

## DEQ Seeks Comments on Proposed Certificate of Completion in Wauna

**Comments due:** 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020

**Project location:** 92326 Taylorville Rd. Clatskanie, Oregon.

**Proposal:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality seeks comments on its proposed Certificate of Completion for groundwater cleanup at the former Koppers wood-treating facility, at the Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP Mill at Wauna.

**Highlights:** Koppers conducted wood-preserving operations on this site between 1936 and 1966. The 25-acre former wood treating operation included retorts, storage tanks, a loading shed, treated wood storage area, incisor building, a wigwam burner and a creosote storage tank and pipeline and drainage ditch.

Koppers (now Beazer East) does not have documentation of significant spills or releases of wood preservatives at this site. The wood-treating chemicals found in soils, slough sediments and perched groundwater are likely from many small spills made during normal daily operations.

Previously, contaminated upland Site soil and sediment in Crawford Slough were either capped or excavated and removed from the site. In 1988, Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP installed an asphalt cap over the former process area to reduce exposure to soil contaminants. Remedial action included a 1989 deed restriction to prevent the removal of the asphalt cap or alteration of surface drainage on the restricted area. A 1989 Easement and Equitable Servitudes prescribed groundwater remediation at the site.

With successful completion of Site sediment and soil cleanup, DEQ provided a Certificate of Completion for these aspects of site cleanup on April 6, 2010.

This 2020 Certificate of Completion refers to the completed remediation of perched groundwater at the site, which includes:

- Hydraulic containment of groundwater using a slurry wall along the Columbia River,
- Contaminant removal using in-situ treatment of groundwater,
- Multi-year groundwater monitoring and laboratory analysis,
- Demonstrated Monitored Natural Attenuation of perched groundwater,
- Perched groundwater now meets Site Record of Decision requirements at top-of-riverbank points of compliance.

**How to comment:** Send comments to DEQ Project Manager Kenneth Thiessen at 700 NE Multnomah St., Ste. 600, Portland, OR 97232-4100 or [Thiessen.Kenneth@deq.state.or.us](mailto:Thiessen.Kenneth@deq.state.or.us).

**For more information on this site:** The proposed Certificate of Completion can be found on the Environmental Cleanup Site Information website for the project at ECSI #649 using this link <https://tinyurl.com/y3wldvjp>. If you do not have web access and wish to review the project file, contact the DEQ project manager at (503) 229-6015.

**The next step:** DEQ will review and consider all comments received before finalizing the proposed Certificate of Completion. If adequate interest in this action is expressed, a public meeting may be held.

**Alternative formats:** DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email [deqinfo@deq.state.or.us](mailto:deqinfo@deq.state.or.us).



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