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2025 Cleanup Updates

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program oversees cleanup of several contaminated sites in Port Angeles, Washington. Past industrial activities (such as lumber and paper mills, wood processing, petroleum distribution, and shipbuilding) released harmful chemicals into soil, groundwater, and marine sediment.

This fact sheet shares updates on our cleanup work:

- **Page 2:** A map showing the approximate locations of Port Angeles cleanup sites. Circle colors and icons indicate each site's cleanup stage (circle size does not reflect site size). A graphic below the map shows steps in the cleanup process, with matching icons and colors to the cleanup sites on the map above. Public comment opportunities are highlighted with orange speech bubbles (💬).
- **Pages 3-4:** More details about each cleanup site.

All work follows Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act, which sets the requirements for cleaning up contaminated sites. We hope this fact sheet helps you stay informed on ongoing cleanup efforts in your community.

Additional Resources

- **Overview of Cleanup Work:** Learn more about Ecology's cleanup projects in Port Angeles at go.ecology.wa.gov/PAcleanups
- **Find Cleanup Sites:** Use Ecology's What's In My Neighborhood tool to see cleanup sites on a map. Use the Cleanup and Tank Search tool to look up cleanup sites through a table-search. Both tools can take you to Ecology's site webpages, wehre you can look up reports, documents, and status updates. Both tools are available at ecology.wa.gov/cleanups
- **Email Updates for All Port Angeles Sites:** Get emails from our staff about major milestones, such as public comment periods and community meetings, by subscribing at go.ecology.wa.gov/subscribePA
- **Automatic Updates for a Specific Site:**
  - Open the site's webpage in the Cleanup and Tank Search tool.
  - Click the blue "Subscribe" button at the top of the page.
  - Our system will automatically notify you when new documents are posted, a comment period opens, or when the site's cleanup status changes.

Overview of Cleanup Work →

Find Cleanup Sites →

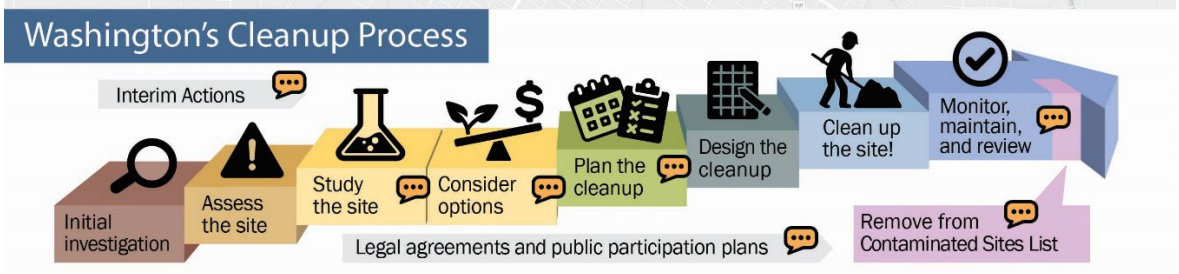
Email Updates for All Port Angeles Sites →

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Overview of Port Angeles Cleanups





Interim Actions Public input opportunity

	CLEANUP SITES	CURRENT STEP	PLANNED WORK IN 2025-26
1	**Port Angeles Rayonier Mill**		• Evaluate public comments and revise the documents as needed
2	**Western Port Angeles Harbor**		• Begin sampling, design, and permitting work for the cleanup
3	**Terminals 5 6 & 7 Uplands**		• Evaluate a study report • Begin the feasibility study
4	**K Ply**		• Continue monitoring • Develop the first periodic review report
5	**Marine Trades Area & Pettit Oil Company Port Angeles WHS**		• Draft a legal agreement for the cleanup • Develop the draft cleanup plan • Evaluate cleanup's environmental impacts
6	**Unocal Bulk Plant 0601**		• Evaluate the feasibility study
7	**Pettit Oil Company Tumwater Truck Route & Former Shell Oil Bulk Plant**		• Develop legal agreements for the cleanup • Develop draft Interim Action Plans • Develop draft Public Participation Plans

Port Angeles Rayonier Mill (CSID 2270)

Participating Parties Rayonier AM Properties LLC (RAMP), Rayonier Advanced Materials (RYAM)

Update In summer of 2025, Ecology held a public comment period on a consent decree and an interim action plan for the Rayonier Mill Study Area. The Study Area includes soil and groundwater on the former mill property, as well as nearby harbor waters and contaminated sediments. The draft interim action plan details the final remedies for the Study Area which include:

- Dredging contaminated sediment.
- Using enhanced monitored natural recovery for sediments.
- Consolidating and capping contaminated soil in the west mill area.
- Using air sparging for groundwater.

Ecology is now evaluating the comments and will revise the documents as needed. We will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary.

Western Port Angeles Harbor (CSID 11907)

Participating Parties Georgia-Pacific LLC, Nippon Paper Industries USA Co. Ltd, Merrill & Ring, Port of Port Angeles, City of Port Angeles, Owens Corning

Update In early 2025, Ecology held a public comment period on a consent decree, a cleanup action plan, and a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination and checklist. After evaluating comments, Ecology finalized the documents. We are now finalizing the responsiveness summary and will release it when ready.

The consent decree requires the 6 responsible parties to follow a cleanup action plan of:

- Excavating contaminated soil and sediment.
- Capping contaminated sediment.
- Using enhanced monitored natural recovery and monitored natural recovery.
- Excavating land within the causeway to create new aquatic habitats.

Construction will begin after several years of sampling, design, and permitting. We expect to see immediate improvements in sediment quality after the six years of cleanup construction and expect to achieve sediment cleanup goals within 10 years after construction.

Terminals 5 6 & 7 Uplands (CSID 15440)

Participating Parties Port of Port Angeles, Merrill & Ring, Owens Corning

Update The Port finished the first phase of studying the contamination at this site. The goal of phase 1 is to find out if contaminated soil or groundwater from the site is entering the harbor. The investigation included:

- Installing shoreline monitoring wells to check groundwater before it enters the harbor.
- Sampling soil from well installation and in erodible areas of the bank.
- Surveying the stability of the shoreline and locations of seeps and outfalls.
- Evaluating stormwater pipes and the stormwater and sediment inside the pipe.

Ecology is reviewing the draft summary report, including recommendations for the next steps.

K Ply (CSID 28)

Participating Parties Port of Port Angeles, ITT Rayonier, ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company

Update Cleanup work was completed by 2016. However, some residual contamination from past lumber and plywood mill operations and an underground petroleum pipeline remains at the site. Ecology continues to monitor the site and is working on the site's first periodic review report. This report will discuss the measures in place to protect the cleanup, and data from long-term monitoring. When finished, it will be available for public comment.

Marine Trades Area & Pettit Oil Company Port Angeles WHS (CSID 1301 & 3447)

Participating Parties Port of Port Angeles, Chevron Environmental Management Company, Atlantic Richfield Company

Update Ecology temporarily paused progress on this site while our staff prioritized work on Western Port Angeles Harbor and Terminals 5 6 & 7. We are:

- Resuming work on the draft cleanup plan.
- Drafting a legal agreement to implement the cleanup.
- Reviewing whether the cleanup project will cause significant environmental impacts.

These 3 documents will be available for public comment when ready. Ecology expects to begin negotiating the legal agreement, a consent decree, this fall.

Unocal Bulk Plant 0601 (CSID 4976)

Participating Party Chevron

Update Chevron is working with a new consultant to finish studying the site and comparing cleanup options. They are preparing a new work plan to address lingering data gaps. This work plan is scheduled to be completed in December 2025. If there are no more data gaps, a revised report is scheduled to be submitted to Ecology in April 2026. Ecology will hold a public comment period when the public review draft report is ready.

Pettit Oil Company Tumwater Truck Route (CSID 13146) and **Former Shell Oil Bulk Plant** (CSID 13147)

Participating Parties **13146:** Port of Port Angeles, **13147:** Shell, Port of Port Angeles

Update These two neighboring sites are at the same stage in the cleanup process and have similar contamination. Ecology is working on legal agreements (agreed orders), interim action plans, and public participation plans for both sites. We will hold a public comment period when the documents are ready. The proposed interim actions include excavating contaminated soil and long-term monitoring of groundwater.

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Updates

Rayonier Mill Ongoing confidential settlement negotiations.

Western Harbor A $9.3 million settlement will be used for restoration projects. In 2024, the Trustees provided funds for a four-year project to expand eelgrass production, planting, and monitoring along the inside of Ediz Hook. This project will expand forage and shelter for many fish species.

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