

Interim Action Work Plan and SEPA Determination Available for Public Review and Comment

In 2007, Ecology entered into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with Hardel Mutual Plywood (Hardel) to begin the cleanup of contamination found on their property, located east of West Bay Drive in Olympia. A Remedial Investigation and a supplemental investigation completed in 2009 revealed contamination was migrating towards Budd Inlet.

Hardel is proposing to complete an Interim Action (partial cleanup) to remove the source of contamination and to prevent it from reaching Budd Inlet. They have drafted an Interim Action Work Plan that details the steps that will be taken to remove contamination.

A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review was done to make sure that the proposed activities will not result in adverse impacts to the environment. A Determination of Non-Significance and the checklist are now available for comment.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Action Work Plan, SEPA Checklist and SEPA Determination. You are invited to:

- **Review** the documents at the locations listed to the right (in the blue box).
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. **Comments will be accepted until January 29, 2010**

What Happens Next?

- Ecology will review and consider all comments received during the comment period.
- Ecology will draft a response to comments in a Responsiveness Summary, distribute it to those who commented and post it online.
- The Interim Actions will likely be taken in the Spring 2010.
- Ecology will determine if additional cleanup actions are needed and will draft a Cleanup Action Plan outlining what steps will be taken to complete cleanup.
- A public comment period will be held for the Cleanup Action Plan.

Comments Accepted

**December 21, 2009 through
January 29, 2010**

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/hardel/hardel_hp.html

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Site Background

The Hardel Mutual Plywood site is located at 1210 West Bay Drive NW in Olympia. The site is about 17.8 acres and extends from the railway right-of-way along West Bay drive east into intertidal and sub-tidal areas of Budd Inlet. Approximately 6.7 acres of the site are upland and 11.1 acres are tidelands.

From 1924 through 1996, the property was used for logging and lumber related businesses. Hardel operated a plywood manufacturing business on the property from 1951 until 1996. The company ended operations after a fire severely damaged buildings on site. Those buildings have since been removed and only foundation walls, concrete slabs and drainage systems are still present on the site.

Historical site activities resulted in the release of petroleum products to soil and groundwater. Investigations at the site in 2004 confirmed presence of contamination, including:

- Heavy oil and diesel petroleum hydrocarbons in groundwater and soil.
- Free floating petroleum hydrocarbons on the northwest side of the property.
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in soil (north area of property) and in groundwater (south area of property).

A Remedial Investigation (RI) was completed in 2007. Two areas of concern were identified for both soil and groundwater. A supplemental investigation revealed that contamination was moving in groundwater towards Budd Inlet.

Proposed Interim Actions

Hardel conducted a Feasibility Study in 2009 and examined possible cleanup actions. In order to immediately address contamination and to prevent contamination from reaching Budd Inlet, Hardel is proposing to conduct several interim (partial cleanup) actions.

The following actions will be taken:

- Removing concrete building foundations to allow access to contaminated soil below.

- Excavating and removing contaminated soil in two areas.
- Back-filling excavation areas with clean soil.
- Removing free product.
- Soil sampling after excavation to make sure that all contamination above state cleanup standards is removed from the areas of concern.

Why is This Cleanup Important?

Decades of industrial, municipal, and naturally occurring pollution have damaged the quality, condition and ecology of Puget Sound. In May 2007, Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature approved the Puget Sound Initiative to begin work restoring the health of the Sound by 2020.

One of the objectives of the Initiative is to protect and restore Puget Sound by cleaning up contaminated sites within one-half mile of the Sound. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

Several areas in the south Sound have been identified as high priority cleanup areas for the Toxics Cleanup Program as part of this initiative. Early actions in these areas will contribute significantly to the restoration of Puget Sound. Sediment investigations in Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bay, Port Angeles Harbor, Oakland Bay, Port Gardner and Budd Inlet are underway, planned or completed.

Removing contamination from the Hardel site will reduce the chance that pollution will enter Budd Inlet and help with efforts to restore the health of the Sound.



Approximate site boundary



Proposed Interim Action Location





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