



Public Notice

Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport

Public Comment Period: November 30, 2007 through January 15, 2008

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology), is announcing a public comment period. Ecology requests your comments on a tentative decision to issue a dangerous waste management permit to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Keyport (NUWC Division, Keyport). The permit will allow the Navy to continue managing dangerous waste on their base. Waste management will be in a building specifically designed and constructed for that purpose.

Ecology also determined that issuing the permit does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). The permit will not require any new construction. The Navy has been managing dangerous waste in the existing building since 1994.

Public Review

Review the information Ecology used to make their tentative decisions to issue this permit, between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at:

Department of Ecology
Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503
Contact: Martin Werner - (360) 407-6710

Or:

Naval Undersea Warfare Center
610 Dowell Street, Keyport, WA 98345
Contact: Diane Jennings (360) 396-2699.

Or

(during library hours):
Silverdale Branch of the Kitsap Library
3450 NW Carlton Street
Silverdale, WA 98383

Public Comment Period

On: Draft Permit and SEPA determination

Dates: November 30, 2007 through January 15, 2008.

Submit comments to:

Martin Werner
Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program
Department of Ecology
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
E-Mail Address – mwer461@ecy.wa.gov

Comments must be postmarked or hand delivered by January 15, 2008.

You may hand deliver comments to the Ecology's street address in the "Public Review" section.

Public hearing

Ecology will conduct a public hearing on January 8, 2008, at the Naval Undersea Museum, 610 Dowell Street, Keyport, Washington. For directions, contact Martin Werner, at the address or phone number above.

At the hearing, Ecology will have an open house from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can talk with staff from Ecology and the Navy to learn more about the facility and requirements in the draft permit. The formal hearing will begin at 8 p.m.

Processes for Final Decisions

Ecology will consider and respond to all comments the public submits. Then Ecology will make final decisions on the permit and SEPA. Ecology will inform all people who comment and the facility of their final decisions.

Normally, a permit is effective 30 days after Ecology announces their final decision. However, Ecology may specify an earlier effective date for the final permit if no one comments on the draft permit.

If Ecology makes a new tentative decision on this permit, there will be a new comment period.

Appealing the Final Permit Decisions

People can challenge Ecology's final decision or any individual permit condition by appealing to the Pollution Control Hearings Board. Appeal procedures are in WAC 173-303-845 and Chapter 43.21B Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Facility Background

NUWC Division, Keyport is a U.S. Navy Base. It is located near the town of Keyport in Kitsap County. The base tests, evaluates and repairs undersea warfare systems and components. The base generates dangerous waste while conducting these operations.

Operations that require a dangerous waste management permit are in a single building on the base. The Navy manages dangerous wastes in the building until they send the wastes to other facilities for treatment and recycling or disposal. The Navy does not incinerate or dispose of any dangerous wastes on the base.

The Navy designed the building used for dangerous waste management operations strictly for that

purpose. The Navy has been managing waste in the building under “interim status” since 1994. The permit will allow dangerous waste management to continue under more stringent operating requirements.

For more information or a copy of Ecology’s draft permit and fact sheet:

✓ Contact Martin Werner at the mailing address, e-mail address, or phone number listed earlier.

Or

✓ Visit our web site:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/index.html>

To receive any documents in alternate format, please contact Martin Werner at one of the addresses or phone numbers listed earlier. If you have special accommodation needs for the public hearing, contact Mr. Werner by December 28, 2007.

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We used several mailing lists. If you receive a duplicate, please pass it on.