

# **USG Taylor Way Plant Site**

### **Toxics Cleanup Program**

# **Proposed Amendment to Agreed Order**

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes amending the agreed order for the USG Taylor Way Plant site. You may comment on this decision from **February 6 - March 9, 2015**. The box to the right shows where you can submit comments and how to find:

- The agreed order amendment.
- The 2006 agreed order (legal agreement).

# Background

This 9 acre site is located at 2301 Taylor Way in Tacoma, along the shore of the Hylebos Waterway. The Port of Tacoma owns the site.

USG owned and operated a plant at the site from 1959 to 1996. The plant produced rock wool (an insulating and fireproofing material) using slag from the Asarco smelter. Thermafiber bought the property in 1996 and continued operating the plant until 2002. Arsenic and other heavy metals are in soil and groundwater on site.

## Site Investigation

In 2006, Ecology, the USG corporation, and the Port of Tacoma entered into an agreed order. The order required USG and the port to complete a remedial investigation (RI) and a feasibility study (FS) to determine the extent of contamination and study cleanup options.

In 2010, USG and the port partially completed the tasks in the order. Ecology requested that they get more data to better understand the extent of contamination.

# **Agreed Order Amendment**

Ecology has determined this amendment is necessary to:

- Require a more comprehensive supplemental RI report that includes newer data.
- Revise and update the schedule for completing the FS.
- Add a requirement for the draft cleanup action plan.

# What Happens Next

After the comment period, we will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary. We will send this to those who commented and post it to our website. We will also finalize the agreed order amendment.

# February 2015

### **Comments Accepted**

February 6 – March 9, 2015

#### Send Comments and Questions to

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Public Involvement Questions Audrey Kuklok (360) 407-0067 Audrey.Kuklok@ecy.wa.gov

### **DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS**

Tacoma Public Library 1102 Tacoma Ave. South Tacoma, WA 98402 (253) 292-2001

Citizens for a Healthy Bay 535 Dock St, Suite 213 Tacoma, WA 98402 (253) 383-2429

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503 By appointment only: Contact Susie Baxter, (360) 407-6365 or Susan.Baxter@ecy.wa.gov

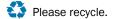
#### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/ Sitepage.aspx?csid=5003

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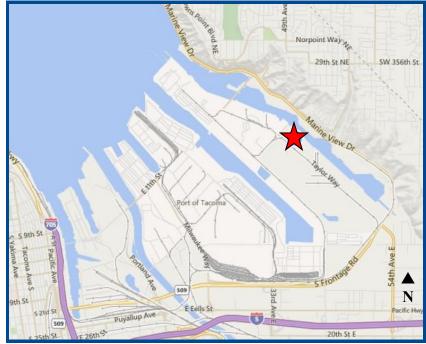
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The USG Interiors Inc. site is located at 2301 Taylor Way, Tacoma, WA 98421.