine services and general industrial site, located between 11th and 14th Streets at West Marine View Drive.
- North Marina Ameron Hulbert: A former sawmill and current concrete pole manufacturing facility, located between 11th and 13th Streets at West Marine View Drive.
- Bay Wood Products: A former sawmill and log storage facility, located at 200 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/sites/psi/everett/psi_everett.html.

What Happens Next?

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

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

ExxonMobil ADC Site

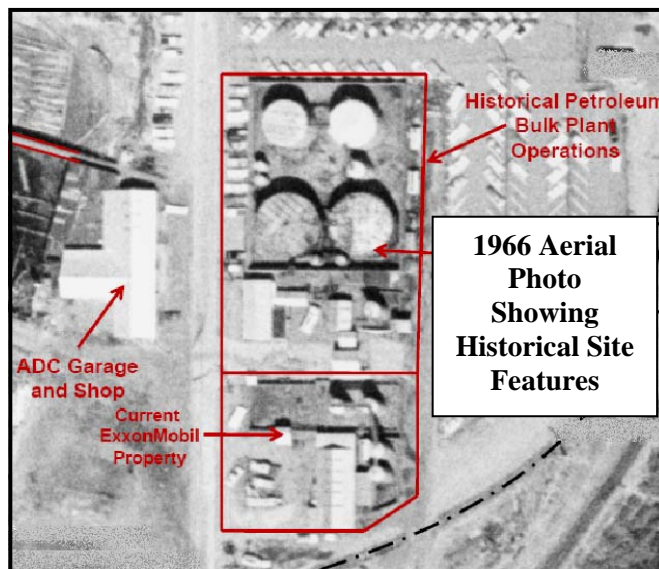
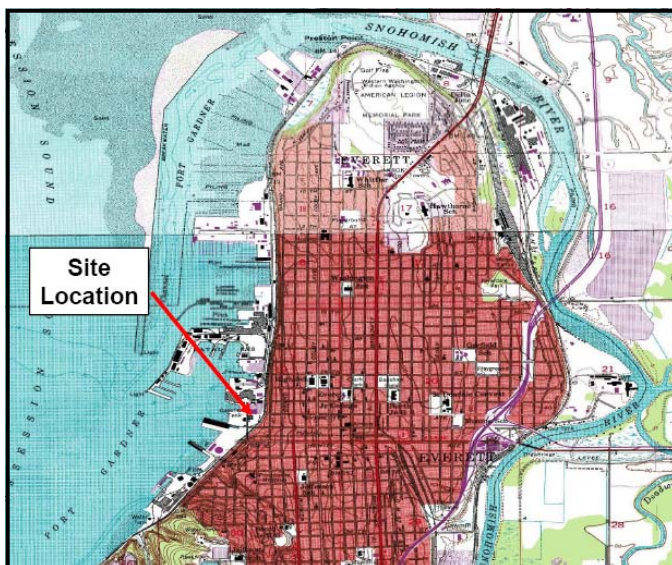
For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, workshops, hearings, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

The ExxonMobil ADC Site is generally located at 2717 and 2731 Federal Avenue, on Port Gardner Bay, Everett, WA. (Map Sources: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps, Everett and Marysville Quadrangles, Photo Revised, 1968 and 1973; and Washington Department of Transportation Historical Aerial, July 29, 1966)

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. Get more detailed information by reviewing the supporting documents at the locations listed on the first 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.





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