

Public Comment Period

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is entering into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with the Port of Tacoma (the port) for the Earley Business Center (EBC) site.

Ecology invites you to comment on the proposed legal agreement. The comment period runs from **February 11 through March 13, 2013**. The box at the right shows where to review site documents and how to submit comments.

Site Background

Tacoma Port Earley Business Center (EBC) is located at 401 Alexander Avenue in the Tacoma tide flats. During World War I, a shipyard and sawmill operated on the site. Shipbuilding resumed during World War II. Parts of the property were used for ship repair, dismantling, and salvage until about 1960.

The Port purchased the EBC property in 1960. The Port leased out the site for a variety of businesses and industries. In 1983, the US Environmental Protection Agency designated much of the Tacoma tide flats as a national Superfund site. EBC is located within the Superfund site. Contaminants include chlorinated solvents, PCBs, pesticides, and metals (especially zinc).

Cleanup Process

The proposed Agreed Order requires the port to do:

- A **compilation report** describing past investigations and cleanup actions at the site.
- A **remedial investigation** to determine the nature and extent of contamination. The port will collect more data in some areas.
- A **feasibility study** to compare cleanup options.
- A **draft cleanup action plan** describing the cleanup actions picked. Ecology will develop the final draft cleanup plan.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period:

- Ecology will respond to public comments and questions.
- Ecology will finalize the agreed order.
- The port will begin the investigation and cleanup.
- Ecology will put the cleanup plan and a legal agreement for cleanup out for public comment when they are ready.

Comments Accepted

February 11–March 13 2013

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Public Involvement Questions:

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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
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:

Contact Debbie Nelson,
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2395>

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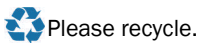




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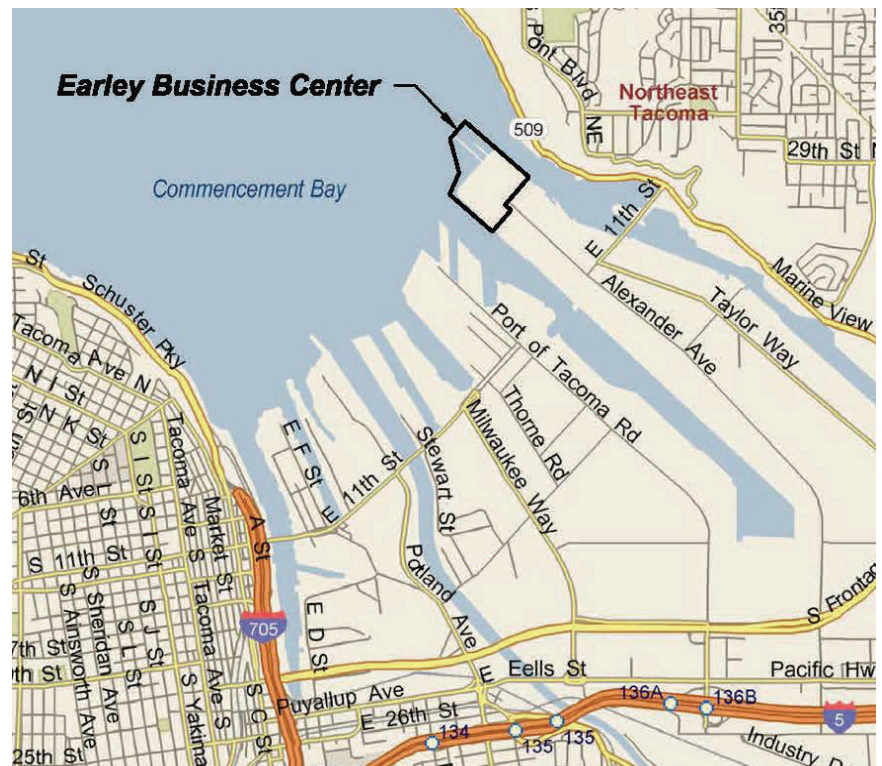
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Tacoma Port Earley Business Center Site, 401 Alexander Ave., Tacoma