

Request for Comments

Proposed Cleanup at Former Floragon-Molalla

Comments due: 5 p.m., September 30, 2017

Project location: South Molalla Avenue near South Molalla Forest Road, Molalla, Oregon

Proposal: DEQ is proposing cleanup action to address soil contamination in the Dip Tank Area portion of the Floragon property. The cleanup would include soil removal and off-site disposal, capping with asphalt, and cleanout of an existing storm sewer system. Habitat restoration would occur in two areas adjoining Bear Creek.

Highlights: Lumber mills formerly occupied the 105-acre Floragon property. DEQ previously issued a no further action determination for the northern portion of property, representing approximately 80 acres. A conditional NFA is pending for the 16-acre southeast corner of the property. In the former Dip Tank Area, which represents approximately 3 acres, pentachlorophenol was used for a number of years to prevent staining of wood. Dioxins that were present as an impurity in the PCP, and have been detected in soil above DEQ risk-based concentrations and cleanup action. A risk assessment and feasibility study were submitted to DEQ and have been approved. The proposed cleanup action addresses the potential for human contact with contaminated soil, and potential migration of contaminants to the adjacent Bear Creek, and consists of: removal and off-site disposal of “hot spot” (highly contaminated soil); repaving of remaining areas where dioxins are present in soil; cleanout of the Dip Tank Area stormwater system that may contain contaminated sediment; and habitat restoration in two areas next to Bear Creek. Following soil removal and capping, an easement would be recorded with the property deed requiring long-term inspection and maintenance of the paving that covers contaminated soil.

How to comment: Send comments to DEQ Project Manager Dan Hafley at 700 NE Multnomah, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232 at hafley.dan@deq.state.or.us. For more information contact the project manager at 503-229-5417.

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The next step: After all public input has been received and reviewed by DEQ, a determination will be made as to whether changes to the proposed cleanup action are necessary. The selected remedy will be outlined in a Record of Decision, and will include discussion of comments received.



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