

# Site Investigation Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE site  
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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, TC Systems, Inc., is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

TC Systems, Inc. is generally located between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets off West Marine View Drive on Port Gardner Bay, in Everett, Snohomish County, WA.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration.  
Comments will be accepted *June 30 through August 2, 2010.*

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

## Site Background

Historically, Jamison Shingle Mill operated on this Site from about 1914 until about the late 1950s. The building was built on pilings over Port Gardner Bay. This enabled the mill to float logs right up to the facility. Also historically, Cruise-A-Home, Inc. operated on the site in the 1970s/early 80s. Cruise-A-Home engineered, designed, and built fiberglass boats.

## Comments Accepted

June 30 to August 2, 2010

### 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  
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By appointment only:  
Contact Carol Dorn,  
[cesg461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:cesg461@ecy.wa.gov) or  
(360) 407-7224

### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

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

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## TC Systems, Inc. Site

Currently, the Site is owned by Norton Industries, Inc., and operated since about 1979 by TC Systems, Inc. and its predecessors (MARPAK Products, Inc. and Tri Coatings, Inc.). TC Systems chemically treats and paints metal parts in support of the aviation and boating industries, and is known to use acids, bases, paints, solvents, thinners, and oils. It also prepares the metal parts by sandblasting.

In 2005, the Port of Everett sampled visible soil contamination that was found while repairing a stormwater pipeline located near the North Marina Ameron/Hulbert and TC Systems property line. Test results showed that the concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and arsenic in soil were greater than state Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup levels. Concentrations of arsenic in groundwater were also greater than MTCA cleanup levels. The North Marina Ameron/Hulbert site is currently being investigated under a separate Agreed Order with Ecology.

A sample of the settled material (i.e., sediment) in a stormwater catchbasin on the Site was collected in 2009. Test results showed that the concentrations of five metals (cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, and zinc) and two different PCBs were greater than state sediment management standards for these pollutants.

TC Systems conducted Phase I and Phase II site investigations of soil and groundwater on the Site in 2009. The test results of one groundwater sample showed that total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), specifically diesel and oil, were greater than MTCA cleanup levels for groundwater.

More study is needed to fully characterize the contamination at the TC Systems, Inc. Site.

### Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document between Ecology, and Norton Industries and TC Systems. 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:

- Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It explains the work needed to look for and analyze contamination in Site media (e.g., soil and groundwater).
- 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 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 MTCA cleanup law.

### Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and the PLPs are committed to providing the public with timely

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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 TC Systems, Inc. Site. These cleanup actions will help 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets at West Marine View Drive.
- Bay Wood Products: A former sawmill and log storage facility, located at 200 West Marine View Drive.
- ExxonMobil ADC: A former petroleum storage and distribution facility, located at 2717 and 2731 Federal Avenue.

For more information about the sites in Port Gardner Bay, contact Andy Kallus at (360) 407-7259 or [andrew.kallus@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:andrew.kallus@ecy.wa.gov), or go to: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/psi/everett/psi\\_everett.html](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.

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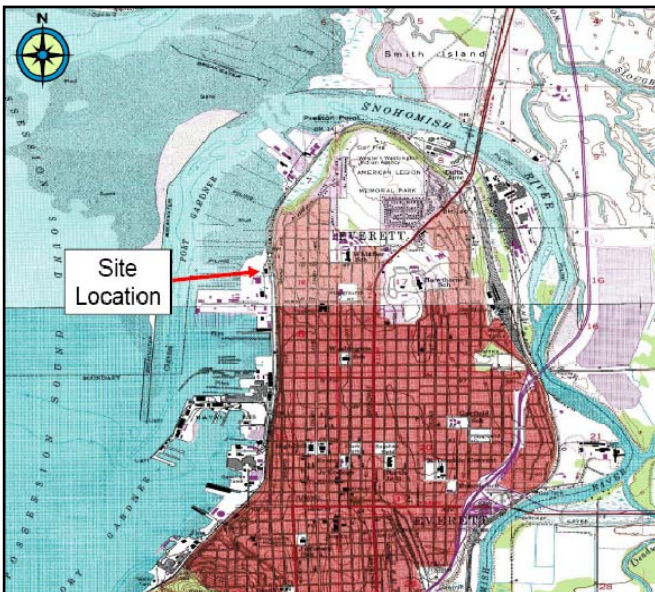
For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, workshops, hearings, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

**The TC Systems, Inc. Site is generally located between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets off West Marine View Drive, on Port Gardner Bay, Everett, WA.** (Map Sources: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Maps, Everett and Marysville Quadrangles, Photo Revised, 1968 and 1973; and 2009 Google Imagery)

### 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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