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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Former Kimberly-Clark Mill Site Cleanup Progresses, Remains on Target for End of Year Completion

Work continues on the State-regulated environmental cleanup taking place at the former Kimberly-Clark (K-C) mill site. The project, which was kicked off by the former property owner in March 2020, took a brief pause in April in response to the statewide *Stay Home, Stay Healthy* order to slow the spread of COVID-19. K-C's contractor, Interwest Construction Inc., resumed work in early-May and remains on schedule for a December 31, 2020 completion date.

The project involves two phases. The Washington State Department of Ecology is the regulatory lead for the first phase which involves K-C's second Interim Action Cleanup (IAC) under the State's Model Toxics Control Act (K-C completed the first IAC in 2014). As part of the second IAC, K-C will remove areas of contaminated soil on the site and plug inactive underground pipes that may discharge to East Waterway. The Snohomish Health District is the regulatory lead for the second phase which includes the removal of crushed material on approximately 32 of the Port of Everett's 46 upland acres. Best practices for protecting water and air quality have been incorporated into the plans and project parties have been in communication with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency on this work.

Work Completed to Date

Since commencing cleanup of the site, the work thus far has focused on decommissioning of over a dozen inactive underground shoreline pipes to prevent the potential discharge of shallow groundwater from the upland area to adjacent surface water. Activity included:

- ✓ Locating the pipes by excavation;
- ✓ Cleaning and removing solids from the insides of the pipes using a Vactor truck;
- ✓ Video inspecting the pipes; and
- ✓ Plugging the pipes, either with controlled density fill (CDF) or removing the pipes.

Whats Next?

Next up, the work load focuses on impacted soil and crushed material removal. This portion of the project anticipates an increase in truck traffic in and out of the site along West Marine View Drive (see page 2 for truck route). Dust will be controlled and is not intended to leave the site. Best management practices include daily dust monitoring, a truck wheel wash, and an on-site water truck for road wetting.

As the cleanup progresses, the Port of Everett is working on parallel paths to ready the site for Maritime Industrial Expansion to support near-term maritime operations and jobs, including construction of an approximate 33-acre marine shipping terminal. The construction plan is being designed so that it integrates with future anticipated Ecology cleanup requirements for the site uplands, which will provide an extensive low permeability cap that will protect groundwater quality and the Puget Sound. As part of the build-out, the Port will be installing a state of the art stormwater treatment system that will treat all stormwater runoff before it enters into the Puget Sound. The stormwater treatment system will provide a level of treatment this property has not yet had, and it will protect the Puget Sound and local wildlife into the future. The Port is seeking two federal grants through USDOT to help finance this critical infrastructure development. Regardless of the outcome on grant funding, the Port intends to move forward with the project either all at once or using a phased approach, with the end goal of strengthening our economy and restoring jobs to the site.



Schedule & Hours

Regular work hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Monday — Friday. Extended hours are not anticipated at this time, but may be utilized if necessary. Project completion is expected by December 31, 2020.



Dust Control

Dust will be controlled and is not intended to leave the site. K-C's contractor is implementing dust control measures required by Ecology and the Snohomish Health District, as well as their own best practices, including dust monitoring, a truck wheel wash, and an on-site water truck for road wetting.



Truck Route

Neighbors may notice increased truck traffic, similar to the amount of trucks in and out of the site when the mill was in operation. The contractor's primary city truck route seeks to minimize impact with trucks entering the site from the north and exiting to the north. Full proposed route map on page 2.



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