



Port of Tacoma position

The Port is seeking \$6 million in Remedial Action Grant funding to fund several remediation projects under agreed orders initiated by the state.

The Issue

The Port of Tacoma has a long history of partnering with stakeholders to clean up and improve the environmental conditions of Commencement Bay. Since 1987, the Port has managed \$301 million worth of environmental investments.

An important tool in this effort is Remedial Action Grants (RAGs) funded by Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) accounts used to clean up contaminated properties. The accounts are funded by a dedicated tax on toxics in the state.

This biennium the Port of Tacoma seeks funding to support two cleanups likely to have the greatest environmental benefit and economic development opportunities.

PROJECT	FUNDING REQUESTED	ECOLOGY DECISION PACKAGE
Maritime Center	\$1 million	\$0
Parcel 99/Arkema	\$5 million	\$3 million
TOTAL	\$6 million	\$3 million

Maritime Center

The property, located along the Wheeler-Osgood Waterway, in Tacoma, was the location of dredge material placement and several industrial operations that have resulted in releases of hazardous substances. Additional investigations will be necessary to define nature and extent of contamination. Cleanup actions will be integrated into redevelopment of the property. Redevelopment includes construction of a new Port administrative building as well as the Maritime | 253 skills center, serving students from throughout the south Puget Sound pursue careers in the maritime trades.

Arkema Manufacturing Area

The Arkema Manufacturing Area was the site of a chemical facility that operated from 1928 to 1997. Although the previous property owner spent \$71 million on cleanup, the site remains too contaminated to access without proper training.

Because of the cost and complexity of the cleanup, the Port will remediate the property in six phases. The Port seeks \$5 million to implement the first three phases and put about 2/3 of the property back into productive use.

Once remediated, this property will support the Taylor Way Auto Processing Facility, which has seen a 400% increase in cargo volumes. The facility (a formerly contaminated site also remediated using state dollars) currently supports an estimated 1,450 jobs in Washington state and generates \$8.8 million in state tax revenue every year— 80% more than the one-time initial state investment. It also delivers Nissans, Volvos, Hyundais, BMWs and Buicks to auto dealers across the Pacific Northwest.

Project supporters

- City of Tacoma
- Economic Development Board of Tacoma Pierce County
- Manufacturing Industrial Council of Tacoma
- Tacoma Pierce County Chamber
- Tacoma Public Schools
- The Northwest Seaport Alliance
- Washington Public Ports Association

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