

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



Lockheed West Seattle, Washington

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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EPA Adds Lockheed West Seattle Site to Superfund List

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has added Lockheed West Seattle to the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites, also known as the Superfund list. In September 2006, EPA proposed the site to the NPL and held a 60-day public comment period on the proposal. No comments were received. The listing means that the site will be studied and cleaned up under EPA's Superfund program.

Study and Sampling Will Guide Cleanup Plans

Lockheed Martin Corporation recently began a study, called a focused remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS), to better understand the contamination and develop a cleanup plan. The study includes sampling of sediment and of seeps along the upland perimeter of the site. EPA expects to review the sampling results, complete the RI/FS and select a cleanup in the next two years.

Earlier sampling showed that contamination in sediment (mud) at Lockheed West Seattle exceeded the levels allowed by State of Washington cleanup standards. These elevated contamination levels could pose a risk to people and the environment.

EPA Invites Your Involvement

EPA will develop a community involvement plan to describe how we will involve the community in the Lockheed West Seattle cleanup. If you would like to be interviewed to provide suggestions for this plan, please contact Cindy Schuster (*see page 2*). We expect interviews to take place this spring. The resulting plan will be available for public review.

An EPA technical assistance grant (TAG) is available to eligible groups whose members may be affected by a Superfund site. Most of the grant funds must be used to pay a technical advisor to help the community understand and comment on technical aspects of the site. If your group is interested in applying for a TAG for the Lockheed West Seattle site, contact Cindy Schuster (*page 2*).

Site Background

Lockheed West Seattle is located at 3443 West Marginal Way SW on Elliott Bay in Seattle, Washington. The site consists of about 27 acres of sediment.

Lockheed Shipbuilding and others operated the former shipyard from 1946 to 1986. Shipbuilding and ship repair activities contaminated sediment at the site. Paint, metal scrapings and sandblast grit were discharged directly into Elliott Bay.

Contaminants of concern include metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and petroleum products. Releases of pollution into Elliott Bay are of particular concern. The bay is used for a variety of recreational purposes, including fishing, canoeing and kayaking. The Muckleshoot and Suquamish Tribes use the area for commercial and subsistence fishing. The area also provides habitat critical to Chinook salmon, which the federal government has listed as a threatened species.

The Port of Seattle purchased the property in 1992. The Port cleaned up the land area of the old shipyard under Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) oversight. It is now part of Terminal 5, which the Port uses for container shipping facilities.

Ecology asked EPA to oversee the sediment cleanup. This area, the Superfund site, is owned in part by the Port and in part by the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

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For More Information

Information about the Lockheed West Seattle site is available for review at the following location:

EPA Region 10 Records Center
1200 Sixth Avenue, 7th Floor, Seattle, WA
Hours: M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Please call 206-553-4494 for an appointment.

Information is also available online at
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