

# Public Notice

## PROPOSED NO FURTHER ACTION AT THE FORMER MURPHY PLYWOOD FACILITY PORTLAND, OREGON

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

**PROJECT LOCATION:** 3105 SE HARRISON STREET, MILWAUKIE, OREGON

**PROPOSAL:** The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing No Further Action (NFA) regarding investigation and remedial action at the Former Murphy Plywood Facility. Based on review of contaminant investigation and cleanup actions at the property, DEQ has determined that the extent and nature of contamination has been sufficiently delineated, and that remaining soil contamination at the Site does not pose a current or likely future threat to human health and the environment. Notice of the proposed DEQ decision, and a 30-day period for public comment, are being performed as required under ORS 465.320.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The Former Murphy Plywood Facility is an approximate 7 acre property, located in an area of mixed commercial and residential development at 3105 SE Harrison Street in Milwaukie, Oregon. The property is comprised of 14 contiguous tax lots; nine of the tax lots were the location of a plywood manufacturing operation from 1950 to 1990, and included property that housed gasoline and diesel underground storage tanks (USTs). The remaining five tax lots were used for residential and retail occupancy.

The Murphy Company, owners of the property, entered into an Independent Cleanup Pathway (ICP) Agreement with DEQ in November 2001 to receive consultation regarding contaminant investigation and cleanup. Releases at the property were primarily from petroleum chemicals used for the plywood manufacturing process, on-site transportation equipment, and for maintenance and repair of plywood manufacturing equipment and machinery. Plywood manufacturing operations ceased in the late 1980's and all manufacturing equipment was removed. All USTs have been removed, and have received NFA determinations by DEQ's Northwest Region UST Program.

In 2007, after considerable site work was completed to investigate and remove soil contamination at the property, a Summary Investigation/Remediation Report describing site investigation and cleanup activities was submitted to DEQ with a recommendation for no further action. Site cleanup included the removal and disposal of 56,377 tons of petroleum hydrocarbon- contaminated soils at the Hillsboro Subtitle D Landfill. DEQ required that the report be revised to include additional information regarding site investigation and remedial action, and required a Beneficial Water Use Determination and Level I Ecological Risk Assessment be conducted to address any potential impacts to groundwater, surface water and ecologically sensitive species. Based on provided information, remaining soil contamination is below DEQ risk-based screening values for occupational/industrial use, and groundwater has not been significantly impacted. A NFA is therefore proposed for the site.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** The project file may be reviewed by appointment at DEQ's Northwest Region office at 2020 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite #400, Portland, OR 97201. To schedule an appointment to review the file or to ask questions, please contact Dawn Weinberger at (503) 229-6729. Summary information and a copy of DEQ Memorandum proposing No Further Action with supporting attachments are available in DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Site Information (ECSI) database on the Internet, go to <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ECSI/ecsiquery.asp>, then enter 280 in the Site ID box and click "Submit" at the bottom of the page. The DEQ project manager for the site is Scott Manzano, Project Manager, 2020 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 400, Portland, Oregon 97201 (503-229-6748).

