
Rayonier Mill Cleanup Port Angeles



Public Comment Requested

Uplands Remedial Investigation Report: Report on nature and extent of soil and groundwater contamination of the Uplands portion of the mill site.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and Rayonier are releasing the draft Remedial Investigation Report for public review and comment. The draft Remedial Investigation Report details the results of the sampling effort identifying the types and levels of contaminants found in soils, groundwater, plants, and key animals at Rayonier Mill property on Ennis Street in Port Angeles; and how those contaminant levels compare to current cleanup standards.

In addition Ecology and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe have prepared a report which presents an analysis of the data for dioxins under the draft changes to the cleanup regulations. Because the new cleanup regulations may change before cleanup will take place on the Rayonier Mill property, Ecology and the Tribe believe it is important for the public to review those changes.

Rayonier operated a specialty pulp mill on this property. After dismantling of the mill structure and buildings the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sampled the soils on the uplands

portion of the site. Chemical byproducts of the mill operations and dioxin have been found in the site's soil. Some of these byproducts may pose a potential hazard to human health and the environment.

Under the state's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW), previous and current owners and operators of a contaminated property are responsible for cleaning up the contamination.

As the current owner, Rayonier is responsible for the cleanup of the mill property and associated contaminants. In 2002 Ecology and Rayonier signed an agreed order authorizing Rayonier to conduct an investigation of the contamination (called a remedial investigation) and issue a report about the full nature and distribution of contamination.

Please see the right hand column for details on where you can:

- **View the all documents related to Rayonier Mill Cleanup and a public participation plan.**
- **Send written comments.**

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Public Comment Period
October 18, 2006 through
December 1, 2006

Open House and Public Meeting:
Wednesday, November 8,
2006, Clallam County
Commissioners Board Room
223 East Fourth Street.
Port Angeles, WA
5:00 – 9:00 pm

Please direct your questions and comments to:

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What happens next?

Ecology will consider the public's comments on the Remedial Investigation Report, and will determine if the current characterization of contamination is adequate or if additional environmental sampling is needed.

Ecology will issue a response to all comments received and make a final determination on the disposition of the study.

Once the remedial investigation phase is completed, Rayonier will begin work on a feasibility study. A feasibility study analyzes different options to clean up the site and the various costs of those options. Once completed, Ecology will ask for public comment on the preferred approach for cleaning up the site.

Ecology wants to hear from you!

We welcome and encourage the public to attend an **Open House and Public Meeting on November 8, 2006**, in Port Angeles. Hear a presentation on the Remedial Investigation, ask questions, and give us your comments.

Send written comments

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Attend an Open House and Public Meeting co-sponsored by Ecology, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Rayonier, and the Olympic Environmental Council.

Date: Wednesday, November 8

Time: 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Location: Clallam County
Commissioners Board
Room
223 Fourth Street
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Open House/ Public Meeting Agenda

5:00 *Open House*

- Visit information tables
- Brief Presentations on the Draft Remedial Investigation Report and draft cleanup regulations by Ecology, The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Rayonier, and Olympic Environmental Council
- Provide comments on Rayonier Uplands Remedial Investigation Report

6:30 *Break*

7:00 *Public Meeting*

- Welcome by Ecology, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and Rayonier
- Presentation by Ecology staff
- Question, Answers, Public Comment
- 9:00 *Adjourn*

If you have questions about the Open House / Public Meeting or want to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

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