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*Ketchikan Pulp Company Cleanup  
Five-year Review  
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## **Ketchikan Pulp Company Project — EPA to Review Past Cleanup**

The EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) is about to begin a “five-year review” of the Ketchikan Pulp Company (KPC) Project in Ketchikan, Alaska. This review will look at the cleanup of the land formerly owned by KPC, and the cleanup of contaminated sediments in Ward Cove. The cleanups were done from 1998 to 2001.

The KPC land was contaminated with lead, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), arsenic, and petroleum compounds. During cleanup, contaminated soils were removed. EPA placed long-term controls on the property to protect that cleanup.

The bottom of Ward Cove was contaminated with ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, and 4-methylphenol. EPA dredged about three acres of sediments in

Ward Cove. EPA also capped about 27 acres with clean material, and left another 50 acres of contaminated sediments to recover naturally.

EPA’s review will make sure that the cleanups and controls are working and that people and the environment are protected. Planned uses of this property will be considered. EPA will collect site information, review monitoring data, review laws, and consult with officials. The final report will be out this summer.

To discuss the review, give information to EPA, or to get on the mailing list, call **Andrea Lindsay**, 206/553-1896 or 1-800-424-4372. To learn about the KPC Project, visit [www.epa.gov/r10earth/](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/) (click on Index, click on “K” for Ketchikan Pulp Company).