

Public Comment Period: Beginning the Cleanup Process at APM Terminals Pacific Ltd AKA Parcel 40

Address: 1675 Lincoln Ave, Tacoma, Pierce County

Facility Site ID: 66987611 Cleanup Site ID: 2124

We are accepting comments from
Thursday, May 28 at 8:00 AM to
Monday, June 29 at 11:59 PM.

Submit your comment:

Online (preferred):

Scan the QR code or go to
go.ecology.wa.gov/comment2124

By mail or email:

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More Information

Project Website: go.ecology.wa.gov/2124

Questions? Please reach out to Tia Misuraca,
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or tia.misuraca@ecy.wa.gov.

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Tacoma, WA 98402

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300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503
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360-407-6365

Parcel 40 is a cleanup site in the Tacoma Tideflats. The Port of Tacoma owns the site and is the potentially liable party responsible for investigating and cleaning up toxic contamination at the site. Ecology will oversee this work.

Two documents are available for public review:

Agreed Order No. DE 22282 is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Port of Tacoma. It requires the port to investigate contamination at the site, compare options to clean up hazardous substances, and suggest a cleanup plan to Ecology.

Public Participation Plan is Ecology's outreach plan. It describes how we will contact the public about this site, and opportunities for public input.

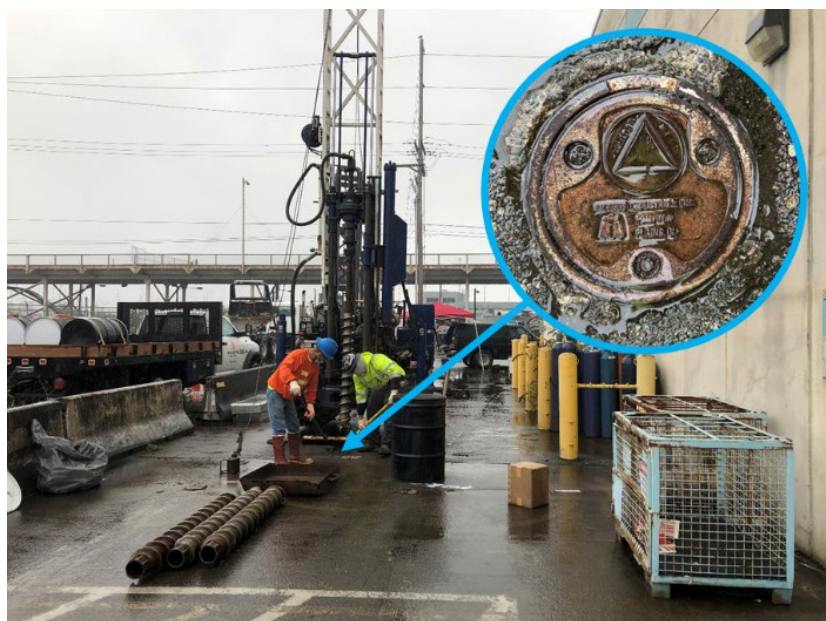


Figure 1. In October 2020, workers used drilling equipment to install a groundwater monitoring well beside Building 600. Monitoring wells allow us to track contamination in groundwater underneath the pavement. Ecology is requiring more investigation work to better understand the types and extent of contamination at this site.

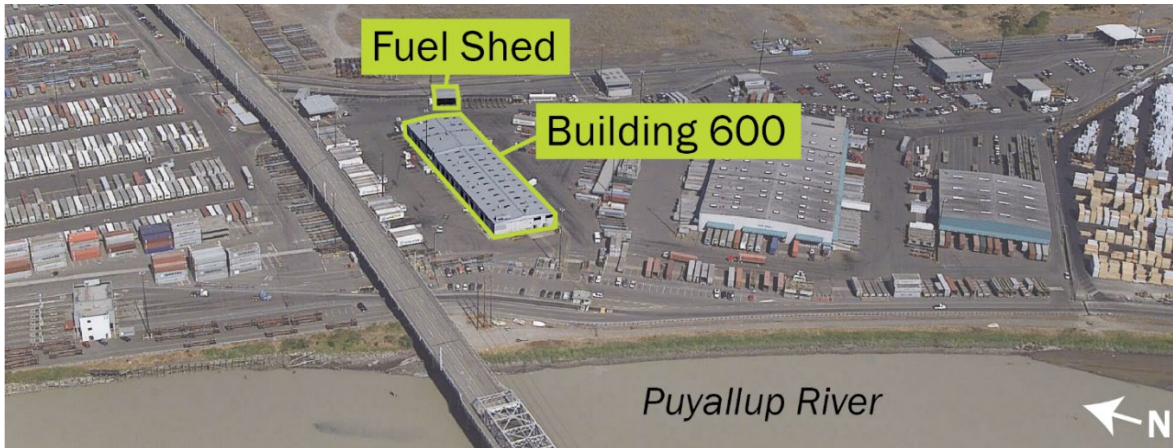


Figure 2. A map showing key landmarks at this cleanup site: a fuel shed and Building 600 (a service garage). The site is next to the Puyallup River.

Cleanup site overview

Railroad companies owned the site from the early 1900s until 1980. During that time, the site was used for train maintenance and repair work. In the 1930's, True's Oil Company built a 1,250,000-gallon aboveground fuel storage tank. Several pipelines were also built to move fuel in and out of the tank.

In 1979, the Port of Tacoma bought the site. The True's oil tank was removed around 1981. Underground pipelines may have been removed in 1984, but the extent of removal is not known at this time.

A marine terminal operator built a large service garage, Building 600, over the previous footprint of the True's oil tank in the early 1980's. Construction also included installing several fuel storage tanks:

- A 3,000-gallon waste oil underground storage tank on the south side of Building 600.
- A 20,000-gallon diesel underground storage tank and 1,000-gallon gasoline underground storage tank in a fuel shed near Building 600.
- The 3,000-gallon waste oil tank was removed in 1998. The two tanks under the fuel shed were closed in place in 2023.

Currently, the site is paved with asphalt and concrete. Building 600 is still used as a service garage. The fuel shed is now only used for parking.



Figure 3. March 2026 photos of the Building 600 service garage (left) and fuel shed (right).

Legal Agreement Available for Public Comment

The new legal agreement, Agreed Order DE No. 22282, requires the Port of Tacoma to:

- Study contamination at the site, and write a report called a **remedial investigation**. This report will help identify what areas need to be cleaned up.
- Compare different options for how to clean up the site in a **feasibility study**. After that, the port will suggest an option to clean up the site in a **preliminary draft cleanup action plan**.

Public Participation During Washington's Cleanup Process

The Model Toxics Control Act is Washington's environmental cleanup law. It works to protect people's health and the environment, and to preserve natural resources for the future.

State law requires 30-day public comment periods throughout the cleanup process (Figure 4). **Currently, we are accepting comments on a legal agreement and a public participation plan.**



Figure 4. Public input is required at several steps in the cleanup process, marked with speech bubbles on the graphic.

What's Next?

Ecology will review and respond to comments from the public comment period. Ecology may change the documents based on public input. The work schedule outlined in the agreed order starts when Ecology signs it. The Port of Tacoma's next deadline is to send Ecology a draft remedial investigation work plan by 90 days after Ecology signs the agreed order.

Cleanup investigation is just starting at this site. When we learn more, future outreach materials will include detailed technical information about the contaminants and cleanup options.

Stay in the loop!

- If you would like to be added to our email list for Commencement Bay cleanup projects, subscribe at go.ecology.wa.gov/subscribeCB. We send emails about public comment periods or other updates.
- Please check the cleanup site webpage for future updates: go.ecology.wa.gov/2124.
- You can now receive automatic updates from our system when documents are uploaded to our website. To get these updates, please go to the cleanup site webpage (go.ecology.wa.gov/2124) and click the blue "Subscribe" button in the top right. The system will email you when a new document is uploaded (such as a draft remedial investigation), or when a public comment period is open.



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Ecology is requiring the Port of Tacoma to investigate contamination at Parcel 40, a cleanup site in the Tacoma tideflats.

A legal agreement and outreach plan are available for public comment.

To request a public meeting, please contact carolyn.subramaniam@ecy.wa.gov. Ecology will hold a meeting if 10 or more people request it.

ADA Accessibility: To request an ADA accommodation, call (564)-250-0563, email carolyn.subramaniam@ecy.wa.gov, or dial 711 to call through the Washington Telecommunications Relay for services like text telephone (TTY).

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