

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-12

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN
WHEELER COUNTY DUE TO LOW STREAMFLOW AND HOT, DRY
CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to ORS 536.740, I find that extremely low streamflows and hot, dry conditions are likely to cause natural and economic disaster conditions in Wheeler County, resulting in a severe, continuing drought emergency in that county during 2018.

Forecasted water conditions are not expected to improve, and drought is likely to have significant economic impacts on the agriculture and livestock sectors, which are dependent on adequate precipitation and streamflow in Wheeler County. Hot, dry conditions will place agricultural and livestock investments at risk; affect irrigators, industrial and domestic users; and increase the potential for fire danger.

Conditions are being monitored by the state's natural resource and public safety agencies, including the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Preparation and timely response to drought are vital to the health and safety of persons, property, and the economic security of the citizens and businesses of Wheeler County. I therefore declare that a severe, continuing drought emergency exists in Wheeler County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- I. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is directed to coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources to mitigate drought conditions and to assist in agricultural recovery in Wheeler County.
- II. The Oregon Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission are directed to coordinate and provide assistance to water users in Wheeler County as the Department and Commission determine is necessary and appropriate in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.



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- III. The Office of Emergency Management is directed to coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in Wheeler County.
- IV. All other state agencies are directed to coordinate with the above agencies and to provide appropriate state resources as needed to assist affected political subdivisions and water users in Wheeler County.
- V. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2018.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 18th day of July, 2018.



Kate Brown

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Request for Comments

Proposed Certificate of Completion for GMA Garnet (USA) Corp. at Former Glenbrook Nickel Property

Comments due: 5pm, Aug. 31, 2018

Project location: 63776 Mullen Street, Coos Bay

Proposal: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is preparing to certify that all cleanup actions required at the former Glenbrook Nickel property have been completed.

Highlights: In February 2018, GMA Garnet (USA) Corporation entered a Prospective Purchaser Agreement Consent Order with DEQ and agreed to complete a Scope of Work at the subject property. The Scope of Work included investigating contamination at the site associated with past uses of the property and creating a management plan that ensures public health and the environment are protected from contamination remaining at the site.

DEQ reviewed the requirements of the agreement and the corresponding actions, and has made a preliminary determination that all obligations of the agreement have been satisfactorily performed and that a Certification of Completion should be issued.

DEQ created the prospective purchaser agreement program in 1995 through amendments to the state's Environmental Cleanup Law. The prospective purchaser agreement is a tool that expedites the cleanup of contaminated property and encourages property transactions that would otherwise not likely occur because of the liabilities associated with purchasing a contaminated site.

The Certification of Completion confirms GMA Garnet (USA) Corporation's release from liability for claims by the State of Oregon under Oregon Regulatory Statute 465.200 to 465.545 and 465.990, 466.640, and 468B.310 regarding existing hazardous substance releases at or from the property. The consent order and certification of completion also provide GMA Garnet (USA) Corporation with third party liability protection.

How to comment: Send comments to DEQ Project Manager Eric Clough at 381 North 2nd Street, Coos Bay OR, 97420 or clough.eric@deq.state.or.us. For more information, contact the project manager at 541-269-2721 ext. 231.

Find information about requesting a review of DEQ project files at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/about-us/Pages/Request-Public-Record.aspx>

Find the File Review Application form at:
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To access site summary information and other documents in the DEQ Environmental Cleanup Site Information database, go to <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/env-cleanup/Pages/ecsi.aspx>, select "Search complete ECSI database", then enter ECSI#3408 in the Site ID box and click "Submit" at the bottom of the page. Next, click the link labeled ECSI #3408 in the Site ID/Info column.



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If you do not have web access and want to review the project file contact the DEQ project manager.

The next step: DEQ will consider all public comments received by the date and time stated above before making a final decision regarding the completion certification of the remedial actions taken at the site. A public notice of DEQ's final decision will be issued.

Accessibility information: Documents can be provided upon request in an alternate format for individuals with disabilities or in a language other than English for people with limited English skills. To request a document in another format or language, call DEQ in Portland at 503-229-5696, or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-4011, ext. 5696; or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.



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Request for Comments

Proposed Certificate of Completion for Pearl Court LP at Pearl Court Apartments

Comments due: 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31, 2018

Project location: 920 NW Kearney St., Portland

Proposal: DEQ is preparing to certify that all actions required of Pearl Court LP under a Prospective Purchaser Agreement have been satisfactorily completed. This project has resulted in both environmental and economic benefits.

Highlights: In September 1996, Pearl Court Limited Partnership entered a Prospective Purchaser Agreement with DEQ and agreed to complete an environmental cleanup prior to construction of the Pearl Court Apartments, including removal of lead-contaminated soils.

DEQ recently reviewed the requirements of the agreement and the corresponding cleanup, and has made a determination that all obligations of the agreement have been satisfactorily completed and that a Certificate of Completion should be issued.

DEQ created the Prospective Purchaser Agreement program in 1995 through amendments to the state's Environmental Cleanup Law. The agreement is a tool that expedites the cleanup of contaminated property and encourages property transactions that would otherwise not likely occur because of the liabilities associated with purchasing a contaminated site.

The Certificate of Completion confirms Pearl Court LP's release from liability for claims by the State of Oregon under ORS 465.200 to 465.545 and 465.990, 466.640, and 468B.310 regarding existing hazardous substance releases at or from the property.

How to comment: Send comments to DEQ Project Manager Kevin Dana at 700 NE Multnomah St., Ste. 600, Portland, OR, 97232 or dana.kevin@deq.state.or.us. For more information contact the project manager at 503-229-5369.

For more information on this site: Visit DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Site Information database at <http://bit.ly/ECSI1624>.

Environmental Cleanup Site Information Database Site ID: 1624

If you do not have web access and would like to review the project file, contact Kevin Dana at 503-229-5369.

The next step: DEQ will consider all public comments received by the close of the comment period before making a final decision regarding the proposed Certification of Completion.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED CONDITIONAL NO FURTHER ACTION DETERMINATION

WEYERHAEUSER SYCAN SHOP, BEATTY, OREGON

COMMENTS DUE: 5 p.m., Friday, August 31, 2018

PROJECT LOCATION: Beatty, Oregon

PROPOSAL: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites comments on its proposal to issue a conditional No Further Action for the Weyerhaeuser Sycan Shop site.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Weyerhaeuser Sycan Shop site is owned by Weyerhaeuser and covers 160 acres of currently vacant property. For more than a decade, DEQ has overseen the investigation and cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination, including chlorinated solvents that were used for equipment cleaning and degreasing while the property was used from 1940 through the early 1990s for locomotive and railcar maintenance. The shop has been vacant since 1992 and Weyerhaeuser currently has no plans to re-occupy the site.

Industrial chemicals known as tetrachloroethene, 1,4-dioxane, and 1,1,1-trichloroethane were used at the shop and have been found in soil and groundwater under the main shop building on the property. These chemicals may be a threat to human health if people are exposed over a long period of time to them above certain concentrations by drinking contaminated groundwater or breathing contaminated air.

Weyerhaeuser collected numerous samples of soil and groundwater in the early 1990's and found significant levels of contamination in soil under the main shop building, and in shallow groundwater across the southern portion of the Sycan property. Some of this groundwater contamination was found to extend beyond the Weyerhaeuser property boundary and threatened to impact a private water supply well on a neighboring property.

Weyerhaeuser has taken a number of appropriate actions to address site contamination that previously threatened to impact human health, including the following:

- Extraction and destruction of chemical vapors from contaminated soil underneath the shop building
- Injection of materials to promote the breakdown of contaminants by naturally occurring bacteria.
- Pumping and treating groundwater to remove contaminants from specially designed wells placed at strategic locations on the property
- Replacement of the threatened off-site water supply well with a new well designed to avoid groundwater contamination from the Weyerhaeuser property
- Excavation and onsite treatment of over 5,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil under and next to the main shop building

- Planting of hundreds of poplar trees along the southwest property boundary to draw contaminated groundwater and reduce offsite migration.
- Restrictions were recorded on property deeds to prevent new water supply wells from being installed on the contaminated portions of the Weyerhaeuser property and on adjacent property impacted from contaminated groundwater.
- Follow-up monitoring of site soil and groundwater to confirm the success of the various remedial actions.

DEQ believes that the original source of groundwater contamination from the Sycan shop has been significantly reduced over the past 20+ years by the several cleanup actions, and is satisfied that remaining contamination will slowly decline over time by natural processes. Meanwhile, deed restrictions in place prevent current or future exposure to contaminated groundwater from water supply wells. DEQ concludes that there are no current or likely future unacceptable risks to human health and the environment from soil and groundwater contamination at the Sycan shop property, and is therefore proposing to require no further action by Weyerhaeuser pending public comments.

DEQ concludes that the cleanup actions and associated activities comply with the 2000 Record of Decision, and that a conditional no further action determination is warranted. DEQ proposes to make a conditional no further action determination for the site after addressing public comments received until August 31, 2018.

HOW TO COMMENT: Send comments by mail to DEQ Cleanup Program Manager David Anderson at 475 NE Bellevue Drive, Suite 110, Bend, OR 97701, or by email to anderson.david@deq.state.or.us. For more information contact the project manager at 541-388-6146.

More information about the Weyerhaeuser Sycan Shop project can be found on DEQ's web site: Visit www.oregon.gov/DEQ. Click on "Environmental Cleanup Site Information Database". Use Site ID number "0650" to search the database for more information about this site.

THE NEXT STEP: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the comment period prior to issuance of the conditional no further action determination.

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