# New Draft Permit for Reichhold/SSA

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**Comments accepted:**

May 16-June 30, 2016

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## Public comment invited for corrective action permit

Recently, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) held a public comment period for environmental documents that address dioxin contamination and cleanup at the Reichhold/SSA facility. The documents are part of a Consent Decree Amendment and Cleanup Action Plan Amendment to deal with dioxin contamination in site soil. The public comment period ended March 29, 2016 and we did not receive any comments.

Ecology has prepared a new draft corrective action permit for this site so that cleanup work can proceed. The draft permit is now available for public comment. A final decision on this permit will be made after Ecology has reviewed public comments.

## Request for comments

Ecology welcomes comments for a draft corrective action permit for the Reichhold/SSA facility. Ecology plans to issue a final permit at the end of the 45-day public comment period so cleanup work can proceed. Comments must be postmarked, received by email, or hand delivered by **June 30, 2016** to be considered.

Ecology will hold a public hearing if there is enough interest from the public. To request a hearing, contact Stan Leja by phone, letter, or email. If Ecology holds a hearing, we will notify the public by:

- Sending a postcard announcing the hearing.
- Advertising in the Tacoma News Tribune.
- Updating Ecology's public involvement calendar.
- Updating the Ecology's website for the Reichhold/SSA site.

## Site background

The property, located at 3320 Lincoln Avenue East, Tacoma WA 98421, is the site of a former chemical manufacturing facility. The facility began operations in 1956 primarily for the production of pentachlorophenol for use by wood treatment companies and treated fiber products for the building industry.

On December 4, 1988 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Storage and Corrective Action Permit to Reichhold for continued operation of the site as a dangerous waste management facility. One of the requirements of this permit was implementing corrective actions (cleanup) for all releases of hazardous waste and chemicals at the site. The RCRA Storage and Corrective Action Permit expired in 1998 and was not renewed because operations at the facility had ended.

In 2004, Ecology issued a Dangerous Waste Management Permit for corrective action. This corrective action permit was developed to conduct cleanup activities at sites that previously operated under dangerous waste permits, but no longer store, manage, or dispose of hazardous waste. Since its expiration, Ecology worked cooperatively with SSA on a corrective action permit application, a process which was completed earlier this year.

## Site contamination and proposed cleanup actions

In 2014, soil contaminated with dioxin/furan compounds was found at the site. SSA's contractors, with Ecology oversight, further investigated the nature and extent of the dioxin/furan contamination. Based on those results, Ecology decided that additional cleanup actions must be done to protect people and animals from contacting contaminated soils.

The contaminated soils are found in the central part of the property, within a former soil handling area, and six other isolated locations. Dioxin levels in the soil in these areas exceed cleanup levels for industrial sites. Cleanup levels for dioxins in industrial areas are 1,680 parts per trillion (ppt). The average concentration of dioxins in the contaminated areas of site soil is 53,905 ppt. Localized groundwater impacts in the shallow aquifer are not expected to exceed applicable surface water cleanup levels.

Proposed cleanup actions include:

- Excavating soil at six isolated areas.
- Combining contaminated soil within a 7.5 acre area of the site.
- Capping the contaminated soil area with a surface that would prevent direct contact by humans and animals.
- Maintaining deed restrictions at the property to keep the property in industrial use, and protect the capped area.

## Accommodation request

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**Spanish**

Ecología da la bienvenida a los comentarios de un borrador del permiso de acción correctiva para la instalación de Reichhold/SSA. Ecología planea emitir un permiso final al concluir el período de comentarios públicos de 45 días para que el trabajo de la limpieza pueda continuar. Para ser considerados, los comentarios tienen que ser enviados por correo postal, recibido por correo electrónico, o entregado por mano a mas tardar el 30 de junio, 2016. Para obtener más información, llame al 360-4507-6300 y pida un intérprete.

**Korean**

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**Russian**

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# Join the discussion about cleanup at Reichhold/SSA

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### Public Comment Period

Ecology welcomes comments on a draft corrective action permit at the Reichhold/SSA site. Once the permit is finalized, cleanup work to address dioxin/furan contamination in site soil can proceed.

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