Port Angeles Cleanup Status Update 2026

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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. All cleanup work follows Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act, which sets the requirements for cleaning up contaminated sites.

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. Public comment opportunities are marked with orange speech bubbles (💬).
- **Pages 3-4:** Present recent updates for each site, as well as background information such as cleanup site ID (CSID) number and potentially liable person (PLP) name(s).

Ecology Online 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 take you to Ecology's site webpages, where 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.

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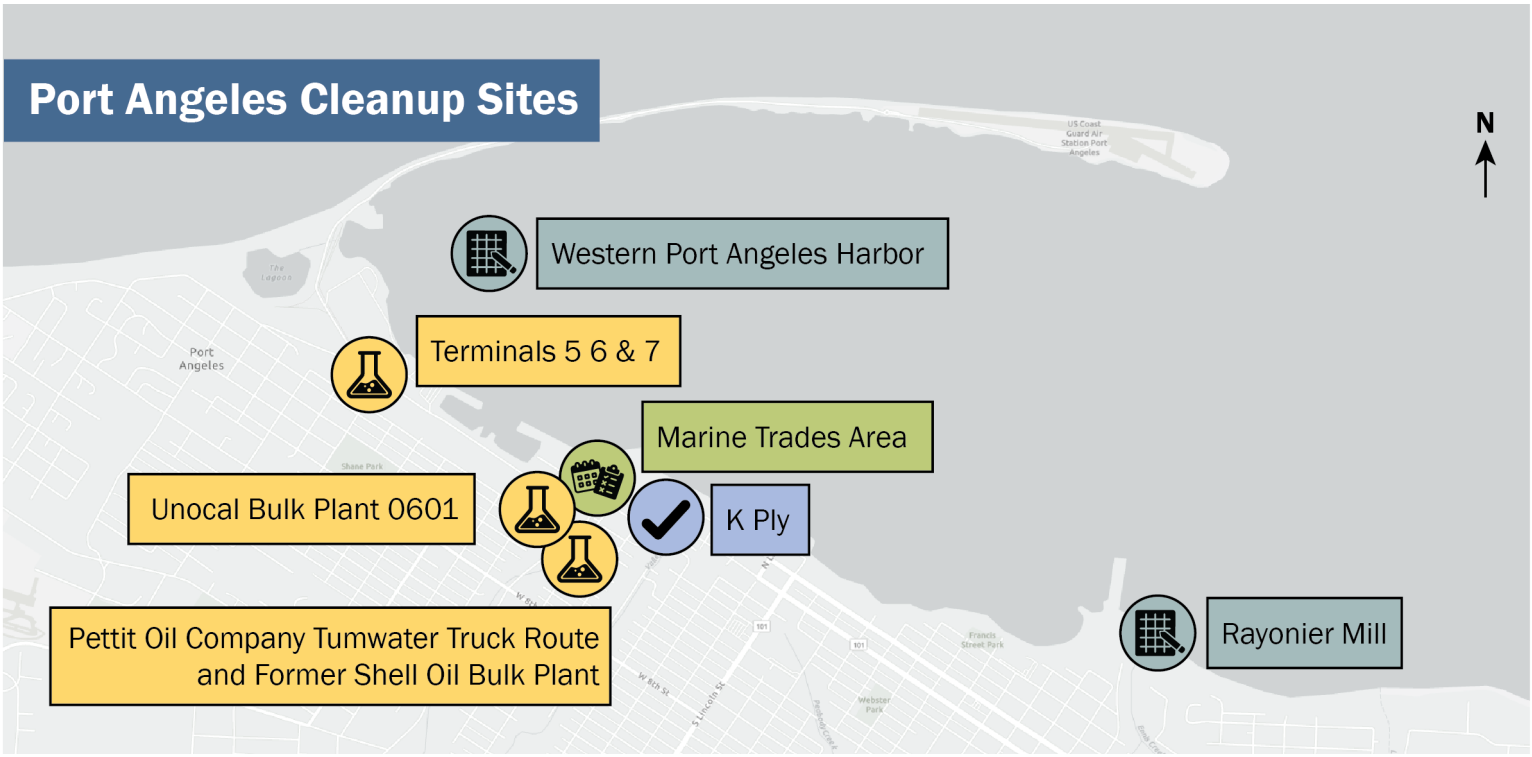

CLEANUP SITES	CURRENT STEP	PLANNED WORK IN 2026-27
Port Angeles Rayonier Mill		• Begin sampling, design, and permitting work
Western Port Angeles Harbor		• Continue sampling, design, and permitting work
Terminals 5 6 & 7 Uplands		• Evaluate a study report • Consider interim actions
K Ply		• Continue monitoring groundwater
Marine Trades Area & Pettit Oil Company Port		• Draft a legal agreement and update the draft cleanup action plan
Unocal Bulk Plant 0601		• Evaluate a study report • Begin the feasibility study
Pettit Oil Company Tumwater Truck Route & Former Shell Oil Bulk Plant		• Develop legal agreements and draft interim action plans

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Port Angeles Rayonier Mill (CSID 2270)

PLPs Rayonier AM Properties LLC (RAMP), Rayonier Advanced Materials (RYAM)

Update The Rayonier Mill cleanup has reached a major milestone: the study area is now in the "Design the Cleanup" phase. RAMP has hired consultants to complete final sampling work, which will help refine the boundaries of the cleanup areas. Using this information, RAMP will prepare an engineering design report. Ecology will continue to provide close oversight of all sampling, data collection, and analysis.

Once the engineering designs are finalized, cleanup construction ("Clean Up the Site!") will begin. In total, Ecology expects the soil cleanup to take up to 7 years and the groundwater and sediment cleanup efforts to take up to 10 years. These timeframes will run largely in parallel, so the overall restoration timeframe for the project (including design, permitting, contracting, constructing the cleanup remedy, and implementing institutional controls) is expected to be up to 10 years.

Once cleanup construction is complete, the Port Angeles Rayonier Mill study area will be safe for the community and environment, and ready to be put back into productive use. Ecology is not involved in selecting or implementing future land uses; these decisions rest with the property owner and local government.

Western Port Angeles Harbor (CSID 11907)

PLPs Port Angeles Harbor Group: Georgia-Pacific LLC, Nippon Paper Industries USA Co. Ltd, Merrill & Ring, Port of Port Angeles, City of Port Angeles, Owens Corning

Update The cleanup of the Western Port Angeles Harbor study area is in the "Design the Cleanup" phase. The Western Port Angeles Harbor Group hired consultants to do design-level sampling work to help refine the cleanup area boundaries. Then, the Western Port Angeles Harbor Group will prepare an engineering design report. Ecology will continue to provide close oversight of all sampling, data collection, and analysis.

Design-level sampling, engineering design, permitting and contracting are expected to take less than 4 years. After finalizing engineering design plans, obtaining permits and contracts, the cleanup construction ("Clean Up the Site!") will begin. Ecology expects the sediment cleanup construction to take 6 additional years.

Terminals 5 6 & 7 Uplands (CSID 15440)

PLPs 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 shoreline.
- Surveying the stability of the shoreline and locations of seeps and outfalls.
- Evaluating the condition of stormwater pipes and the stormwater and sediment inside them.

Ecology is reviewing the draft summary report, including next steps. The Port is currently regrading and resurfacing a portion of the site and constructing a biofiltration stormwater treatment system to improve operational safety and reduce environmental impacts from stormwater.

K Ply (CSID 28)

PLPs Port of Port Angeles, ITT Rayonier, ExxonMobil Environmental Services Company

Update Ecology held a public comment period for this site's first periodic review from May 14 to June 15, 2026. We received three comments. The report found that previous cleanup work generally went as planned. However, diesel concentrations in groundwater are still above cleanup levels. Based on additional sampling results, Ecology may require additional cleanup at the site.

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

PLPs Port of Port Angeles, Chevron Environmental Management Company, Atlantic Richfield Company

Update Ecology has resumed work on this site with the potentially liable parties. We are working on updating the draft cleanup action plan and drafting a legal agreement that will implement the cleanup. Ecology expects to finish these draft documents this fall. These documents will be available for public comment when ready.

Unocal Bulk Plant 0601 (CSID 4976)

PLP Chevron

Update Chevron is developing a work plan to address remaining gaps in the knowledge about the site. The plan is expected to be completed in 2026. Chevron will prepare revised drafts of the remedial investigation and feasibility study after that.

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

PLPs **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. The proposed interim actions include excavating contaminated soil and long-term monitoring of groundwater. We will hold a public comment period when the documents are ready.

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Updates

Rayonier Mill Ongoing confidential settlement negotiations.

Western Harbor A $9.3 million settlement will be used for habitat restoration projects. In 2024, the Trustees used a portion of the settlement to fund a four-year project, planting and monitoring eelgrass along the inside of Ediz Hook. The project is designed to increase eelgrass production and expand foraging and sheltering habitat for many fish species.