

Site Register



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- [Sign up to get the Site Register by email](#)¹
- Find [past issues of the Site Register](#)²
- Visit our [Public Involvement Calendar](#)³

Questions? Contact Sarah Kellington at: 360-280-3167 or sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov.

Site contacts can be found in each entry.

ADA Notice

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News & Notes

Ecology buildings are open to the public

Visitors to Ecology buildings no longer need an appointment. However, we still recommend making an appointment in advance so that the right staff person will be available.

- Visitors must complete an [online health screening](#)⁵ before entering.
- **Public meetings will remain online** until further notice. Visit our [public input and events listings](#)⁶ for information on public meetings.
- All documents for public review and comment are available online. Under **For more information** in the left-hand column of each Site Register entry, there is a link to visit the site's webpage. Documents are at the bottom of the page.

Remedial Action grant applicants: Permit condition for funding revoked

Good news! If you were awarded one of Ecology's Remedial Action grants or loans to clean up a contaminated site, you no longer need to have all of your permits in place before you can receive those funds.

In 2022, the Washington State Legislature signed [Senate Bill 5895](#)⁷, which revokes a permit condition that had been in place since April 2020. As of June 9, 2022, the permit condition no longer applies.

We've already notified current grant and loan recipients and updated our [guidance](#)⁸, and we're sharing this information broadly so future applicants are aware, too.

What was this permit condition?

The Legislature added the condition to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) for Remedial Action Grants during the 2019 session in Section 203(5) of [ESSB 5993](#)⁹. It stated:

"The department [of Ecology] may not award a grant or loan for a remedial action unless the local government has obtained all of the required permits for the action within one year of the effective date of the enacted budget ([RCW 70A.305.190\(5\)](#)¹⁰)."

Permit condition for remedial action grant funding revoked (continued)

What the revoked condition means for 2021–23 funding

Remedial Action Grant funded projects won't lose funding appropriated during the 2021–23 biennium based on the timing of their permits. After June 9, 2022, we will issue new funding notifications for any projects that received conditional funding letters. As appropriate, we'll process grant agreements and amendments for projects that are ready to proceed.

What it means for 2023–25 funding requests

Many local governments, in accordance with Ecology's guidance, had requested funding from the 2023–25

budget to replace funding from the 2021–23 budget thought to be lost due to this permit funding condition. These "replacement funds" are no longer necessary. Our staff may be reaching out to grant recipients to confirm their project funding needs.

If you have any questions about the revoked permit condition, please contact :

- Lyndsay Gordon, Budget Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program Financial Services Unit
Lyndsay.Gordon@ecy.wa.gov
360-810-1636

To learn what remedial action funding is available to you, check out the "Spills & Cleanup" list on the [Find a grant or loan webpage](#)¹¹.

Formal Cleanups

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Hungry Whale Grocery

1680 North Montesano Street
Westport

Facility Site ID# **1127**

Cleanup Site ID# **4988**

[Submit comments online](#)¹²

Or mail comments to:

Andrew Smith
Cleanup Site Manager
Department of Ecology
PO Box 47775
Olympia WA 98504-7775

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Hungry Whale Grocery webpage](#)¹³
- Contact Andrew Smith
Cleanup Site Manager
andrew.smith@ecy.wa.gov
360-485-3987

Document review locations

- Westport Timberland Library
101 E Harms Dr, Westport
- Port of Grays Harbor Main Office
111 S Wooding St, Aberdeen
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office
300 Desmond Dr SE, Lacey
by appointment

June 2–July 5: Draft cleanup documents and SEPA determination available for review and comment

We invite you to review and comment on the following documents:

- **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS):** this report describes contamination and where it is located. The report compares choices for how to clean up the contamination.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP):** This proposed plan includes removing the existing convenience store, all underground fuel storage tanks, and fuel dispenser structures. Contaminated soil will be excavated and moved off-site to an approved facility. Contaminated groundwater will be removed and treated. Groundwater will be monitored to make sure the cleanup is effective. If contamination remains at the site, the port will record an environmental covenant with the county that will be attached to the property deed, and Ecology will review conditions at the site every five years.
- **Agreed Order 20344:** this is a legal agreement between us and the Port of Grays Harbor. The port owns the property and is the potentially liable person responsible for the cleanup. The agreement requires the port to implement and maintain the cleanup described in the Cleanup Action Plan.
- **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance:** this document describes our decision that cleanup activities are not likely to harm the environment.

A part of the property is leased for use as a retail gasoline station and convenience store. Gasoline and BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and xylene) contaminated the soil and groundwater from a leaking underground storage tank system.

KING COUNTY

Seattle Times cleanup site

1120 John Street, Seattle

Facility Site ID# **4377754**

Cleanup Site ID# **14495**

[Submit comments online](#)¹⁴

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Seattle Times cleanup site webpage](#)¹⁵
- Contact Sunny Becker
Site Manager
sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov
425-457-3842

Document review locations

- Seattle Public Library – Central
1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle
- Ecology, Northwest Office -
Central Records
15700 Dayton Ave. N., Shoreline

June 6–July 5: Interim Action Work Plan, Revised Remedial Investigation report, and State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-significance available for review and comment.

Ecology invites you to review and comment on several cleanup documents for the Seattle Times cleanup site in the South Lake Union area of Seattle. The current owner Onni John Street LLC is conducting this cleanup work under a legal agreement, called an Agreed Order, with Ecology. The following documents are ready for review and comment:

- **Interim Action Work Plan (IAWP):** describes how the PLPs will conduct a cleanup of contaminated soil on the site.
- **Revised Remedial Investigation (RRI) report:** describes contamination at the site.
- **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-significance:** Ecology's determination that the cleanup work is not likely to harm the environment.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Dakota Creek Industries

115 Q Avenue
Anacortes

Facility Site ID# **2670**

Cleanup Site ID# **5174**

[Submit comments online](#)¹⁶

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Dakota Creek Industries webpage](#)¹⁷
- Contact Arianne Fernandez
Site Manger
arianne.fernandez@ecy.wa.gov
360-704-0173

Document review locations

- Anacortes Public Library
1220 10th Street, Anacortes
360-293-1910
- Padilla Bay Nation Estuarine
Research Reserve
10441 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon
360-428-1558
- Department of Ecology
300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey
For an appointment call 360-
407-7224

June 9–July 11: Cleanup planning documents available for review and comment

You're invited to review and comment on the following documents:

- [Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study \(RI/FS\)](#)¹⁸: describes the extent and nature of contamination and presents options for how to clean it up.
- [Draft Cleanup Action Plan](#)¹⁹: describes the final cleanup action chosen from the options in the feasibility study for the remaining contamination in the soil and groundwater at the site, and explains the requirements that the cleanup must meet, including follow-up monitoring of the site. The cleanup plan is included as an appendix to the site's consent decree.
- [Consent Decree](#)²⁰: This legal document explains the terms by which the Port of Anacortes will perform the final cleanup of the Dakota Creek Industries site, by implementing the Cleanup Action Plan.
- [Draft Public Participation Plan](#)²¹: This plan describes our public comment process and how you can provide input on plans for cleanup at this site.

At the end of the comment period, we will consider all comments received and may change the content of these documents before finalizing them.

This is one of several sites located on the waterfront that are being cleaned up under the state's Puget Sound Initiative. This site has been used historically for vessel mooring, storing bulk fuel and oil, and shipbuilding.

The Dakota Creek site is an active shipyard that is used for vessel construction and maintenance. Dakota Creek Industries currently leases the site from the Port of Anacortes. Since around 1879, the site has been used for maritime-related industrial activities like shipping, repairs, shipbuilding, and vessel and fuel storage. These activities have resulted in soil, groundwater, and sediment contamination with petroleum, metals, and other compounds.

Before 2008, the marine area of the site featured multiple piers, docks, and marine railway boatlifts. One marine railway was removed in the early 1990s and the other was removed in 2008. This second railway removal was part of a redevelopment project that also took out two docks and dredged sediment from the waterway to make it deeper, reinforced the shoreline, and built a new pier. During this redevelopment, an interim action cleanup was completed to remove around 26,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment and soil from the marine area and land.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Georgia-Pacific West Cleanup Site- Lignin Operable Unit

300 W. Laurel St
Bellingham

Facility Site ID# 14
Cleanup Site ID# 2279

[Submit comments online](#)²²

Or mail comments to:

Sandra Matthews
Site Manager
PO Box 330316 Shoreline
WA 98133-9716

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Georgia-Pacific West webpage](#)²³
- Contact Sandra Matthews
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425-223-1999

For document review assistance,
please contact:

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June 20–July 19: Cleanup and legal documents ready for public review

Ecology invites you to review the cleanup action plan and associated legal documents for the Lignin Operable Unit at the Georgia-Pacific West cleanup site (GP West). The Lignin Operable Unit is located on the Bellingham waterfront within the Chlor-Alkali Area of the GP West site.

Ecology and the Port of Bellingham have prioritized cleanup of the Lignin Operable Unit to enable purchase by Mercy Housing Northwest for redevelopment as affordable housing. The Port will clean up the Lignin Operable Unit under a legal agreement (Consent Decree Amendment) with Ecology. After the cleanup, Mercy will purchase a portion of the property from the Port and redevelop it under another legal agreement (Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree) with Ecology.

The following documents are available for review:

- Cleanup Action Plan: Ecology's plan that describes the cleanup work to address contamination within the Lignin Operable Unit.
- Consent Decree Amendment: Amendment to a previous legal agreement between Ecology and the Port that requires the Port to complete engineering design documents and clean up the Lignin Operable Unit.
- Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree: Legal agreement between Ecology and Mercy that settles Mercy's cleanup liability for the Lignin Operable Unit and details property access requirements and affordable housing development information.

Environmental investigations at the Lignin Operable Unit have found metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the soil and metals in the groundwater.

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Independent Cleanups

KITTITAS COUNTY

Kens Texaco Inc.

101 E University Way
Ellensburg

Facility Site ID# **66863128**
Cleanup Site ID# **7112**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Kens Texaco Inc webpage](#)³⁵
- Contact Kyle Parker
Site Manager
kyle.parker@ecy.wa.gov
509-406-6959

Independent report available for review

On June 13, 2022, we received a draft Focused Feasibility Study dated June 13, 2022. The site has petroleum contamination affecting soil and groundwater.

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Washington State Department of Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program



More information

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Find information on [any cleanup site](#)²⁴
- Look up [terms in the glossary](#)²⁵.

ECOLOGY REGIONAL OFFICES

Central Regional Office

1250 W. Alder St.
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

Eastern Regional Office

4601 N. Monroe
Spokane, WA 99205-1295

Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Northwest Regional Office

15700 Dayton Ave N.
Shoreline, WA 98133

Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

¹ https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_118

² <http://tinyurl.com/EcologySiteReg>

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/events-listing>

⁴ <http://www.ecology.wa.gov/Accessibility>

⁵ healthscreening.ecology.wa.gov

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>

⁷ <https://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/Senate/5895.SL.pdf?q=20220427121117>

⁸ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2009055.html>

⁹ <https://lawfilesexternal.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2019-20/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Laws/Senate/5993-S.SL.pdf?q=20220427113654>

¹⁰ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=70A.305.190>

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Payments-contracts-grants/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan>

¹² <http://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=FjchP>

¹³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/4988>

¹⁴ <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=Nx2fQ>

¹⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/14495>

¹⁶ <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=x27GP>

¹⁷ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/5174>

¹⁸ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/document/112084>

¹⁹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/document/112101>

²⁰ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/document/112102>

²¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/document/113110>

²² <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=MNWPK>

²³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/2279>

²⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites>

²⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Toxic-cleanup-acronyms>

³⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/7112>