

Rayonier Mill Cleanup Port Angeles



Open House and Public Meeting

November 8, 2006

Uplands Remedial Investigation Report: Report on nature and extent of soil and groundwater contamination of the Uplands portion of the mill site.

Tonight's Agenda

5:00 *Open House*

- Visit information tables
- Brief Presentations on the Draft Remedial Investigation Report and draft cleanup regulations by Ecology, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Rayonier, and the Olympic Environmental Council
- Provide written comments on Rayonier Uplands Remedial Investigation Report

6:30 *Break*

7:00 *Public Meeting*

- Welcome by Ecology, the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and Rayonier
- Presentation by Ecology staff
- Question & Answer Session
- Public Comment Period

9:00 *Adjourn*

Thank you for attending the meeting this evening, and for your continued involvement in this process.

How Do I Participate?

Ecology encourages and welcomes your questions and comments regarding this phase of the Rayonier Mill Cleanup.

There are several ways to participate:

- You may submit written comments for the record at any time—please use the comment cards provided.
- If you prefer to have your comments recorded instead of written, please check the box on the Attendance Register card indicating you would like to make a public comment.
- If you would like more time to submit your comments, the box to the right has contact information. Bill Harris (Ecology) is available to answer your questions as you review the documents.
- If you would like to be on the mailing list, please call or email Shannon McClelland at 360 407-6398 or mcs461@ecy.wa.gov

Comments must be received by December 1, 2006.

Please mail or email your comments to:

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Port Angeles, WA 98362
(Phone) 360-417-8501

Peninsula College Library
1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd.
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(Phone) 360-417-6280

WA State Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office
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300 Desmond Dr.
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NEW Ecology Website for Rayonier Cleanup:

View documents relating to the site, state cleanup process information, and links to related websites.

Stay informed at: www.ecy.wa.gov

Look under the Spotlight column on the far right and click on [Rayonier Port Angeles cleanup site](#).

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Background

Rayonier operated a specialty pulp mill on this property. After the dismantling of the mill structure and buildings, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sampled the soils on the uplands portion of the site. Chemical byproducts of the mill operations and dioxin have been found in the site's soil. Some of these byproducts may pose a potential hazard to human health and the environment.

Under the state's cleanup law, Model Toxics Control Act (MTCOA, Chapter 70.105D RCW), previous and current owners and operators of a contaminated property are responsible for cleaning up the contamination.

As the current owner, Rayonier is responsible for the cleanup of the mill property and associated contaminants. In 2002, Ecology and Rayonier signed an agreed order authorizing Rayonier to conduct an investigation of the contamination (called a remedial investigation) and issue a report about the nature, extent and magnitude of contamination.

Status of the Cleanup

The Washington State Department of Ecology, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, and Rayonier are releasing the draft Remedial Investigation Report for public review and comment. The draft Remedial Investigation Report details the results of the sampling effort identifying the types and levels of contaminants found in soils, groundwater, plants, and key animals at the Rayonier Mill property on Ennis Street in Port Angeles; and how those contaminant levels compare to current cleanup standards.

In addition, Ecology and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe have prepared a report which presents an analysis of the data for dioxins under the draft changes to the state's cleanup regulations. Because the new cleanup regulations may change before cleanup will take place on the Rayonier mill property, Ecology and the Tribe believe it is important for the public to review those changes.

What happens next?

Ecology will consider public comments on the Remedial Investigation Report, and will determine if the current characterization of contamination is adequate or if additional environmental sampling is needed.

Once all the sampling has been done and the remedial investigation phase is completed, a risk assessment will be drafted. A risk assessment determines what the risks are to the potential users of the area based on the nature and extent of contamination in marine and uplands environments identified in the remedial investigation report.

Rayonier will then begin work on a feasibility study. A feasibility study analyzes different options to clean up the site and the various costs of those options. Once completed, Ecology will ask for public comment on the preferred approach for cleaning up the site.

A Cleanup Action Plan will then be drafted, detailing the specific steps of the cleanup, including any monitoring required during and after the cleanup.

Understanding the Site Cleanup Process



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In Progress

(Draft & Final): Public Comment Opportunities



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Public Comment Period:
March 13 through April 26, 2006