

Recent Updates

On March 25, 2010, Department of Ecology signed an Agreed Order with Rayonier Properties LLC (Rayonier). The agreement requires Rayonier to plan cleanup of the Study Area—a 1,400 acre portion of the site. A public comment period ran from February 1—March 5, but Ecology waited to sign the Agreed Order until public comments were reviewed and addressed. The signature date now starts the clock on Rayonier's work.

Responsiveness Summary Available

Thirty-four individuals, groups, and agencies commented during the February 1 - March 5, 2010, comment period. Ecology's Responsiveness Summary addresses general public concerns and answers a number of specific questions. The box to the right describes where to find the document.

The most common concern is that the three-year Agreed Order schedule is too long. This is the most realistic timeframe for the amount of work that needs to be done. Other general public concerns include

- How the Agreed Order will be enforced.
- Cleanup levels and future uses of the mill property.
- Increasing public involvement opportunities.
- Landfill disposal of waste materials from the site.
- Rayonier's role in the cleanup.
- The involvement of Harbor-Works Public Development Authority.

Ecology did not make any changes to the Agreed Order as a result of public comment. However, the agency is committed to keeping Rayonier on track, considering public concerns in cleanup plans for the Study Area, and providing more updates and review opportunities for the public.

What's Next

Rayonier must submit its Draft Work Plan for Supplemental Upland Data Collection within 45 days of the Agreed Order signature date. This plan guides further sampling on the upland portion of the Study Area, expected to start over the summer. There will not be a formal comment period, but the Final Work Plan will be available for public review and questions.

What's Next?

Rayonier is working on their Draft Work Plan for Supplemental Upland Data Collection.

The public may review the Final Work Plan, though there will be no formal comment period.

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

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What's New?

- Ecology signed a new Agreed Order on March 25, 2010. The agreement is to plan for cleanup of a portion of the site.
- Responses to public comments are now available in the Responsiveness Summary

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