EPA Begins Five-Year Review of Wyckoff / Eagle Harbor Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started a comprehensive Five-Year Review of the cleanup at the Wyckoff / Eagle Harbor Superfund site on Bainbridge Island, Washington. The review is a checkup to evaluate the progress and the effectiveness of cleanup activities. EPA conducts reviews at least every five years to ensure that cleanup actions are protective of people and the environment.

EPA welcomes your participation

We will offer a range of community involvement opportunities to provide information and answer questions on the review activities. The evaluation will be completed by September 2007. If you have information that may help us with the review, please contact **Mary Jane Nearman**, EPA Project Manager at 206-553-6642 or nearman.maryjane@epa.gov. TTY users may call the Federal Relay Service: 800-877-8339.

The final Five-Year Review report will include the site background and cleanup activities. It will describe the review, explain the results and include recommendations to resolve issues found during the review. The final report will be available from EPA and will be in the information repository at the Bainbridge Island Library. EPA will also send you an update summarizing the findings and proposed future actions.

The Wyckoff / Eagle Harbor Site is listed on EPA's National Priorities List of the most contaminated hazardous waste sites. The Five-Year Review will evaluate all portions of the site, including the former Wyckoff wood-treating facility and historic contamination in the West Harbor near the ferry maintenance facility. Contaminants include metals, creosote and wood-treatment compounds. EPA is currently treating contaminated groundwater from the "point" or the former Wyckoff processing area.

Join us at a public meeting

We will present information on the Five-Year Review, the cap extension on the west beach of Pritchard Park, and the anticipated actions for the "point" or the Wyckoff former processing area.

When: Thursday, August 16, 2007

Time: 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.

Where: Bainbridge Island Commons

402 Brien Drive SE

Meet us on the Bainbridge Island Ferry: Thursdays, August 2nd and 9th.

We will be available on several morning and late afternoon routes to discuss the cleanup activities and to answer questions. Look for our display board near the ferry dining area.

In Eagle Harbor, contaminated bottom sediments were capped with clean sand to isolate the contamination from the environment. The monitoring results of these cleanup actions are being reviewed to ensure continuing protection of human health and the environment.

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Construction Begins on Replacement of Groundwater Treatment Plant

Earlier this year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on EPA's behalf, awarded a contract to construct a replacement groundwater treatment plant to the ECC construction firm of Lakewood, Colorado. The new plant will use an existing building on the southern portion of the "point," with storage tanks located south of the building.

Construction activities are beginning in June and are expected to last about a year. During this period, the public can expect to see increased traffic and activity in the eastern portion of the site.

Other Upcoming Cleanup Activities

In the near future, EPA will send out information on two additional activities: an extension of the sediment cap on the West Beach of the Wyckoff facility and an update for additional actions (e.g., capping, enhanced shoreline stabilization, groundwater pumping and treatment) for the "point" or the former processing area. These fact sheets will describe upcoming actions to address contamination in soils, groundwater and sediments associated with the Wyckoff wood-treatment facility.

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