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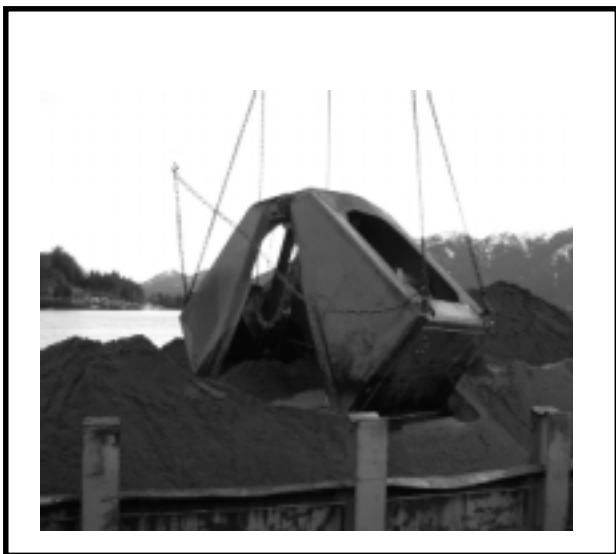
Ketchikan Pulp Company Project Ketchikan, Alaska

Ward Cove Sediment Cleanup Complete

The Ward Cove Sediment Remediation Project came to a successful close last month. All dredging and capping work was completed ahead of schedule and without any problems. The cleanup focused on bottom sediments in Ward Cove that were contaminated by releases from the former KPC facility.

About three acres of contaminated sediments were dredged in front of the main dock facility, and about one acre was dredged near the northeast corner of the cove. De-watered sediments will be placed in KPC's upland landfill.

Nearly 25,000 tons of sand were placed at the site. About 27 acres of contaminated sediments were covered or "capped" with the clean sand. (No "mounding" of sand was performed as planned because it was determined that this entire area could be successfully capped after all.)



An additional 50 acres of contaminated sediments will be allowed to recover naturally. Sediments will be monitored over the long term to make sure cleanup goals are met. Cleanup work on land at the KPC site was successfully completed last year. Land use controls and data requirements related to site use are being followed as required. These requirements are designed to ensure land use continues to be protective of public health and the environment.

Gateway to Reduce Logs in Cove

Gateway Forest Products Inc. and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) have negotiated a log management plan. The plan will significantly reduce the number of log rafts stored and transferred in Ward Cove over the next five years. The plan will go into effect when structures are built to support trucking and barging of logs to the Gateway plant. The plan will serve as a basis for a Total Maximum Daily Load, or TMDL, for log residue---a pollution allocation designed to help Ward Cove meet water quality goals. The state expects to draft the log residue TMDL in May 2001. For information, call Eric Decker at ADEC at 907/465-5305 or email edecker@envircon.state.ak.us.

A bucket was used to grab sand from a barge and place it into Ward Cove. To see more photos of the cleanup work, visit www.epa.gov/r10earth; click on "Index," click on "K" for Ketchikan Pulp Company.

Ketchikan Pulp Company Project Update

For more information...

Documents related to the KPC Project can be found at these locations:

Ketchikan Public Library
629 Dock Street

Ketchikan ADEC Office
340 Water Street

Juneau ADEC Office
410 Willoughby Avenue

EPA Records Center
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