

Public Comment Period

The Department of Ecology is entering into an Agreed Order with CanAm Minerals, Inc. (CanAm) for cleanup of the Tru-Grit Abrasives (Tru-Grit) site.

Ecology invites you to comment on the proposed legal agreement from June 5, 2012. The box at the right shows where to review site documents and how to submit comments.

Site Background

Tru-Grit is located at 1110 East Alexander Avenue in the Tacoma tideflats. The Port of Tacoma owns the property. Tru-Grit receives grit from a defunct copper mine and processes it for use in roofing products and as sandblast grit. The grit contains high levels of copper and zinc.

Ecology inspections from 2005 - 2011 found that grit had escaped from a storage pile at Tru-Grit. The grit has been found around the property, under a ship-to-shore conveyor, and in Blair Waterway sediments. In 2008, sediment sampling found copper and zinc contamination in the Blair Waterway near Tru-Grit.

In 2007, Ecology issued a water quality enforcement order for the property. CanAm requested that they not be required to clean up the site until close to the time Tru-Grit's lease would end. As part of a settlement, CanAm is now beginning cleanup under the state's toxics cleanup law.

Cleanup Process

The proposed Agreed Order requires CanAm to do the following:

- A remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination.
- A feasibility study to compare cleanup options.

Ecology will then pick a cleanup option and develop a cleanup action plan. When it is ready, Ecology will put the draft plan out for public comment.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period:

- Ecology will respond to public comments and questions.
- Ecology will finalize the Agreed Order.
- CanAm will then begin the remedial investigation.

Comments Accepted

June 5 — July 5, 2012

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

1102 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

535 Dock Street, Suite 213
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 383-2429

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
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By appointment only:

Contact Debbie Nelson,
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

[https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/
Sitepage.aspx?csid=1294](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=1294)

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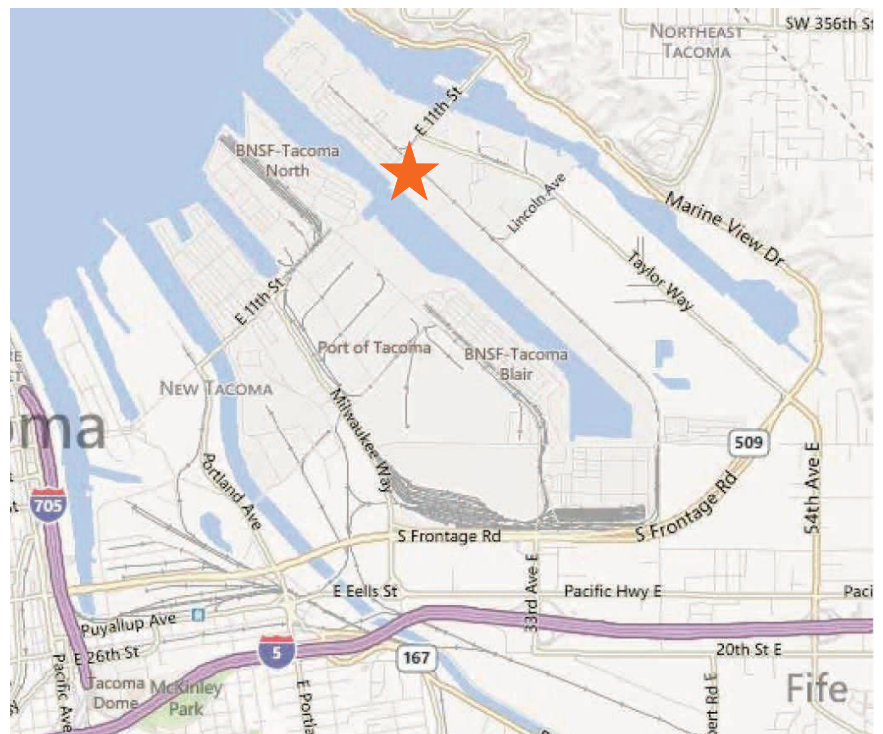
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