

# SUPERFUND

## Fact Sheet

### HARBOR ISLAND SUPERFUND SITE

Seattle, Washington



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## Comments Requested on Two Proposed Agreements for Harbor Island Cleanups: Todd and Lockheed Shipyard Sediments

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced 30-day public comment periods on two proposed legal agreements for the cleanup of contaminated sediments at the Harbor Island Superfund site. The cleanup areas are at Todd Shipyard and the former Lockheed Shipyard, which are both on the west side of Harbor Island. DOJ represents the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in matters that come before a court. After considering public comments, DOJ will decide whether to ask the court to approve these agreements.

### Send your written comments on the proposed Todd and Lockheed agreements by July 7, 2003:

Assistant Attorney General  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 7611  
Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

Comments must refer to the name and number of the proposed agreement:

*United States v. Todd Pacific Shipyards Corp.* DOJ Ref. 90-11-2-970/1.  
or *United States v. Lockheed Martin Corp.*, Ref. 90-11-2-970/2.

### Below is a summary of the cleanups proposed for the shipyards:

#### Todd Shipyard

- ★ Remove two piers, including 3000 piles.
- ★ Dredge 200,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments.
- ★ Cap contaminated sediments under remaining piers.
- ★ Improve habitat for salmon.
- ★ Reimburse EPA and DOJ for all costs related to the Todd sediment cleanup.

#### Lockheed Shipyard

- ★ Remove pier, including 6000 piles.
- ★ Dredge 130,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediments.
- ★ Cap four acres of contaminated sediments
- ★ Improve habitat for salmon.
- ★ Reimburse EPA and DOJ for all costs related to the Lockheed sediment cleanup.

## Where Are Copies of the Proposed Agreements Available?

The agreements are found in the consent decrees titled *United States v. Todd Pacific Corporation* and *United States v. Lockheed Martin Corporation* and their attachments. Copies can be reviewed at these locations:

Office of the United States Attorney General  
601 Union Street, Suite 5100  
Seattle, Washington 98101-3903  
Web site: [www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/open.html)

U.S. EPA Region 10  
Superfund Records Center  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
Please call (206) 553-4494 for an appointment.

You can also request copies of the consent decrees from the Consent Decree Library.

U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611  
Washington, D.C. 20044-7611  
Fax: (202) 514-0097  
E-mail: [tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov](mailto:tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov)

Please send a check payable to the U.S. Treasury for copying at 25 cents per page. The cost for the Todd consent decree is \$42.50 with attachments, and \$13.75 without attachments. The cost for the Lockheed consent decree is \$44.00 with attachments, and \$15.00 without attachments. To confirm that your request has been received, please call Tonia Fleetwood at (202) 514-1547.



*Under the proposed agreement with Todd, cleanup of contaminated sediments would begin this summer at its shipyard on the northwest corner of Harbor Island.*  
(photo courtesy of Floyd Snider McCarthy, Inc.)

## Background

Harbor Island lies at the mouth of the Duwamish River, on the southern edge of Elliott Bay in Seattle, Washington. The island was constructed between 1903 and 1905 from sediments dredged from the Duwamish River to create the East and West Waterways and the navigational channel of the lower Duwamish River. The island has been used for shipbuilding and maintenance, lead smelting, and other industrial work.

In 1983, after finding hazardous substances in soils on the island and in sediments near the island, EPA added Harbor Island to its National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is a list of sites targeted for further investigation and cleanup under EPA's Superfund program.

For investigation and cleanup purposes, EPA divided the site into units, including the Todd Shipyard and Lockheed Shipyard sediments units. Shipbuilding and ship repair at Todd and Lockheed released wastes and hazardous substances that contaminated sediments next to the shipyards. The contaminants included

marine paint additives such as arsenic, copper, lead, mercury, tributyl tin, and zinc.

EPA's November 1996 Record of Decision documented the overall cleanup plan for the contaminated shipyard sediments, which included dredging shipyard waste, and dredging and capping contaminated sediments. EPA later added details about removing piers; dredging, capping, and disposing of sediments; and maintaining the shipyard sediment units after cleanup. These details are recorded in three documents:

- February 2002 "Explanation of Significant Differences for the Lockheed Shipyard Sediment Operable Unit."
- April 2003 "Explanation of Significant Differences to the Harbor Island – Shipyard Sediment Operable Unit: Todd Shipyard Sediments."
- April 2003 "Explanation of Significant Differences to the Harbor Island – Shipyard Sediments Operable Unit: Lockheed Shipyard Sediments."



*Under the proposed agreement with Lockheed, cleanup of contaminated sediments would begin this summer at the former Lockheed Shipyard on the west side of Harbor Island. (photo courtesy of Hart Crowser)*



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## **Need More Information?**

Detailed information about the Todd and Lockheed Shipyards sediment cleanups and the entire Harbor Island site is available at EPA at 1200 Sixth Avenue in Seattle. If you would like to review any of the documents, please call the Superfund Records Center at (206) 553-4494 to arrange a time.

Some Harbor Island site documents are available on the EPA Region 10 web site:  
<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/>. Click on "Index," then "H," and then "Harbor Island Lead."

## **Questions?**

If you have questions about the Harbor Island site, please contact either person listed below:

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*For people with disabilities: please call Cindy Schuster to request reasonable accommodations.  
For TTY users: please call 1-800-977-8339 and give the operator Cindy Schuster's telephone number.*