



## Superfund Fact Sheet

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# West Harbor Update

Bainbridge Island, Washington

## Cleanup Moving at a Fast Pace

*Since the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) last update in June, PACCAR, Inc. has made a lot of progress in the ongoing cleanup of the West Harbor portion of the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund site. If the project continues to move along quickly, then it is expected to be completed by mid-September. This fact sheet provides a brief update on site cleanup activities in the West Harbor.*

## Removing Contaminated Sediments

Passersby and park users probably noticed a lot of activity on the Washington State Ferry (WSF) maintenance property in mid-June. Site activities centered around the removal of intertidal sediments that were contaminated with high concentrations of heavy metals ("hotspots"). Work was tightly coordinated to excavate "hotspots" from underneath the WSF docks. The excavated soils were transferred to an asphalt pad for temporary stockpiling, and (after sampling to assure that the cleanup goals were met) the excavated areas were filled with clean, sandy material to match original elevations. Contractors waited for low tide to conduct soil removal to reduce negative impacts on water quality.

## Where is the Sediment Going?

As outlined in the EPA cleanup plan and design, contaminated sediments are going to be contained on site in a lined "enclosure" called a Confined Disposal Facility (CDF).

Construction on the sand and rock berm (the "wall") of the CDF is finished. Once filled with excavated contaminated sediments and capped with clean soil, the CDF will ultimately create approximately 1-acre of new land. PACCAR's contractors have already placed the stockpiled intertidal sediments on the liner that covers the bottom and inside walls of the berm. In addition, a small hotspot of sediments near the end of the main pier at the ferry maintenance yard (below the low tide level) has been dredged and placed within the lined CDF. If sampling shows that the dredging removed all "hotspots" sediments, no further dredging will be necessary.

## Capping Parts of West Harbor

PACCAR's contractors have also been capping sediments in West Harbor that do not require removal but have demonstrated toxicity to marine organisms in lab tests. Using a clamshell dredge and crane, the contractors take clean soil brought to the site by barges and spread it over the bottom ("capped" with clean soil), in contaminated areas.

EPA has been overseeing the contractors and has required water quality monitoring to assure that impacts to the marine environment are avoided.

### Web Surfing for EPA

*Check out our Internet Homepage at <http://r0serv.r10.epa.gov> for information and news about Superfund, watershed protection, endangered species protection, pesticides and toxics information and much more.*

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## What's Happening Next ?

As mentioned above, the West Harbor cleanup project is expected to be completed by mid-September. Remaining West Harbor work for July and August includes:

- Demolition of the boatyard building (near the footpath--footpath closure may be necessary for part of the day, but commuter hours will be avoided).
- Placement of remaining gravel/sand on the outer slope of the CDF berm and the tidal barrier (next to the footbridge) for habitat.
- Installation of pipes, oil-water separators, and outfalls for future site monitoring.
- Placement of a gravel base and asphalt paving across the site, including the surface of the completed CDF and the footpath.
- Removal of contractor's trailers and equipment.

**As cleanup work comes to a close in the West Harbor, EPA will issue additional updates which will describe how the CDF will be monitored for long-term environmental protection and describe the schedule for planting eelgrass (for habitat mitigation) near the waterfront park.**

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## What is the Administrative Record?

The **Administrative Record** is a file that contains **all** information used by EPA to make its decisions on cleanup actions from the beginning of the site's history. A copy of the Administrative Record is available for public review and should be housed in a location near the site, known as the **Information Repository**.

For many years, the Bainbridge Island Library was the information repository; however, due to limited space at the library, EPA can only keep the most current documents and plans at the library, not the entire Site File. This information is normally available for your review at the Bainbridge Island Public Library, 1270 Madison Avenue North. However, while the library is under construction until late July, the Wyckoff Files are being temporarily stored at the Bainbridge Island High School. Until library construction is finished, only the fact sheets will be available at the library; however, the Administrative Record can still be viewed at the EPA Records Center in Seattle.

The **Administrative Record** files for Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor are kept at the **EPA Records Center, 7th floor, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle**. To make an appointment to review the Administrative Record, call **1-206-553-4494** or **Nancy Wilson, Community Relations Coordinator**, at **1-206-553-1237**.

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