

Lower Duwamish Waterway Update July 2007

These periodic e-mail updates provide announcements and reminders about upcoming meetings or reports related to the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site. If you have suggestions on how to make these updates more useful to you, contact Renée Dagseth at 206-553-1889 or dagseth.renee@epa.gov.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone who has an interest in the Lower Duwamish Waterway. If you did not receive this e-mail directly from the Environmental Protection Agency and would like to be added to the e-mail list for future updates, or if you would like to be removed from this list, contact Renée.

Please check our Duwamish website which is being updated regularly:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/lduwamish>.

Duwamish River Festival - Save the Date!

The third annual Duwamish River Festival will be held on **Saturday, August 18, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Duwamish Waterway Park, 7900 10th Avenue South in the South Park neighborhood of Seattle. This is a free family-friendly environmental festival featuring updates on the Duwamish Superfund cleanup, kayak tours on the river, and much more! The festival is hosted by the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, EPA, Ecology, and other agencies and organizations. Check for updated information on the EPA Duwamish website.

(Contact Cindy C. Schuster, EPA, 206-553-1815, schuster.cindy@epa.gov)

Public Comments requested by Natural Resource Trustees on Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Development – deadline is August 1.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Suquamish Indian Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe are the natural resource trustees (the Trustees) for the Lower Duwamish River. The Trustees seek public involvement in the development of the Draft Restoration Plans and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.

The Restoration Plan will provide an ecological framework for areas of interest for restoration. The Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement will be designed to evaluate the restoration projects necessary to restore natural resources in the Lower Duwamish River injured by hazardous substances release that have contaminated areas of the River. At public meetings held on June 6 and 7, participants were provided

with an overview of the path forward to develop both documents and were given an opportunity to provide input.

For more information on this public scoping process, please visit:
<http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/pacific/lowerduwamishriver/restore.html>
(NOAA contact: John Kern, 206-526-6029)

For background on the Natural Resources Damages program, please visit:
<http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/about/index.html>

Lower Duwamish Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study:

EPA and Ecology are working with the Lower Duwamish Waterway Group (LDWG) to finalize the human health and ecological risk assessments by late summer or fall. The draft reports were provided to stakeholders for review in fall 2006 and are available at <http://www.ldwg.org>. Please note that until these reports are accepted by EPA and Ecology, they only represent LDWG's position and they may change significantly before they are finalized. The final reports will be part of the Remedial Investigation and they will be used to help determine cleanup goals for the Waterway. The agencies are also drafting a fact sheet to inform the community about the major findings of the human health and ecological risk assessments.
(EPA contact: Allison Hiltner, 206-553-2140 or hiltner.allison@epa.gov.)

Boeing Plant 2 RCRA Corrective Action:

Four new reports are now available on EPA's Boeing Plant 2 website:
Uplands Corrective Measures Study: Johnson & Ettinger Site Specific Data and Model Report Vol. 2, Sec. 2 (2006)
Uplands Background Technical Memorandum, Vol. 2, Sec. 3 (2006)
Uplands Corrective Measures Study Data Gap Report: Vol. IIIb South Yard Area (2007)
Uplands Corrective Measures Study Data Gap Report: Vol. IVb 2-60s Area (2007)
(EPA contact: Suzanne Skadowski, Community Involvement Coordinator, 206-553-6689 or Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov)

Terminal 117 early action area :

EPA, the Port of Seattle, and the City of Seattle are continuing to negotiate an amended settlement agreement for Terminal 117. It will include work to determine the extent of contamination in the soil and groundwater, and to evaluate alternatives to address this contamination, along with sediment contamination. EPA expects the agreement, including a schedule, to be available on our Lower Duwamish Waterway website in September 2007.
(EPA contact: Piper Peterson Lee, 206-553-4951 or peterson-lee@epa.gov)

Slip 4 early action area:

EPA has delayed the cleanup of sediment in the Slip 4 early action area until EPA, Ecology identify and control polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination from North Boeing Field that is reaching the slip and may recontaminate a sediment cleanup. On April 20, 2007, Ecology issued Determination of Potential Liable Person (PLP) Status letters to the city of Seattle, King County, and The Boeing Company regarding contamination on the North Boeing Field/Georgetown Steam Plant site. Ecology will soon begin negotiating an Agreed Order with the Potentially Liable Persons to complete a remedial investigation/feasibility study of Slip 4 and to begin cleanup. On June 12, 2007, Ecology held a community meeting to discuss high levels of PCBs in drains at North Boeing Field and other potential sources of recontamination.

To receive future mailings about Slip 4 source control, please contact Justine Asohmbom at Ecology at 425-649-7135 or juas461@ecy.wa.gov
(Contact Mark Edens, Ecology, 425-649-7070, mede461@ecy.wa.gov)

Basin Oil:

Basin Oil Company is across Dallas Avenue South from Terminal 117. In May 2007, EPA and its contractor sampled soil, drums, and tanks at the facility. Several samples show the presence of materials regulated as off-specification used oil under the Washington Dangerous Waste Regulations. The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) will lead the follow up at the site. As part of the T-117 investigation above, the Port and City will sample the facility as necessary to determine its potential to recontaminate their anticipated T-117 cleanup.
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