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Ketchikan Pulp Company Site Ward Cove Sediment Remediation Project Ketchikan, Alaska

Ward Cove Sediment Cleanup Begins

The Ward Cove Sediment Remediation Project has started! This cleanup is focused on bottom sediments in Ward Cove that were contaminated by historical releases from the former KPC facility. The contaminated sediments are toxic to some marine animals that live in them. The sediments are not toxic to humans, birds, or mammals.

On November 20th, the first bucket of sediment was dredged from the bottom of Ward Cove. Dredging of contaminated sediments will occur in about three acres in front of the main dock facility, and about one acre near the northeast corner of the cove. Dredging is scheduled to continue through late December. Dredged sediments are temporarily placed in a de-watering area located near the North Tongass Highway. Once de-watered, sediments will be placed in KPC's upland landfill.

Capping and mounding of sediments are scheduled to start in January 2001, and will be completed by mid-March 2001. The capping and mounding involves covering contaminated sediments with clean sand. It will cover about 27 acres. An additional 50 acres of contaminated sediments will be allowed to recover naturally. After the capping and mounding, sediments will be monitored over the long term to make sure cleanup goals are met.

The contract for the sediment project was awarded to Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, and the construction contractor is J.E. McAmis, Inc. McAmis hired local workers from South Coast, Inc. A local source of sand is being evaluated as possible capping material.

Since our last mailing, sediment remedial design documents have been added to the information repositories located at: Ketchikan Public Library, Ketchikan ADEC Office, Juneau ADEC Office, and the EPA Seattle Records Center.

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