

Reynolds Metals Cleanup

Comment opportunity

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on two actions for the cleanup of the former Reynolds Metals aluminum smelter near Longview:

- A draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS).
- An amendment to Agreed Order No. 8940, the associated State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS), and Interim Action Work Plan.

Draft RI/FS

A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are separate but related studies. Together, they:

- Determine the type and extent of contamination.
- Evaluate criteria for cleanup of the site.
- Identify potential cleanup alternatives.

Contaminated sediment removal “Interim Action”

The amendment to Agreed Order No. 8940 requires the removal of contaminated sediments from the Columbia River adjacent to the site. The Interim Action Work Plan describes the project.

- It includes dredging up to 5,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment from the vicinity of the site’s outfall.
- The area will be backfilled with an equal quantity of clean sand.
- The contaminated sediments will be placed in an upland area pending selection of final cleanup actions.

We plan for property owner, Northwest Alloys, Inc (NWA) and operator, Millennium Bulk Terminals – Longview, LLC (MBTL) to complete this work by the end of 2014, pending public comments.

Commenting and events

We will accept comments by mail, e-mail or fax June 2 – August 1, 2014.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Comment period

June 2 – August 1, 2014

Read the proposed actions at:

Longview Public Library
1600 Louisiana Street
Longview, WA 98632

Dept of Ecology
300 Desmond Way SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Online:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11796>

Submit written comments to:

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Dept of Ecology
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Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

Ecology will be available to answer questions about these proposed actions during an open house:

- June 18, 2014
- At the Cowlitz PUD Auditorium, 961 12th Avenue, Longview, WA
- 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

We'll also hold a second open house, presentation, and public hearing on the proposed actions:

- July 16, 2014
- At the Kelso Red Lion, 510 Kelso Drive, Kelso, WA
- Open house begins at 4 p.m.
- Presentation followed by a hearing to accept oral comments begins at 6:30 p.m.

This comment period is not an opportunity to comment on the coal terminal proposal. Visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/geographic/millennium/index.html> for more information on the public process related to the environmental review for that proposal.

Next steps

When the comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments received and make appropriate changes before finalizing the RI/Fs or moving ahead with the interim action to remove contaminated sediments.

The next opportunity to comment on the cleanup will be Ecology's draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP), expected in 2015. A CAP lays out Ecology's proposed cleanup actions, standards and schedule for this site. Read the public participation plan available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=6002> for more information.

Site description

Reynolds Metals constructed and operated an aluminum smelter and cable mill on the Columbia River in Longview, WA from 1941 – 2000. Contamination at the site includes:

- Soil contaminants include elevated levels of fluoride, cyanide, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs).
- Groundwater contaminants include fluoride, cyanide and PAHs.

Ecology is working with NWA and MBTL to cleanup the site.