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Terminal 117 Superfund site cleanup plan released for public comment

June 7, 2010 - If you live near the Terminal 117 Superfund site, you might know about the contamination at this former asphalt plant in South Park. This month you have an opportunity to comment on the cleanup plans for Terminal 117. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is asking for public comments on the Terminal 117 cleanup through July 7th.

Terminal 117 sits along the Duwamish River in South Park, between 14th Ave. S., Dallas Ave. S., and S. Donovan St. The cleanup will remove river sediments and soils contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from the uplands and from some of the streets and yards.

EPA is hosting a meeting on June 17th to provide information about the cleanup and accept public comments. The public meeting will be held at the South Park Community Center, beginning with an open house at 5:30 pm, presentations at 6:00 pm, and public comments at 7:00 pm. Written comments on the cleanup plan must be emailed or mailed to EPA by July 7th.

Terminal 117 is an early action cleanup that is part of EPA's larger cleanup of the Lower Duwamish Waterway. PCBs and other contaminants in the soils and sediments were left behind by the Duwamish Manufacturing and Malarkey Asphalt companies. The Port of Seattle and City of Seattle are doing the contamination study and cleanup under an EPA Superfund order. The Department of Ecology is providing review and input on controlling sources of contaminants to the river.

The cleanup will make the site available for future river habitat, public access, and business or residential development. The cleanup will begin in 2012 and cost between \$31 and \$34 million dollars. To learn more about the cleanup, visit: www.T117.com.

Send comments by July 7th to: r10terminal117@epa.gov or mail: Terminal 117 Comments, EPA Region 10, 1200 6th Ave, Suite 900, ECL-111, Seattle, Washington 98101.

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