

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



Taylor Lumber and Treating, Sheridan, Oregon
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Final Cleanup Work Begins at Taylor Lumber and Treating Site

This spring, EPA contractors will begin the final environmental cleanup at the Taylor Lumber and Treating Superfund site in Sheridan, Oregon. Soils and groundwater at this site were contaminated by Taylor's former wood-treating operations. The contaminated soils will be dug up and sent to a disposal facility. Contaminated groundwater at the site is contained within a barrier wall. The asphalt cap over this area will be replaced with an improved cap that is more protective of people and the environment. Most of the work will be done during the summer months, with construction completion by September 2007. This cleanup is funded by EPA.

This property is currently owned and operated by Pacific Wood Preserving of Oregon (PWPO). PWPO is now producing treated wood products using chemicals that are safer for their employees and for the environment. EPA and PWPO will work together to ensure that the cleanup can be done on schedule, while allowing PWPO's operations to continue.

Cleanup and Construction

Most of the contamination occurs in the eastern part of this site. In 2000, EPA contractors built an underground barrier wall to contain the most contaminated portion of the site and keep the groundwater from moving off the property. The area above and inside the barrier wall was paved. This asphalt cap, which covers about seven acres, keeps rainwater from soaking into the area enclosed by the underground barrier wall. It also prevents people from coming into contact with contaminated soil underneath it. This summer, EPA contractors will replace the asphalt cap with a more durable asphalt cap.

EPA contractors will also remove soil from the site. Areas with contaminated soil, primarily due to elevated concentrations of arsenic, will be dug up and taken off site to a disposal facility. Contaminated soils will be removed from the northeast corner, from a small area in the southeast corner, and from ditches next to the site. EPA will make sure that soil cleanup levels have been met before covering these areas with clean fill. Soils piled in the temporary storage areas, located in

the northwest corner, will also be removed and sent off site to a disposal facility.

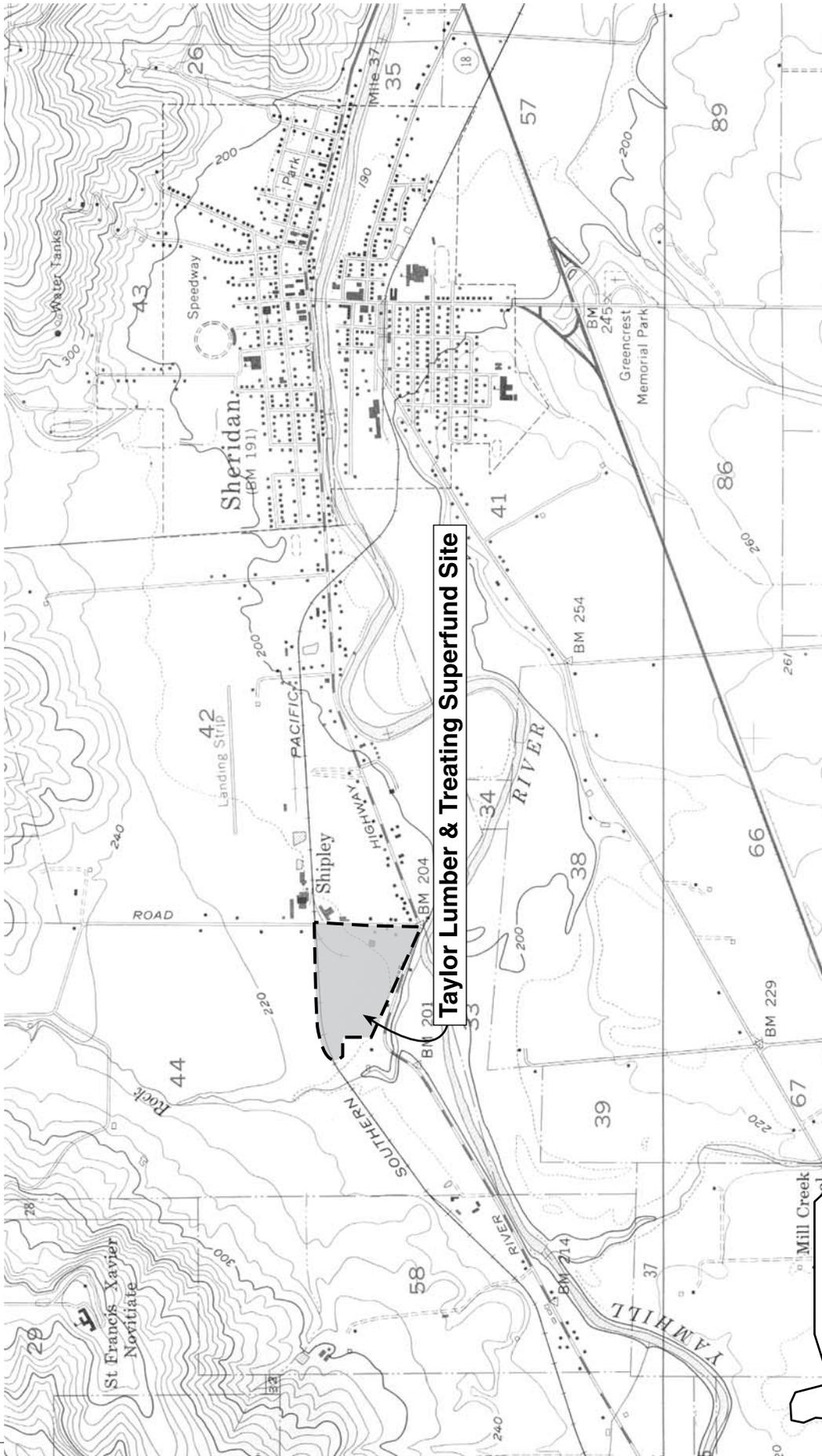
EPA's contractor will be required to control dust, stormwater, erosion, and to clean equipment as necessary during all site work. Air monitoring samplers will be placed at the site to show that arsenic-laden dust emitted during excavation and soil moving activities does not pose a threat to onsite employees or neighbors.

After the cleanup is completed, long-term monitoring at the site will make sure that the cleanup is working well and remains protective of human health and the environment.

What to Expect During Construction

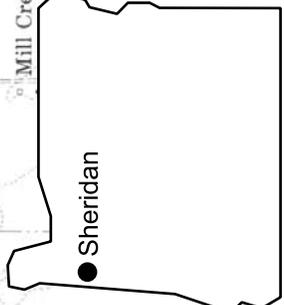
People can expect to see some increased traffic on Southwest Rock Creek Road and Willamina-Sheridan Highway from June through August while dump trucks take soils from the site and deliver clean fill dirt. People traveling on these roads should be cautious of the additional truck traffic.

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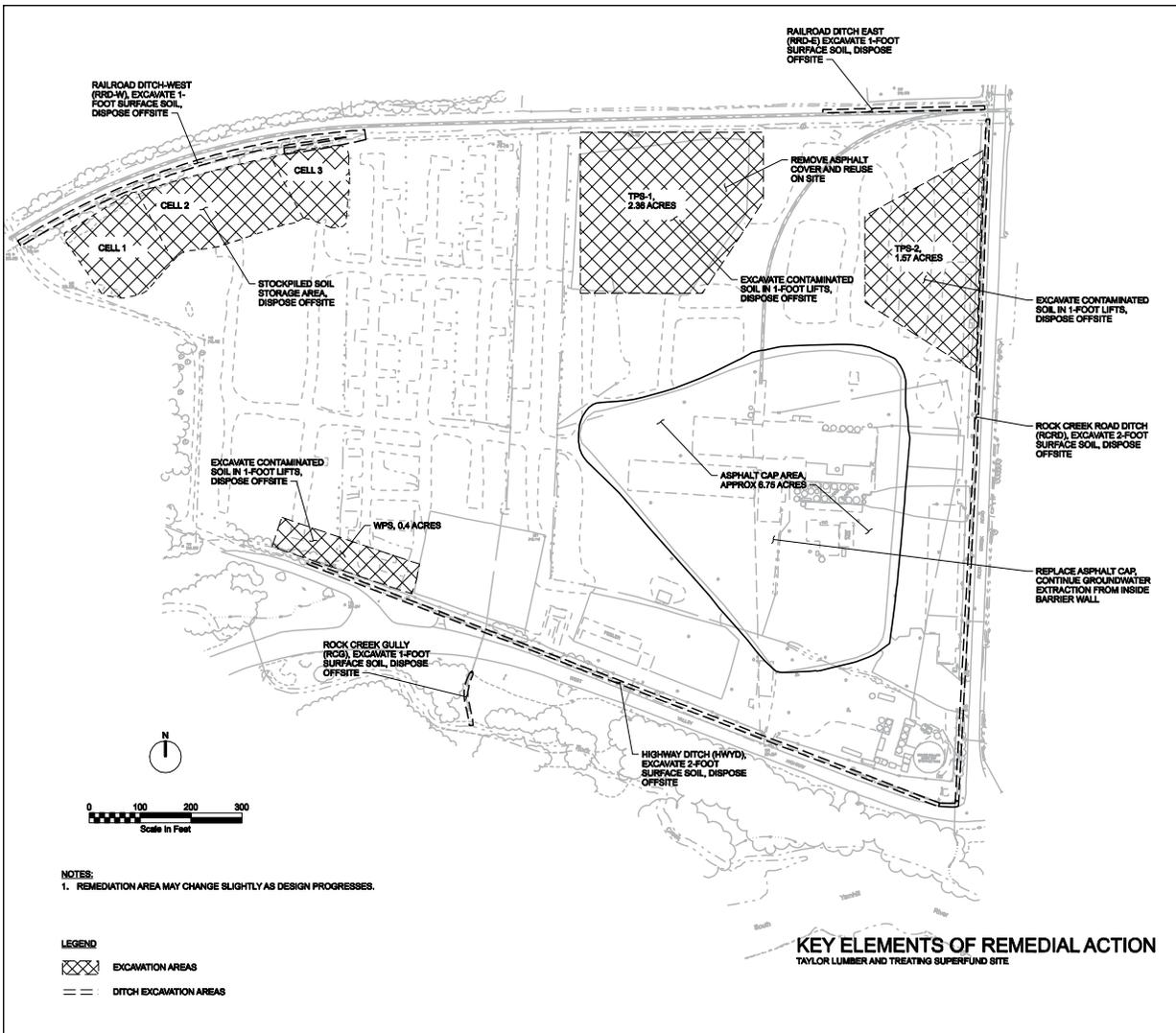


Taylor Lumber & Treating Superfund Site

Source: USGS 7.5' Quadrangle
Sheridan, Oregon



**SITE VICINITY MAP
TAYLOR LUMBER AND TREATING SUPERFUND SITE
SHERIDAN, OREGON**



Site Background

Taylor Lumber and Treating operated a wood-treating plant at the site for over thirty years. Toxic and cancer-causing chemicals, primarily arsenic, creosote and pentachlorophenol, were used to preserve wood. Many wood-treating chemical spills and drips from treated wood contaminated the soil and groundwater at the site.

The site was added to EPA's National Priorities List in 2001. EPA conducted three emergency cleanup actions at this site to protect on-site employees, local residents and the South Yamhill River from chemicals released when Taylor Lumber operated it. In 2000, an underground barrier wall was built to surround the most contaminated groundwater and soil, and an asphalt cap was installed over it. Later, a residential yard was cleaned up, as were some ditches within and next to that yard and the site.

EPA issued a final cleanup decision (Record of Decision) in September 2005. The Agency completed the final cleanup design for the site in December 2006.

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More Information

Information is available on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/>
Click on *Index A-Z*, then on "T," and on "*Taylor Lumber & Treating Site*."

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