

Cascade Timber 3 POT (Port of Tacoma): Public Comment Period Open

3rd Periodic Review Report available for your review and comment: March 13 – April 14, 2025



In 1982, smelter slag was used to stabilize the ground at the site. Metals in the slag entered soil and groundwater.

The Port cleaned up the site in 1994 by installing:

- a paved cap to cover contamination
- groundwater monitoring wells

Currently, the site is used for lining up trucks entering the main Port of Tacoma terminal (see photo).

Periodic Review Report Results

The cap is working and doesn't need repairs.

Recent groundwater samples had arsenic levels slightly higher than cleanup levels. Arsenic levels do not seem to be increasing or decreasing over time. No further cleanup is required at this time.

The property owner, the Port of Tacoma, is responsible for monitoring groundwater every 18 months and maintaining the cap.

The next periodic review of the cap and groundwater data will be in about 5 years.

Download the full periodic review report at the cleanup site webpage: go.ecology.wa.gov/2693.

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Thorne Road & Maxwell, Tacoma, Pierce County, WA Cleanup Site ID: 2693, Facility Site ID: 1206



Submit your comments

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