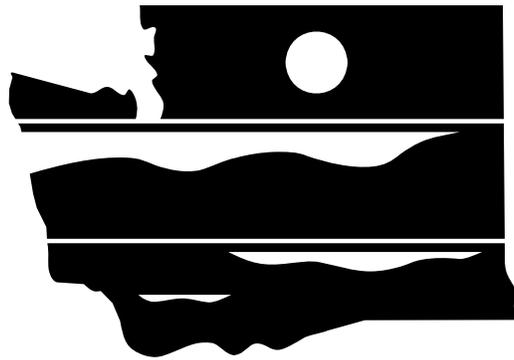


Bremerton Naval Complex
Mixed Waste Storage Facility
Responsiveness Summary



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Introduction

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invited public comment on the draft permit for the Bremerton Naval Complex's mixed waste storage facility (MWSF) during a comment period from April 28 to June 12, 2006. The MWSF is intended for storage of mixed wastes for more than 90 days. The MWSF stores the wastes until they are shipped off-site for final treatment, if necessary, and disposal. The kinds of wastes stored at the MWSF are paint chips, protective coating, and other small solids resulting from work on nuclear-powered naval vessels.

This responsiveness summary addresses all public comments Ecology received during the public comment period. Ecology received three comments on the proposed draft permit.

Responsiveness Summary

Comment #1: I am all for permitting the facility; it is needed and doesn't cause any harm or potential harm to the environment.

Response: Ecology agrees. The permit's purpose is to ensure the facility's operations are safe and protective of human health and the environment.

Comment #2: Section V.B.2 - In order to avoid confusion regarding the kind of document that will be incorporated into the permit, recommend changing the wording as follows: ".the Permittee shall submit a permit modification request to incorporate by reference into this Permit "a Cleanup Action Plan" for Operable Unit C.... (vice "an enforceable action").

Response: Ecology agrees. The Permit will reflect that "a Cleanup Action Plan" will be submitted for modification to the Permit.

Comment #3: Section V.B.3 - Section V.B. 3 provides dates for the CERCLA Record of Decisions (RODs) for the Operable Units (OUs). The correct date for OU NSC is December 13, 1996. This is the date the ROD was signed by the Environmental Protection Agency and is consistent with the dates listed for the other RODs in this section.

Response: Thank you for identifying this discrepancy. The correct date of December 13, 1996 has been placed in the Permit.

Summary of Public Involvement Actions

Ecology sent a 30-day prenotification via email to the names it collected for email notifications. When the comment period began, the following outreach took place:

- An email to the listserv announced the comment period and directed readers to the Ecology website for more information.
- A combined notice and focus sheet was mailed to the 481 individuals on the mailing list.

- Public Service Announcements were sent to radio stations KIRO, KUOW, KOMO.
- A legal advertisement was placed in Kitsap Sun (Sunday, April 23, 2006).
- The notice of comment period was placed on Ecology events calendar and Nuclear Waste Program public comments period web sites.
- Ecology staff gave a brief interview to Chris Dunagan, Kitsap Sun.

No workshops or hearings were requested or held, but the notices included the offer to hold one if significant interest had arisen.

Attachments

Comment letters

Public Announcement classified ad

Focus sheet

Final letter of decision

Mills, Matt

From: richard seamons [rseamons@wavecable.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2006 10:39 PM
To: Mills, Matt
Subject: comment periode

I am all for permitting the facility, it is needed and doesn't cause any harm or potential harm to the environment.

rich

Mills, Matt

From: Ginn, Dina R CIV (EFANW) [dina.ginn@navy.mil]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 11:33 AM
To: Mills, Matt
Subject: PSNS&IMF RCRA Permit Comments

Mr. Mills:

Please consider the following comments with regard to Part V - Corrective Action.

1. Section V.B.2 - In order to avoid confusion regarding the kind of document that will be incorporated into the permit, recommend changing the wording as follows: "...the Permittee shall submit a permit modification request to incorporate by reference into this Permit "a Cleanup Action Plan" for Operable Unit C.... (vice "an enforceable action").

2. Section V.B.3 - Section V.B. 3 provides dates for the CERCLA Record of Decisions (RODs) for the Operable Units (OUs). The correct date for OU NSC is December 13, 1996. This is the date the ROD was signed by the Environmental Protection Agency and is consistent with the dates listed for the other RODs in this section.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at the contact information below.

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Public Announcement Classified Advertisement

Kitsap Sun, Sunday, April 23, 2006

Comment Period for draft Permit for PSNS & IMF Mixed Waste Storage Facility

We invite you to comment on the draft permit for a mixed waste storage facility at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF) in Bremerton.

This facility's purpose is to store mixed waste. Mixed waste contains both radioactive and dangerous waste components. The waste primarily consists of removed paint chips, protective coating, and other particulate material resulting from work on nuclear-powered naval vessels. In addition, small amounts of mixed waste come from other naval facilities. Most of the mixed waste stored at the facility is solid waste contained in 55-gallon drums awaiting shipment for final disposition.

The Permittee is U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Navy. The mixed waste storage facility's owner is the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Navy. The facility's operator is the PSNS & IMF, which is a part of the Navy's naval complex in Bremerton. The facility is in Building 1002, a rectangular building, 54 feet by 42 feet in size, located south of Farragut Avenue between Buildings 818 and 455 within the PSNS & IMF. The Permittee's address is 1400 Farragut Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98314.

The permit will allow the Permittee to continue to store mixed wastes for more than 90 days. The permit requires the Permittee to continue to store waste according to state requirements, which include conditions for the management, storage, and preparation of waste for off-site treatment and disposal.

A 45-day public-comment period will run from April 28 to June 12, 2006. No public hearing is planned at this time; however, Ecology will consider requests for a hearing.

Copies of the permit, fact sheet, and application are available for review by appointment at the Department of Ecology Richland Office Library, 3100 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA. (509) 372-7920. They also are available at the Kitsap Regional Library Sylvan Way branch, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton WA (360) 405-9100. The draft permit is also available on Ecology's Web site: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/>

Please send written comments to:

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Richland, WA 99354
mmil461@ecy.wa.gov

All comments received during the public-comment period will be considered and responded to before Ecology issues the final permit decision on whether to approve modification of this portion of the permit.

For more information, to get onto Ecology's email list or mailing list for future notifications of public involvement opportunities, or to request a public hearing, contact:

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Public Comment Period

Bremerton Naval Complex Mixed Waste Storage Permit

April 28 through June 12, 2006



Mixed Waste Storage Facility at the Bremerton Naval Complex in Bremerton, Washington.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Management Act permit for the U.S. Navy's Mixed Waste Storage Facility at the Bremerton Naval Complex (BNC) located in Bremerton, Washington.

This draft permit will allow the U.S. Navy to continue to store mixed waste for more than 90 days at the BNC. Mixed waste is hazardous waste that has a low-level radioactive component.

What is the Mixed Waste Storage Facility (MWSF)?

The MWSF was designed and constructed specifically to store mixed waste. The waste primarily consists of

removed paint chips, protective coating, and other particulate material resulting from work on nuclear-powered naval vessels. In addition, the facility accepts small amounts of mixed waste from other naval facilities. Mixed waste stored at the facility is mostly solid waste contained in 55-gallon drums awaiting shipment for final disposition.

The Permittee is U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF), 1400 Farragut Ave., Bremerton, WA 98314-5001. The mixed waste storage facility's owner is the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of the Navy. The facility's operator is the PSNS & IMF, which is a part of the U.S. Navy's BNC in Bremerton.

What is the draft permit?

The U.S. Navy is currently storing mixed waste on an interim status under the Washington State Hazardous Waste Management Act. The draft permit sets requirements for storing waste more than 90 days. The draft permit requires the U.S. Navy to continue to store waste according to state requirements, which include conditions for the management, storage, and preparation of waste for off-site treatment and disposal.

Where can I view the draft permit?

The draft permit will be available for review starting April 28, 2006:

Kitsap Regional Library
Sylvan Way Branch
1301 Sylvan Way
Bremerton, WA 98310
360-405-9100

and

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The draft permit is also available on Ecology's Website: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm

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How can I comment on the draft permit?

Ecology will hold a 45-day public comment period that will start April 28, 2006 and end June 12, 2006. Ecology will consider and respond to all written comments received during the public comment period.

Send questions and comments to:
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No public hearing is scheduled at this time. However, if significant interest is raised, a public hearing may be held. For more information, to get on Ecology's email list for future notifications of public involvement opportunities, or to request a public hearing, contact Madeleine Brown at 509-372-7936 or mabr461@ecy.wa.gov.

Comment Period

April 28 through June 12, 2006

Bremerton Naval Complex Mixed Waste Storage Permit

Topic: A draft Hazardous Waste Management Act permit is being prepared for the U.S. Navy's Mixed Waste Storage Facility at the Bremerton Naval Complex.

Tell Us What You Think!

Public comments are critical to Ecology's decision making process. Look inside to learn more about the draft permit for the U.S. Navy's Mixed Waste Storage Facility.

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June 28, 2006

Captain Daniel J. Peters
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility
United States Department of the Navy
1400 Farragut Avenue
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Dear Captain Peters:

Please find enclosed a copy of the final Dangerous Waste Permit that the Department of Ecology has prepared in response to your revised Part B Permit Application dated June 29, 2004, for the Mixed Waste Storage Facility (Building 1002). This permit addresses requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Hazardous Waste Management Act. This permit component, along with the Hazardous Waste Permit component being prepared by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, constitutes the RCRA Permit for the Bremerton Naval Complex. As noted in the permit itself, this permit becomes effective thirty (30) days after the date of this letter, or July 28, 2006.

Ecology accepted comment on the draft permit from April 28 through June 12, 2006. Three comments were received. The following is a summary of changes made to the permit based on the comments received during this period. Documentation detailing these changes is also enclosed in the Responsiveness Summary.

Part V- Corrective Action

- V.B.2. - Language was added to clarify that "a Cleanup Action Plan" will be submitted for modification to the permit.
- V.B.3. - The correct date was placed in the permit.

Ecology appreciates the support you and your staff have provided. If you have any questions, contact Matt Mills at 509-372-7917.

Sincerely,

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Program Manager
Nuclear Waste Program

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Capt. Daniel J. Peters

June 28, 2006

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