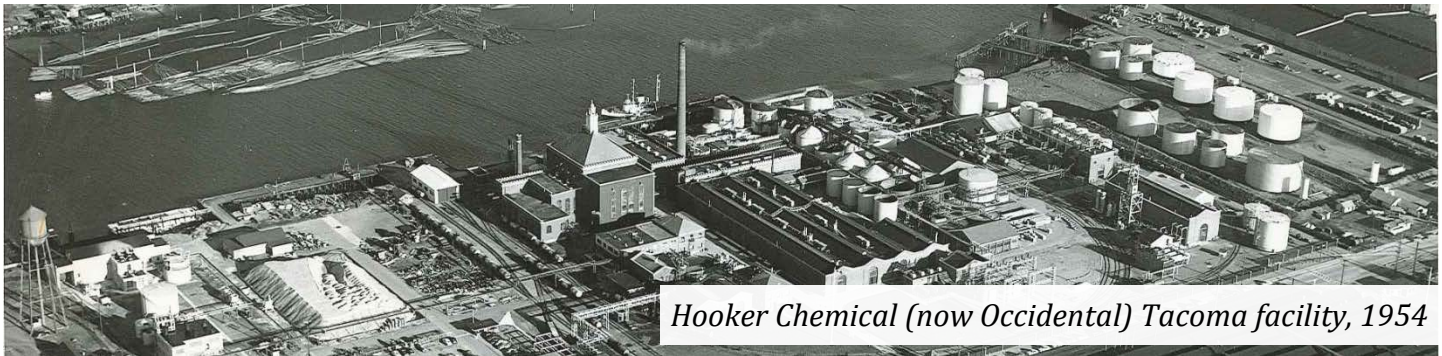


Ecology’s responses to public comments available for Occidental Chemical Corporation’s Tacoma site



Hooker Chemical (now Occidental) Tacoma facility, 1954

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Come to our open house!

When: Weds., Nov. 28 4:30-7 p.m.

Where: Tacoma Public Library Main Branch, Wheelock Meeting Room – 1102 Tacoma Ave S Tacoma, WA 98402

Response Summary available at:

Department of Ecology
 Southwest Regional Office
 300 Desmond Dr. SE
 Lacey, WA 98503
 Call for hours: 360-407-6365

Citizens for a Healthy Bay
 535 Dock St., Suite 213
 Tacoma, WA 98402
 Call for hours: 253-383-2429

Mary Rose Kobetich Library
 212 Browns Point Blvd. NE
 Tacoma, WA 98422
 Call for hours: 253-248-7265

Facility Site ID: 1212
 Site Cleanup ID: 4326

Ecology’s response to comments now available

Last year, we accepted public comments on documents for Occidental Chemical Corporation’s hazardous waste cleanup site in Tacoma. These documents included the draft Feasibility Study, Agreed Order, and related documents.

Our responses to public comments are now available in our Responsiveness Summary. In this report, you will find detailed answers to major concerns people raised. You’ll also find technical reports and memos we developed after digging deeper into tough technical issues brought up by public comments.

Comment themes

We received thoughtful comments from over 140 people in emails, letters, and verbal testimony. Those who commented include the Puyallup Tribe, local organizations, local governments, and individuals - all who care deeply about this cleanup and the health of local waterways.

The major concerns the comments raised include:

- Human health concerns.
- Ecological risk, protection, and restoration.
- The extent of the current and future contaminant plume.
- Natural disasters and climate change.
- Cleanup to the maximum extent practicable.
- Paying for cleanup.
- Cleanup technologies and options.
- Addressing pH contamination.
- Protecting workers and the environment during cleanup.
- Impacts to and from neighboring projects.
- Long-term monitoring and the cleanup process.

We provide in-depth responses to these comment themes in the Responsiveness Summary.

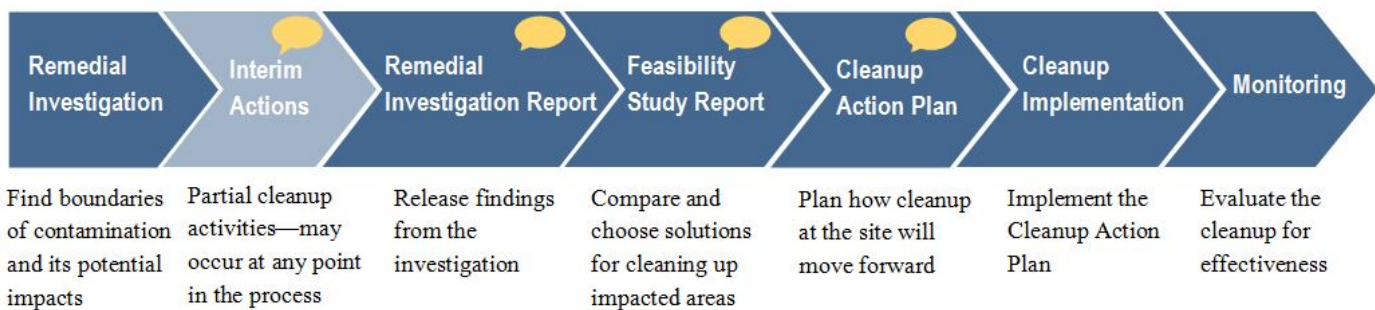
Ecology’s decisions

We have approved the documents as final. However, we have made revisions based on public comments. In addition, Ecology and Occidental agreed to non-substantive changes to the Agreed Order. The changes updated the scope of work to reflect the current project status and to incorporate approved work plans as attachments. The Agreed Order will be signed later this year and posted on our webpage. You will find the complete list of final documents on [Ecology’s Occidental Chemical Corporation site webpage](#).¹

Next steps

The FS is an important part of our state’s cleanup process. The draft FS outlined practicable cleanup options for this Site. The next step is for Ecology to decide on a proposed remedy in the draft Cleanup Action Plan. Ecology is deciding on a remedy that meets MTCA requirements. Our proposed draft remedy will be outlined in the draft cleanup action plan, expected early next year.

ECOLOGY’S BASIC CLEANUP PROCESS



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

Stay informed

We will continue to keep the public informed during major decision points and times of investigative or interim work. You can sign up for our [Occidental corrective action email list](#)² or join our mailing list to receive public notices. We send updates as they are available to the Site’s email list and updates the website regularly. Finally, Ecology will hold public meetings and offer presentations to interested groups during formal public comment periods. To learn more about the public outreach process, check out the public participation plan on our website. If you have suggestions on how we can better communicate and engage with the public, e-mail Bridgette Valdez-Kogle at bridgette.valdez-kogle@ecy.wa.gov or call her at 360-407-7616.

Join us for an open house!

We’re partnering with Citizens for a Healthy Bay (CHB) to provide more information about this site at an open house. Come learn more about contamination at this site, the cleanup process, and get a status update. Staff from Ecology, CHB, and Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department will be there to answer your questions.

¹ <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4326>

² <http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?A0=OCCIDENTAL-CORRECTIVE-ACTION&X=0112A106701D785848D&Y=brva461%40ecy.wa.gov>

Español

El año pasado aceptamos comentarios públicos acerca de los borradores de los documentos sobre el medioambiente para el sitio de limpieza de residuos peligrosos de la compañía Occidental Chemical en Tacoma. Nuestras respuestas a los comentarios públicos ya están disponibles en nuestro Resumen de Receptividad. En este informe encontrará respuestas detalladas a los temas de comentarios principales.

Hemos aprobado los documentos sobre el medioambiente como definitivos. No obstante, hicimos algunas revisiones basado en los comentarios públicos. Podrá encontrar la lista completa de los documentos finales en [la página informativa web de Ecología del sitio de Occidental Chemical Corporation](#).¹ Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Kerry Graber al 360-407-7616 y solicite un intérprete.

한국어

작년에 환경부는 Tacoma에 위치한 Occidental Chemical Company의 환경 오염 처리와 관련된 문서들 초안에 대한 주민들의 의견을 듣고, 이에 대한 환경부의 의견과 답변을 책자로 만들었습니다 (Responsive Summary). 이 책자에는 주민들의 의견 중 중요하다고 판단되는 주제에 대한 자세한 답변이 실려있습니다.

환경 문서 초안들은 주민들의 의견을 참고하여 수정된 후에 최종 문서로 승인 채택되었습니다. 환경부의 [Occidental Chemical Corporation 웹사이트](#)에서 최종 문서들을 보실 수 있습니다. 질문이 있으신 경우 Kerry Graber씨에게 연락하여 통역을 요청하십시오 (전화: 360-407-7616).¹

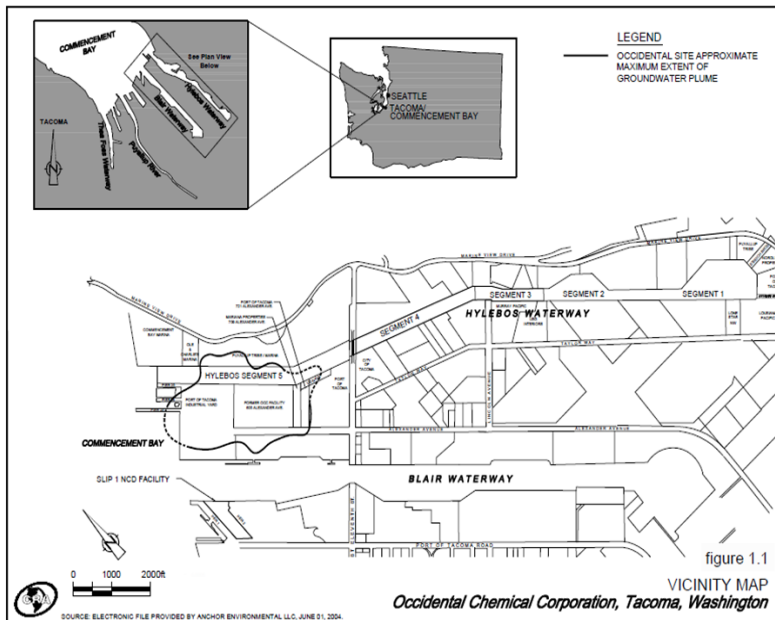
РУССКИЙ

В прошлом году мы получили комментарии общественности по поводу проекта экологических документов для объекта ликвидации последствий загрязнения опасными отходами в Такоме, принадлежащего корпорации Occidental Chemical. С нашими ответами на комментарии общественности можно ознакомиться в сводном отчете о реагировании. В отчете вы найдете подробные ответы на важнейшие вопросы, поднятые в комментариях.

Финальная версия экологических документов уже утверждена. Но мы внесли в нее поправки, основанные на комментариях общественности. Вы найдете полный перечень окончательных документов на [веб-странице Департамента экологии, посвященной объекту корпорации Occidental Chemical](#).¹ Если у вас есть вопросы, обращайтесь к Керри Грабер (Kerry Graber) по телефону 360-407-7616 и попросите предоставить услугу устного перевода.

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Update on Occidental Chemical Corporation's Tacoma cleanup site



Ecology's responses to public comments on the draft Feasibility Study, Agreed Order, and other related documents is now available.

Información en Español incluida
한국어로 번역된 자료포함
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