

## **Agreed Order for Cleanup Activities and State Environmental Policy Act Determination Available for Public Comment**

### **Cleanup Continues**

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Port of Tacoma (Port) are proposing to enter into an Agreed Order (legal document) to continue work at the Citifor cleanup site in Maytown. This agreement requires the Port to complete:

- A Remedial Investigation (RI) to determine nature and extent of contamination.
- A Feasibility Study (FS) to examine feasible cleanup options.
- A report detailing results of the RI and FS.
- Interim action (partial cleanup) activities.

As part of the cleanup, Ecology has completed a **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)** review of the site and determined that the proposed Interim Actions will not result in significant harm to the environment (Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)). The SEPA checklist and DNS are also available for public review and comment at this time. For more information about SEPA, see page 2.

### **Ecology Wants Your Input!**

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Agreed Order. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. **Comments will be accepted August 25 - September 25, 2008.**

### **Site History**

In 2006, the Port of Tacoma purchased the 745- acre Citifor Inc. site property, located generally at 13120 Tilley Road South in Maytown. The site was used historically to manufacture and distribute dynamite and other explosives. These operations, which ended in 1993, resulted in asbestos, lead, petroleum and dinitrotoluene (DNT) contamination of soil.

### **Comments Accepted**

August 25 - September 25, 2008

#### **Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

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#### **Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/citifor/citifor\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/citifor/citifor_hp.html)

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Several cleanup actions have been taken at the site by previous owners. These include:

- Interim Action at the Drum Burial Area.
- Explosive Hazard Assessment to minimize safety hazards and locate any buried foundations, conduits and other structures.
- Development of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study work plan.
- Pre-sampling vegetation and explosives clearing activities.
- Soil sampling.
- Groundwater sampling.

Since taking ownership of the site, the Port has conducted the following cleanup activities:

- Sympathetic detonation (see box below) at locations where nitroglycerin was handled.
- Completion of a draft soil cleanup report for the drum burial area interim action.
- Completion of a draft Remedial Investigation report.
- Removal of 6,429 tons of DNT-contaminated soil and transport to a disposal site.
- Soil sampling.
- Groundwater monitoring.

Ecology and the Port agree that additional remedial work is required at the site including preparation of reports summarizing work to date and additional cleanup activities.

### **What Happens Next?**

Ecology will consider public comment on the proposed Agreed Order and the order will be changed if necessary. Results of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study will guide the selection of the final cleanup remedy.

After the requirements of this Agreed Order have been satisfied, Ecology will draft a Cleanup Action Plan which outlines the final cleanup activities. A new Agreed Order for Cleanup Action Plan will be available for public comment.



### **What is SEPA?**

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires state and local agencies to review all projects that may have a negative impact on the environment. This includes cleanup projects. The result of a review is called a **SEPA determination**.

Ecology is issuing a **Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Interim Action**. A DNS means that the project will probably not cause significant negative effects on the environment or local community. The public is welcome to review the decision and provide comments to Ecology during this comment period.

For more information about SEPA, visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/e-review.html>



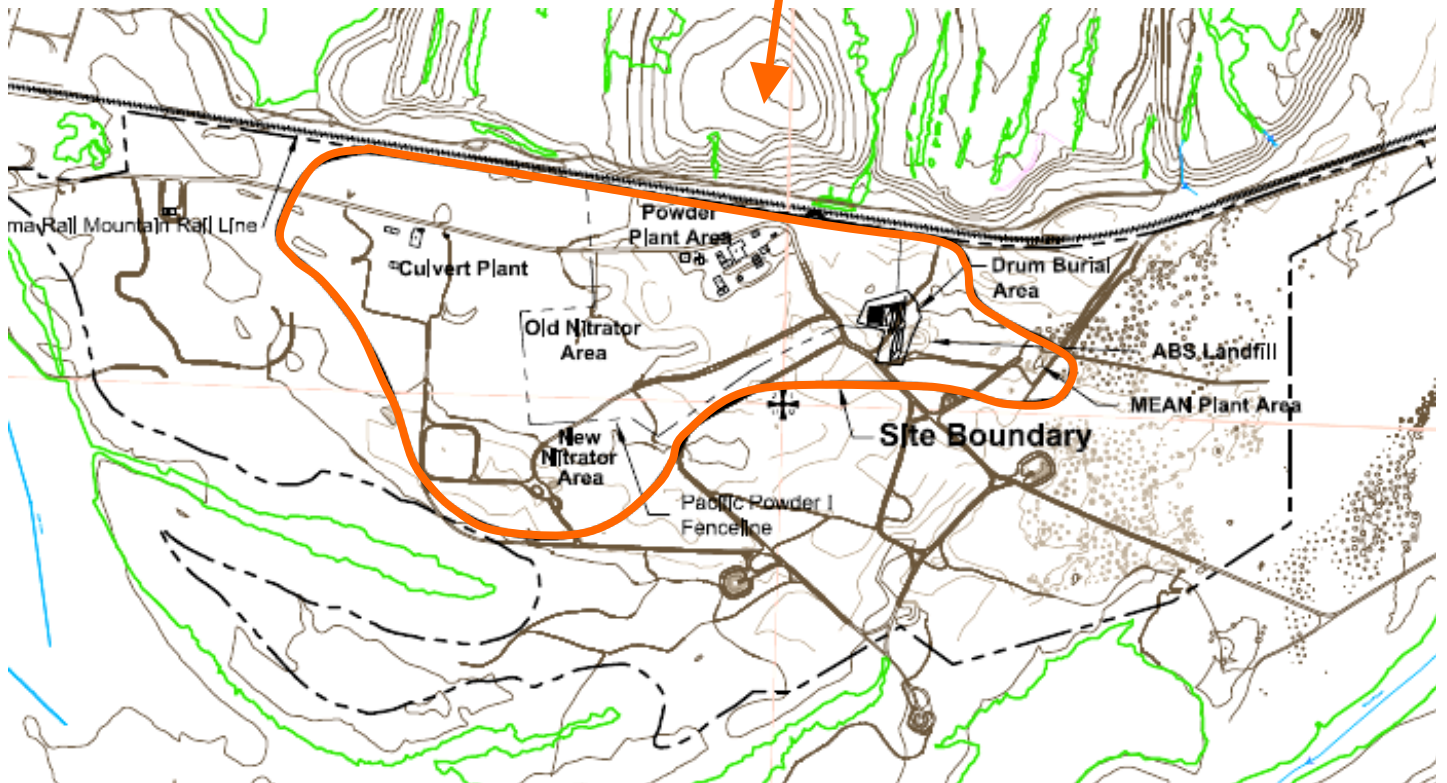
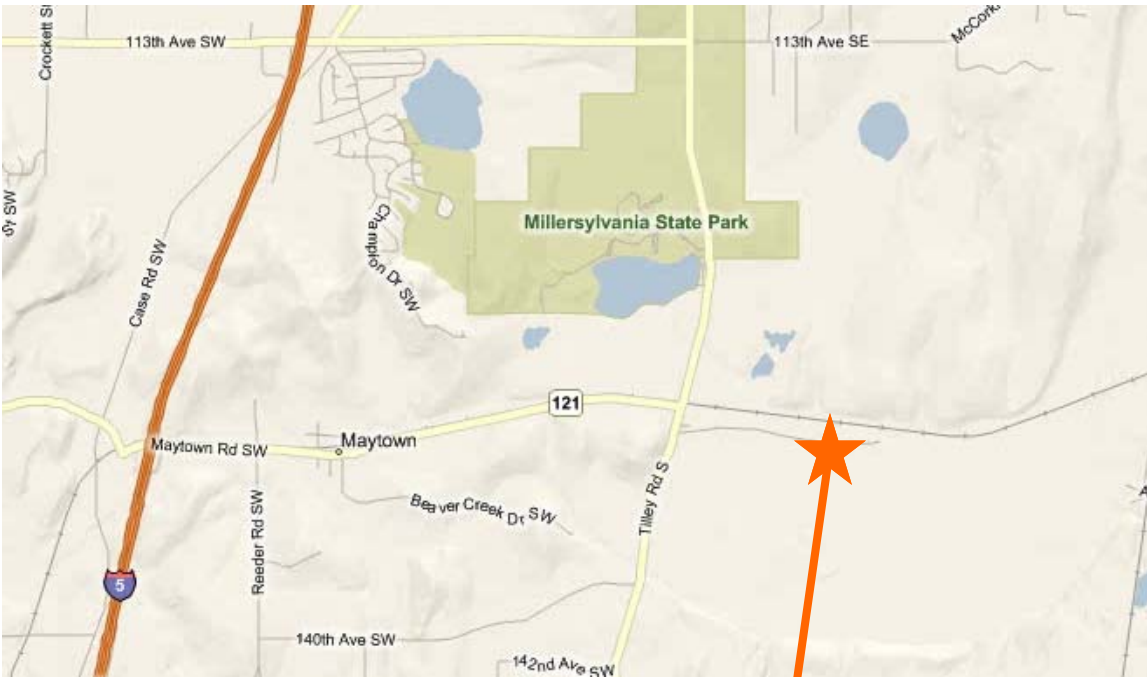
### **What is Sympathetic Detonation?**

In 2006, in areas where nitroglycerin (an ingredient in dynamite) was historically used, an Explosive Hazard Assessment was conducted to ensure that the area was safe for cleanup work.

The final step of this assessment was the sympathetic detonation. In six locations, controlled explosions were used to destroy any nitroglycerin still present in the soil. Results of this detonation indicated that there was no nitroglycerin remaining in the soil in these areas.



Site Location





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## **Citifor Inc. Maytown, WA**

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