

Public Notice

Proposed No Further Action Determination, Hoy's Marine Site in Newport, Oregon

Comments due: 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016

Project Location: 4592 Yaquina Bay Road, Newport, OR

Proposal: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites comments on its proposal to issue a no further action determination for the Hoy's Marine Site.

Highlights: The Hoy's Marine Site consists of two adjacent tax lots totaling 0.45 acres on the east bank of the Yaquina River approximately 3 miles upstream of the Newport. The site was used as a shipyard from 1974 to 1999. Activities associated with site operations included shipbuilding, welding, sandblasting, painting and maintenance. Wastes generated during these operations included paint chips, paint residue containing heavy metals and tri-n-butyl tin, waste paint, paint thinner and petroleum.

Numerous investigations and cleanup actions were conducted from 1989 to 2015 by DEQ, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and various consultants. Site investigations documented contamination in the upland area and Yaquina River sediment. Contamination was related to ship maintenance activities, including sand blast operations conducted over the shoreline and shallow tidal flats. Contaminants included tri-n-butyl tin and metals such as copper, nickel and zinc.

Because responsible parties were unable to complete a cleanup, DEQ assumed the lead in site investigation and cleanup under terms of a Deferral Agreement with the EPA. Under terms of the agreement EPA agreed to defer listing of the Hoy's site on the National Priority List (also known as Superfund) provided DEQ complete appropriate cleanup actions.

In 1999 DEQ removed approximately 700 gallons of petroleum-containing liquids and approximately 150 gallons of paint waste and solvents from the site. Sandblast grit and associated stained soil also were removed. These wastes were either taken off site for recycling or were disposed of as hazardous waste.

In 2004 DEQ completed a sediment removal action that included dredging of contaminated sediment to the extent practical. Shallow bedrock conditions beneath the sediment layer prevented a complete removal of contaminated sediments. A total of 2,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment were removed and disposed of in an upland repository on Port of Newport property in Newport. Due to funding limitations DEQ was unable to complete additional risk assessment and report preparation at that time.

In 2014 DEQ initiated additional work at the site, including sediment, pore water, shellfish tissue, and bioassay tests and risk assessment. While sediment testing showed persistent levels of tri-n-butyl tin and metals in sediment, contaminants were not detected in shellfish samples, and bioassay samples indicated that the sediment did not adversely affect sediment dwelling organisms.

Based on these results DEQ concludes the site is protective of human health and the environment, and proposes to issue a no further action determination for the site. DEQ has obtained EPA concurrence that the site has met Deferral Agreement requirements and is protective of human health and the environment.



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The next step: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the comment period prior to issuance of the no further action determination.

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