

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



Former Rhone-Poulenc Site, Tukwila, Washington

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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EPA Invites Your Comments on Rhone-Poulenc Cleanup Selection

EPA invites public comments on the proposed final cleanup selection for the East Parcel of the former Rhone-Poulenc, Inc. facility. The East Parcel includes roughly the eastern half of the former facility. Comments will be accepted **through December 15, 2006**.

What is the Proposed Final Cleanup Selection?

EPA proposes “Corrective Action Complete Without Controls,” which means that cleanup work has been completed on the East Parcel and that no land-use restrictions are needed.

In the summer of 2006, contaminated soils were removed from the East Parcel. Comprehensive sampling showed that the remaining soil meets the cleanup goals for the site. These cleanup goals were based on the following considerations:

- Future use of the property will be unrestricted.
- The facility owner requested unrestricted land use.
- Surface water near the facility (the Lower Duwamish Waterway) is used for recreation and fishing, and is a critical habitat for endangered species.

Where Can I Review the Proposed Final Cleanup Selection?

Copies of documents relating to the final cleanup are available for review at the following location:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10 Library
1200 6th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101
206-553-1289 or
toll free 800-424-4372

These documents are also available on the Web:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/LDW/Rhone-Poulenc+Incorporated>



Photo by Aerolist Photographers, Inc.
Completed cleanup actions at Rhone-Poulenc have greatly reduced contamination to the Lower Duwamish Waterway.

How Do I Submit Comments?

Comments will be accepted through **December 15, 2006**, and should include all reasonably available references and supporting materials. All comments should be sent to **Christy Brown** at the address on the back page.

Will There Be a Public Meeting?

If you would like for EPA to hold a public meeting to discuss the final cleanup selection and determination of “Corrective Action Complete Without Controls,” please contact **Cindy Schuster** (*see back page*) by November 30. If there is enough interest, EPA will hold a meeting on Wednesday, **December 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.** Contact **Cindy Schuster** to learn whether and where EPA will hold a meeting.

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Site Background

For some 60 years, companies manufactured glues, resins, vanillin and other chemical products at the site. The chemical processes, most of which took place in the West Parcel, contaminated soils and groundwater that flows into the Lower Duwamish Waterway. Contaminants threatened Chinook salmon and bull trout, two endangered species found in the waterway. The facility owner is cleaning up the entire property with EPA oversight.

Buildings were demolished and debris removed from the site's West Parcel. It has been regraded, paved, fenced and leased to a new tenant.

What Happens Next?

EPA will address all comments received during the comment period. This information will appear in a document called the "Final Decision and Response to Comments." If EPA finds that a different final cleanup selection is needed or that "Corrective Action Complete Without Controls" is not the best decision for the East Parcel, EPA may announce a public comment period for new proposed decisions.

If EPA does not receive any comments that need to be addressed, we will make the final cleanup selection for the East Parcel and issue a determination of "Corrective Action Complete Without Controls."

For More Information

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following EPA representatives:

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