

## **Work Plan and SEPA Determination Available for Public Comment**

The Department of Ecology entered into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with White Birch Group, LLC and E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company (the potentially liable parties or PLPs) to begin cleanup of contamination at the Superlon Plastics property in January 2009.

As part of this agreement, Ecology is requiring the PLPs to conduct an Interim Action (partial cleanup action). The PLPs have drafted an Interim Action Work Plan which describes several steps that will be taken to immediately address contamination (including building demolition, soil removal and capping).

In addition, the PLPs did a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review of the Interim Action to make sure the proposed activities would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Ecology reviewed the SEPA checklist and made a Determination of Non-Significance. The checklist and determination are now available for comment.

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

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Action Work Plan, SEPA checklist and the SEPA Determination of Non-Significance. You are invited to:

- **Review** the documents. See box to the right for information on where to find them.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. **Comments will be accepted until February 25, 2010.**

### **What Happens Next?**

- Ecology will review and consider comments received during the comment period and make changes to the document (s) if appropriate.
- At the end of the comment period, Ecology will create a responsiveness summary document which will contain all of the comments received and Ecology's responses. This document will be sent to all those who commented and will be posted online.
- The Interim Action will likely begin in early 2010.
- The Remedial Investigation will begin in the Spring 2010.
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### **Comments Accepted**

January 25 - February 25, 2010

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

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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/SuperlonPlastics/SupPlas\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/SuperlonPlastics/SupPlas_hp.html)

**Facility Site ID# 2776343**

## Site Background

Historical use of the property - lead-arsenate production and wood treatment and lumber facility - led to soil and groundwater contamination. Ecology discovered the contamination after a site inspection in 1990. Several contaminants were detected above state cleanup levels in soil, groundwater and standing water. Contaminants include arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury, gasoline and diesel range hydrocarbons, pentachlorophenol, tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, vinyl chloride, and chloromethane. Since 1990, the Environmental Protection Agency and Ecology have completed investigations at the property.

As part of the Governor's Puget Sound Initiative, an effort to restore the health of Puget Sound by 2020, the Toxics Cleanup Program received resources to accelerate cleanups near the Sound. Ecology began to reevaluate sites within this area where there had been no action due to lack of resources. Superlon, and several other sites, were evaluated and became high priority sites.

Ecology entered into an Agreed Order with the PLPs in 2009 to begin cleanup work. For information about the proposed Interim Action, see page 3.

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## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like more information about worker safety, please contact:

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## What is the State Environmental Policy Act?

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>

## PARTIAL CLEANUP ACTIONS 1996-2009

Several Interim Actions have been taken since contamination was discovered in 1990. These include:

- Removal of pipe insulation containing asbestos
- Dust removal in Building B
- Floor cleaning in Building C
- Soil excavation and removal related to former tank near Building C
- Short-term groundwater treatment



**Superlon Plastics Site Location**



**What Is Proposed?** An Interim Action is proposed to facilitate the Remedial Investigation and reduce the amount of contamination on the property. The Interim Action will be done in phases and includes:

- **Installation of a gravel cap** on the ground behind and next to Buildings A and B and in the basement of Building B.
- **Debris removal** in the basement of Building B.
- **Demolition** and removal of Building B.
- **Removal and treatment of surface water** from Building B basement.



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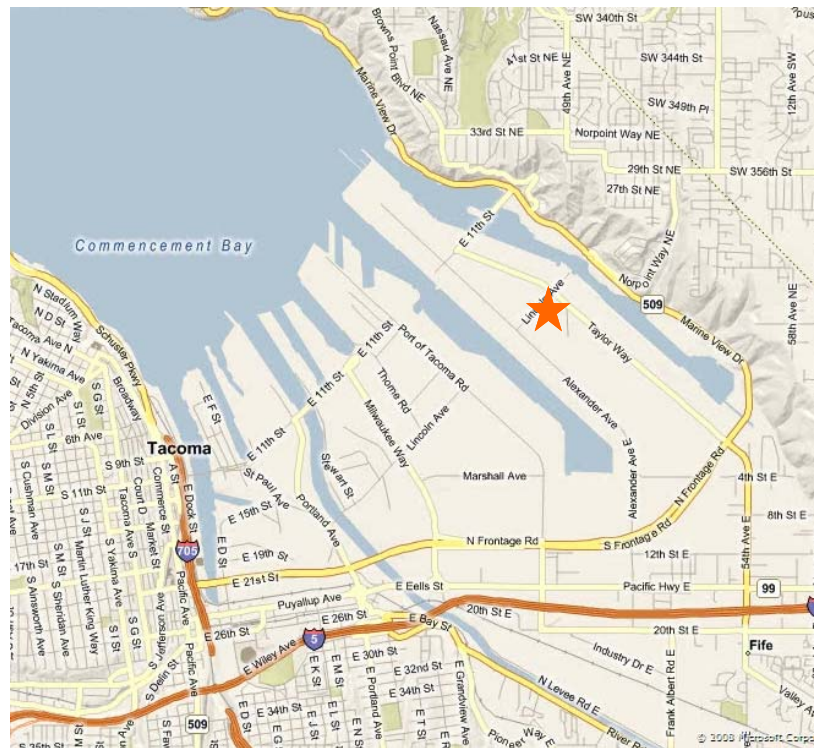
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### **Comment Period for Work Plan and SEPA Determination**

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