

# WEST COAST DOOR



West Coast Door vicinity

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March 2nd to April 3rd, 2017

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Facility Site ID #: 6308485  
Cleanup Site ID #: 2599

## Cleanup is beginning at the West Coast Door site! Draft legal agreement available for public comment

The Washington Department of Ecology is working with site property owners to clean up contamination from historic creosote treating operations. A Goodwill Outlet store occupies most of the West Coast Door site now.

Ecology and the property owners are entering into a formal legal agreement called an agreed order to study the extent of contamination and make a cleanup plan.

## Ecology wants to hear from you!

We will invite comments on the draft agreed order from **March 2—April 3, 2017**. The new agreed order requires West Coast Door to:

- Describe the types and extent of contamination, and weigh cleanup options through a remedial investigation report and feasibility study (RI/FS).
- Choose cleanup methods through a draft cleanup action plan.

The agreed order also allows the property owners to partly clean up a site before the final cleanup plan is complete. These partial cleanups are called interim actions. If there are opportunities for interim actions, a public comment period will be held for the proposed actions.

A draft public participation plan is also available for review. The plan describes the tools Ecology will use to inform the public and gather feedback.

The blue box on the left shows where to submit comments and where you can review documents.

## Site history

From the early 1900s to the 1930s, the Buffelen Pipe and Creosote Company/American Wood Pipe Company made and treated wood pipes at the West Coast Door site. They used creosote to make their wooden pipes durable and watertight. A creosote retort (see image on page 2) was filled



with raw wood and creosote, then pressurized to embed the creosote into the wood.

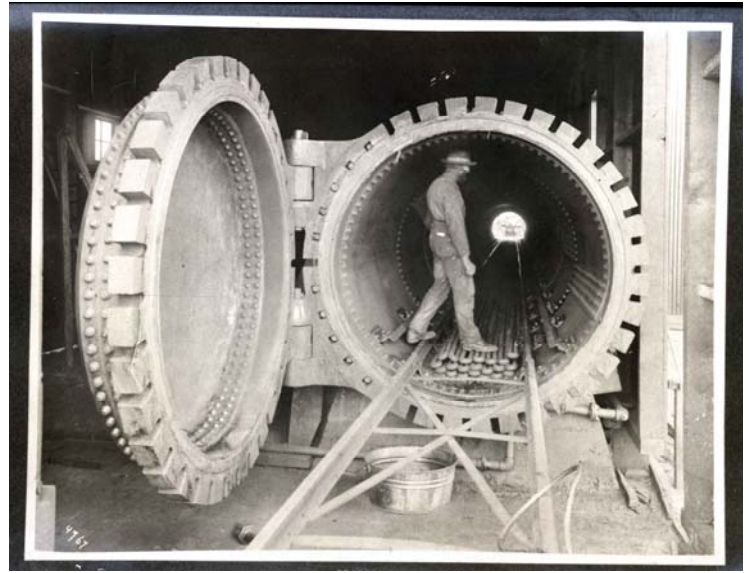
Monarch Door Manufacturing Company began operating on the site after pipe manufacturing stopped in the 1930s. West Coast Door, Inc. purchased the property in the 1950s and made wood-veneered fiberboard doors there until the mid 1980s.

Today, a Goodwill Outlet store operates on the site. Contaminated soil is largely covered by pavement.

## Contamination

Decades of treating wood on site led to creosote-related compounds contaminating the soil and groundwater. Contaminants identified so far include:

- Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), primarily naphthalene and;
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX)



Creosote retort used for telephone poles. Image courtesy of the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum. The retort used at the West Coast Door site for wood pipes was likely smaller than this.

## Is drinking water safe?

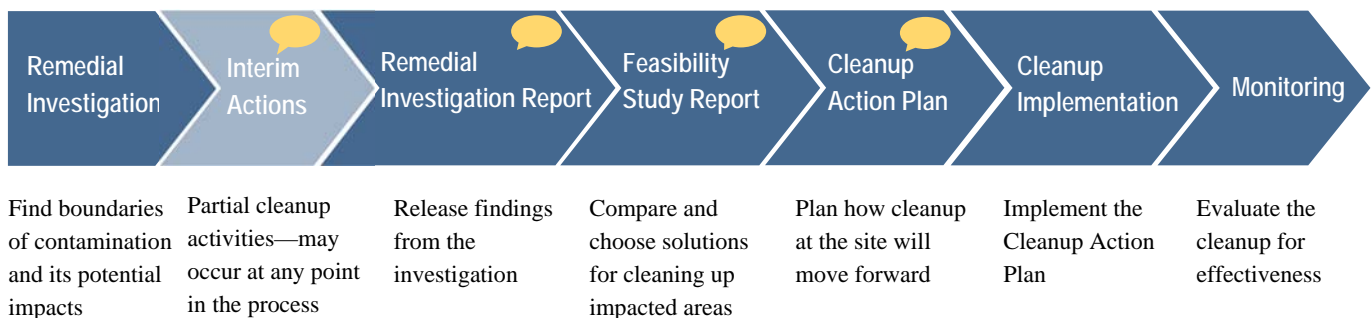
Yes. Public drinking water in homes and businesses around the West Coast Door site comes from public water systems that are separate from the groundwater under the West Coast Door site. The Washington Department of Health regularly monitors these water systems to be sure the water is safe.

## What happens next?

The diagram below shows our process for cleanup, and public comment opportunities. After this comment period ends, we will reply to any comments we received. We will then finalize the agreed order. Next, the property owners will study exactly what types of contamination are on site and how much there is. Then they will define and evaluate cleanup options and make a cleanup action plan.

Once the documents required by the agreed order are finished and reviewed by Ecology, we will make them available for public comment. A second agreed order will be required before implementing the cleanup action plan.

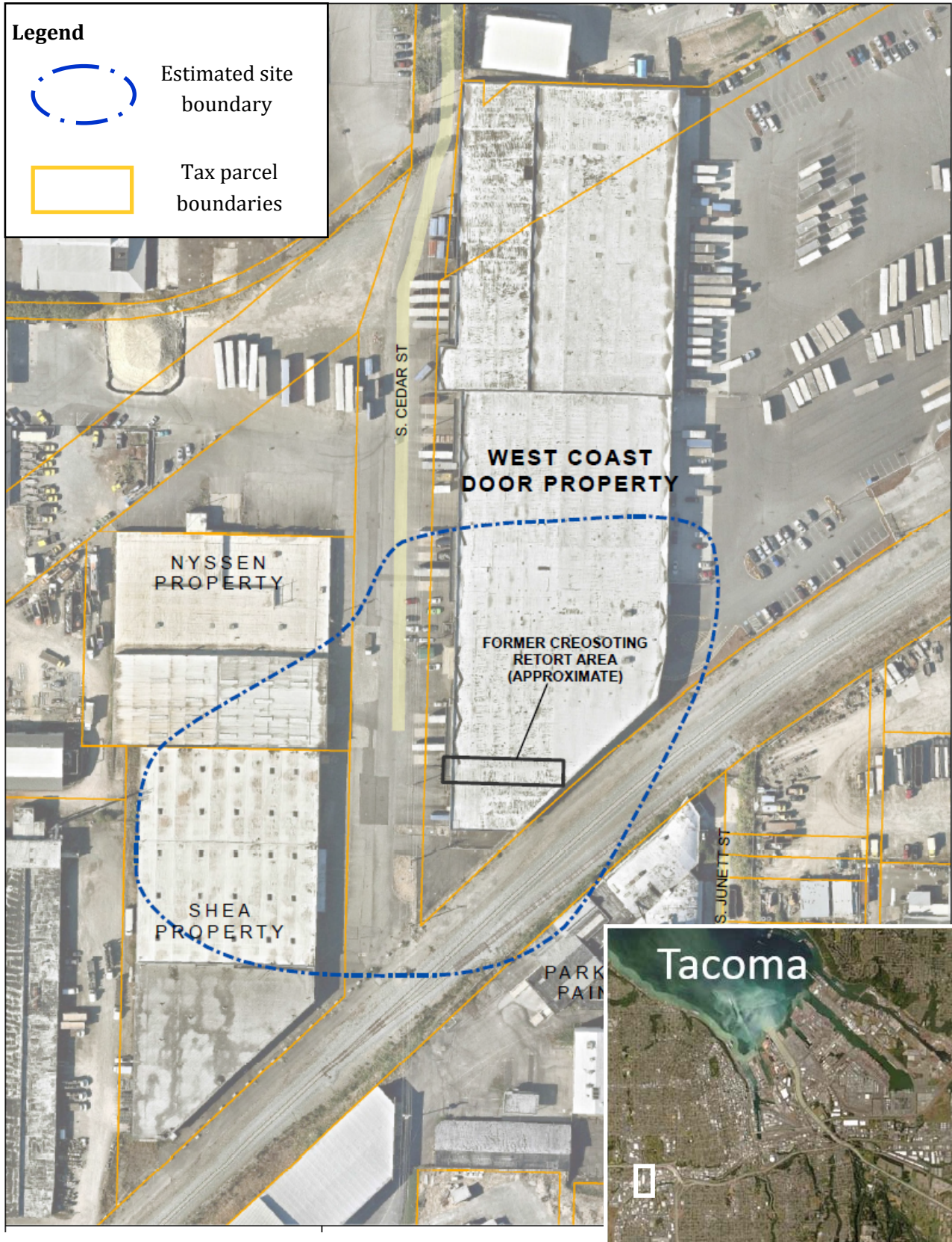
## ECOLOGY'S BASIC CLEANUP PROCESS



 Opportunities for public comment. We encourage feedback. Public comment periods are held at key times during the cleanup process.



## Site Map



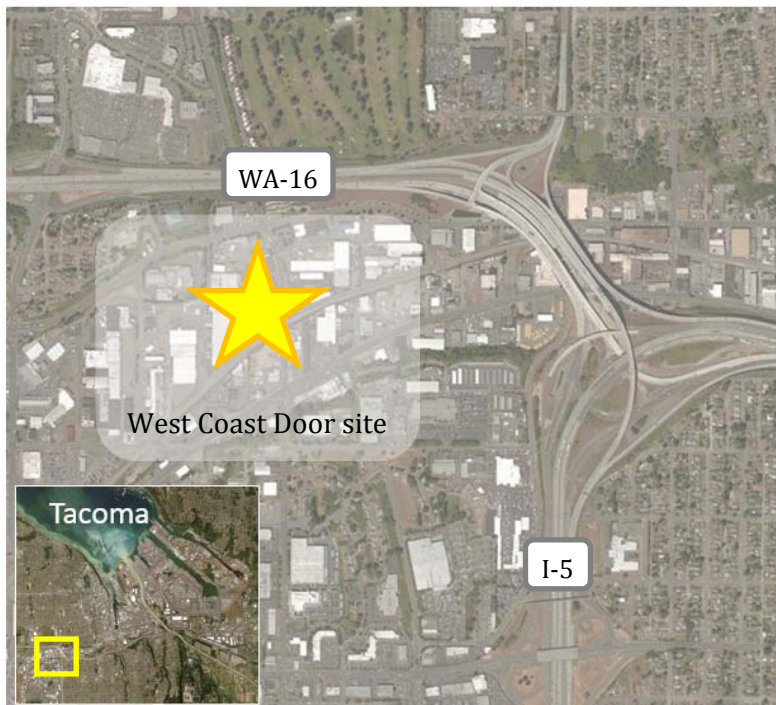
West Coast Door site, 3102 and 3120 S. Pine St., Tacoma WA



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## Join the discussion about the West Coast Door cleanup site!



Ecology seeks public comment on cleanup agreement

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March 2—April 3, 2017

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