

EPA Invites Your Comments on Grandview Mine and Mill Cleanup Plan



Public Comment Period Begins January 1, 2011

Grandview Mine and Mill, Pend Oreille County, WA December, 2010

You are invited to comment on a cleanup plan for the Grandview Mine and Mill (Site) located in Pend Oreille County, Washington.

The cleanup action (also referred to as a removal action) will address mine-waste materials and contaminated soils present at the Site including metals and semi-volatile organic compounds. This action will protect public health and the environment.

Comments are due February 2, 2011

Read the Plan

Copies of the supporting documents including an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) are available at the Site Repositories listed on the back of this sheet and online at

www.epaossc.org/GrandviewMineandMill

Comment on the Plan

Written comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail at any time during the 30-day public comment period. To submit comments or receive additional information, please contact:

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Site Location & Background

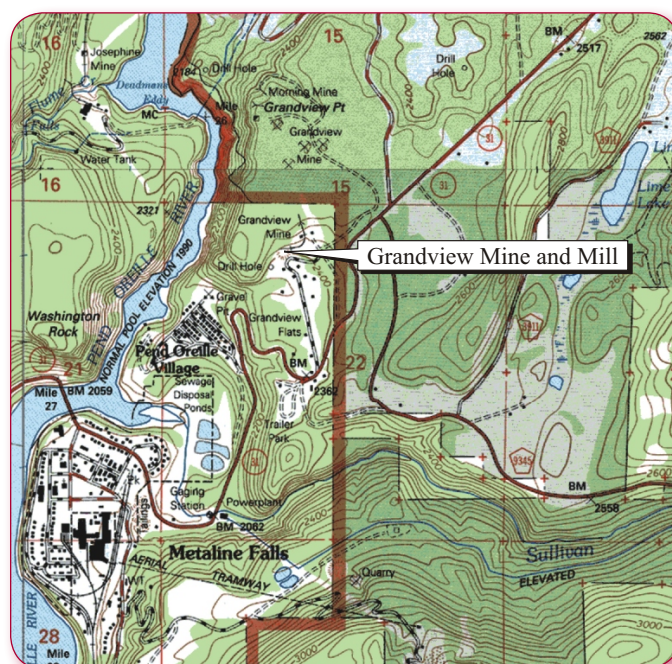
The Grandview Mine and Mill site is located near the Pend Oreille River approximately two miles northeast of Metline Falls. Almost the entire approximately 17 acre site has been affected by mining and milling operations formerly conducted there.

Mineral exploration, mining, and milling activities were conducted at the site during the late 1920s through 1964. Several mine related buildings, concrete foundations, drainage ditches, and a tailings deposit remain on the site.

Your Comments are Important

After the close of the public comment period, EPA will carefully review and consider all of the comments we receive. We will prepare a written response to significant comments and will then select the final cleanup.

The selected cleanup may be the same as the recommended alternative presented in the EE/CA or it may change based on new information and/or public comments. Therefore, you are encouraged to review and comment on all the alternatives and the cleanup actions presented in the EE/CA.



What is an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Report?

An EE/CA is a document that helps EPA and others evaluate alternatives and recommend a preferred cleanup plan. The EE/CA for Grandview Mine and Mill contains information on:

- The nature and extent of contamination (what kind, how much and where),
- The scope and objectives of the cleanup action (what should be cleaned up),
- Cleanup alternatives (different alternatives appropriate for addressing the cleanup objectives),
- A recommended cleanup alternative (the best option based on a number of considerations)

The EE/CA was prepared as a result of an administrative order between Blue Tee Corp., Seattle City Light, Teck American Incorporated, and Washington Resources, LLC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Cleanup Options

For the purposes of the cleanup, the Site will be divided into three subareas:

- The Upper Level Mine, Lower Level Mill, and Drainage Ditch Subarea;
- The Tailings Accumulation Subarea; and
- The Man-Made Ditch and Downgradient Ditch Subarea.

Cleanup Alternatives Compared

The following cleanup alternatives were developed for each subarea, these alternatives are described and analyzed in detail in the EE/CA report:

1. No Action
2. Consolidate materials in on-site repository at Lower Level Mill Area
3. Consolidate materials in on-site repository at Tailings Accumulation Subarea
4. Dispose of materials at Teck Pend Oreille Operations
5. Dispose materials in an offsite landfill

Recommend Cleanup Alternative

Each of the cleanup alternatives was evaluated for how well it protects public health and the environment.

In particular, each alternative was evaluated against the short- and long-term aspects of three broad criteria: effectiveness, implementability, and cost.

Based on the individual and comparative analysis of the cleanup alternatives, EPA recommends a combination of alternatives to be implemented at the Site.

This would result in the construction of an on-Site repository for disposal of all mine-waste materials and mine-waste contaminated soils at the Lower Level Mill Area.

Site Repositories

Metaline Falls Community Library

302 Park Street
P.O. Box 111
Metaline Falls, WA 99153
Desk: (509) 446-3232

EPA Region 10 Records Center

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