

Site Register

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM



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The Site Register is published every two weeks to inform you about public comment periods, public meetings, hearings, and other information related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70.105D RCW.

You may also find information about public hearings, meetings, workshops, and open public comment periods on Ecology's web page. Go to www.ecy.wa.gov and click on the Public Involvement Calendar.

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FORMAL CLEANUPS

Ecology oversees complex cleanup sites to ensure that your health and that of the environment are protected.

BENTON COUNTY

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility, 23 miles northwest of Richland on the Hanford Site, Benton

Public comment period:
10/02/06 – 11/01/06

Proposing an Agreed Order/Consent Decree

Ecology proposes an agreed order with U.S. Ecology, Inc, for its low-level radioactive waste disposal facility. The agreed order requires U.S. Ecology to conduct a remedial investigation and focused feasibility study to identify the nature and extent of hazardous chemical contamination at the site.

This facility is about 23 miles northwest of Richland, WA on about 100 acres the state of Washington leases from the U.S. Department of Energy and subleases to U.S. Ecology. The facility began operations in 1965. It accepts low-level radioactive wastes for disposal. But between November 1965 and June 1970, an estimated 17,000 cubic feet of unauthorized nonradioactive hazardous wastes were disposed of there.

Tests have detected hazardous substances underground. Many volatile organic chemical contaminants are in the soils, the zone between the surface and the water table, and in the groundwater.

The draft agreed order is available for review at the following locations:

- Department of Ecology, 3100 Port of Benton Blvd, Richland, WA 99354, 509/372-7920, Dsin461@ecy.wa.gov. (Please call for appointment.)

- Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm>.

- Ecology's Public Events Calendar: www.ecy.wa.gov

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Deborah Singleton, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at 509/372-7923 or e-mail Dsin461@ecy.wa.gov.

GRANT COUNTY

Moses Lake Wellfield Contamination Superfund Site, Moses Lake

Public comment period:
10/3/06-11/3/06

Draft Consent Decree Available for Public Review and Comment

Ecology and the City of Moses Lake (City) have negotiated this draft Consent Decree to provide oversight to the cleanup at Moses Lake. The City has agreed to reimburse some of Ecology's past costs.

The site includes at least one plume of trichloroethylene (TCE) contaminated groundwater within an area at least a mile wide, up to three miles long, and from 100 to 310 feet deep, underlying and extending south from the former Larson Air Force Base.

The U.S. Air Force used the base from 1942 until the mid 1960s, when it was decommissioned and sold. Currently, the Port of Moses Lake owns most of the land, operating part of it as Grant County International Airport.

During groundwater sampling by the Washington Department of Health in 1988 and 1989, elevated TCE levels were found in some of the Moses Lake municipal wells at the former base

and in the two Skyline water systems wells. The City protected municipal water systems users by either closing the contaminated municipal wells or sealing off the shallow contaminated basalt aquifers.

Documents related to the cleanup are available for public review at:

- Big Bend Community College Library, 7662 Chanute Street NE, Moses Lake. Contact: **Tim Fuhrman, 509/793-2350.**
- Ecology Headquarters Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503, **360/407-7107.** (Please call **Carol Dorn** for an appointment.)

For more information or to submit comments, please contact either **Barry Rogowski** at **360/407-7236**, e-mail **Brog461@ecy.wa.gov** or **Sandra Caldwell** at **360/407-7209**, e-mail **Saca461@ecy.wa.gov.**

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Pedersen Property Montesano Site, 419 1st Street in Montesano

Public comment period:
9/30/06 - 10/30/06

Agreed Order for Access to conduct Ecology Lead Remedial Investigation

Ecology and the Jeffrey A. Pedersen Credit Trust (The Trust) have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW) order for the Trust (Owner) to provide access so that Ecology can conduct a Remedial Investigation of the Property. The agreed order is a legal document agreed to between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs), to ensure that proposed activities are conducted in a timely way, in agreement with MTCA and other applicable laws and regulations.

Use of the Pedersen Property site has included service stations that sold gasoline and diesel fuels, bulk petroleum product storage and dispensing to delivery trucks, and an auto repair shop.

Because of activities on the site, soil and groundwater have been polluted with petroleum hydrocarbons. These contaminants pose a threat to human health and the environment.

According to an Initial Investigation performed by Ecology in May 2003, petroleum hydrocarbons have been released to soils and groundwater at the Pederson Property. Ecology completed a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) for the Site. The SHA resulted in a ranking of 1 for the Site. Ranking ranges from 1 to 5, with 1 representing the highest relative risk and 5 the lowest relative risk.

Current use of the property is as an automobile repair facility by Montesano Brake and Muffler. Due to the limited resources available in the trust and Ecology's concern that expedited action should be taken to determine the scope and nature of contamination at the site, Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest to utilize state funds available through the Clean Sites Initiative to undertake a Remedial Investigation of the site. The remedial investigation is expected to result in a Feasibility Study that will describe remedial action options that apply to the site. This study will also recommend a preferred option for cleanup.

Documents related to the cleanup are available for public review at:

- W.H. Abel Library, 7125 Main Street South, Montesano **360/249-4211**
- Montesano City Hall, 112 North Main, Montesano **360/249-3939**
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Dr, Lacey **360/407-6365**, **Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov** (Please call for appointment.)

For more information or to submit comments, please contact **Marv Coleman** at **360/407-6259** or e-mail **Mcol461@ecy.wa.gov.**

Hungry Whale Site, 1680 N. Montesano Street, Westport

Public comment period:
9/21/2006 – 10/21/2006

Agreed Order, Public Participation Plan available for Public Comment

Ecology is providing opportunity for the public to comment on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan for the Hungry Whale site. This Order is issued by Ecology through the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW, Chapter 173-340 WAC). Historic petroleum fueling operations resulted in soil and groundwater being polluted with petroleum hydrocarbons.

The Order requires the Port of Grays Harbor to do certain remedial actions consisting of completion of the remedial investigation as well as a feasibility study of remedial alternatives. Ecology will then draft a cleanup action plan of the proposed remedy.

You may review the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan at the following locations:

- Westport City Hall, 506 N. Montesano Street, Westport **360/268-0131**
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, **360/407-6365** (Please call for appointment.) or e-mail **Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov**

For more information or to submit comments, please contact **Guy Barrett** at **360/407-7115** or e-mail **Gbar461@ecy.wa.gov.**

LEWIS COUNTY

Wolfe & Parks Site, 149 and 167 Main Street, Morton

Public comment period:
9/8/06 – 10/8/06

Enforcement Order, RI/FS, CAP, Public Participation Plan available for Public Comment

Ecology is providing opportunity for the public to comment on the cleanup Enforcement Order, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS),

Cleanup Action Plan (CAP), and Public Participation Plan for the Wolfe & Parks site. This Order is issued through the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW, Chapter 173-340 WAC). Historic bulk petroleum fueling operations resulted in soil and groundwater being polluted with petroleum hydrocarbons.

The Order requires Chevron Products Co., Dana and Diana Wolfe, Jan's Lost and Found Thrift Store, and the Cowlitz River Valley Historical Society to undertake remedial actions consisting of removal of high-concentration petroleum contaminated soil, backfilling with clean soil, paving lesser contaminated areas, treating groundwater with Oxygen Releasing Compound (ORC), removal of remaining bulk fuel operation debris, implementing institutional controls, and long-term groundwater monitoring with natural attenuation.

You may review the enforcement order, RI/FS, CAP, and Public Participation Plan at the following locations:

- Centralia College East, 701 Airport Way, Morton **360/496-5022**, ext. 0
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503, **360/407-6365** or e-mail **Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov**. (Please call for appointment.)

For more information or to submit comments, please contact **Guy Barrett** at **360/407-7115** or e-mail **Gbar461@ecy.wa.gov**.

PIERCE COUNTY

1147 Dock Street Site, Tacoma

Public comment period:
10/16/06 – 11/16/06

Agreed Order, Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study

Ecology and Federal Asset Recovery (FAR) propose to enter into an Agreed Order. FAR will summarize existing environmental information about the Dock Street site, determine if additional remedial investigations are necessary, develop a work plan and complete additional investigations if needed. The order further requires FAR to conduct a feasibility study and develop a draft cleanup action plan if contaminants are found to be remaining on the site.

The site is located on the west shoreline of Thea Foss Waterway, which is included within the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Federal Superfund site. It was formerly operated as the Consumers Central Heating Plant, providing steam heat to downtown Tacoma. In 1996, Ecology conducted an interim action at the site to remove fill material containing mercury from the site shoreline. The interim action was performed as a measure to control sources of pollution to Thea Foss Waterway in advance of the Superfund sediment remediation in that waterway. The Agreed Order includes provisions for FAR to repay Ecology's costs of the 1996 interim action.

You may review the agreed order at the following locations:

- Tacoma Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, WA **253/591-5666**
- Citizens for A Healthy Bay, 917 Pacific Ave. Suite 100, Tacoma, WA 98402 **253/ 383-2429**
- Ecology Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503 Contact: **Leslie Koziara, 360/407-6365, Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov**. (Please call for appointment.)
- Ecology's website at **http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/dock_st/dock_st_hp.htm**.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Whatcom Waterway site, Bellingham

Public comment period:
10/10/06 – 12/9/06

Supplemental Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review and Comment – Whatcom Waterway site, Bellingham

Ecology is seeking public comment on a draft Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and a companion draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Whatcom Waterway site (Site) in Bellingham, WA. The Supplemental RI/FS incorporates the results of environmental investigations conducted since completion of the original RI/FS in 2000, updates previously evaluated cleanup alternatives, describes and evaluates new cleanup alternatives that reflect changes in land use, and identifies a preferred cleanup approach. The EIS supplements the original impact analysis completed in 2000 and evaluates the environmental impacts, benefits and potential mitigation actions associated with the updated and new cleanup alternatives for the Whatcom Waterway site.

The Site includes aquatic lands adjacent to Georgia Pacific's (G-P) former pulp mill and chlor/alkali plant in downtown Bellingham. In 1965, G-P constructed a chlor/alkali plant at the mill complex to produce chlorine and sodium hydroxide for use in bleaching and pulping wood fiber. The chlor/alkali plant discharged mercury-laden wastewater directly into an area of Bellingham Bay known as the Whatcom Waterway.

Environmental investigations of the Site have confirmed the presence of mercury and several contaminants associated with wood materials at concentrations exceeding standards under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and

Washington Sediment Management Standards. As a result, the Site is subject to investigation and cleanup requirements of MTCA.

The draft supplemental RI/FS and companion draft supplemental EIS will be available for review beginning on October 10th at the following locations:

- Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Avenue, Bellingham **360/676-6860**
- Bellingham Field Office, 1204 Railroad Ave., Suite 200, Bellingham, **360/738-6250**. (Please call for appointment.)
- Ecology Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue, **425/649-7190**. (Please call for appointment.)
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/blhm_bay/sites/bel_bay_sites.html.

Public meetings will be held on October 26 and November 30 to provide an overview of the documents along with a question/answer session. For more information or to submit written comments, please contact **Lucille T. McInerney, P.E.**, Site Manager, at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office address listed above or e-mail Lpeb461@ecy.wa.gov.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Bee Jay Scales, 116 N 1st Street, Sunnyside

**Public comment period:
9/6/06 - 10/9/06**

Interim Remedial Action Plan and Determination of Non-Significance

Ecology is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan (Plan) and the issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) of proposed remedial actions of two areas located at the Bee Jay Scales site in Sunnyside.

The site is located on and around 301 Warehouse Avenue and 116 N 1st Street

in Sunnyside. Amoco Oil Co. and Chevron Chemical Co. successively owned and operated a fertilizer facility where the site is located. The site is currently owned and operated by Hickenbottom & Sons, Inc. and Bee Jay Scales, Inc., which conduct fruit warehousing and tractor trailer repairs, respectively.

A report prepared by the consulting firm Hart Crowser for Glacier Park Company informed Ecology of pesticides, fertilizers, and organic chemicals in the soil and groundwater beneath the Bee Jay Scales Site.

Ecology completed a hazard ranking of this site after receipt of the Hart Crowser Environmental Assessment in February 1992 as required by the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) (RCW 70.105D). A ranking of "1" was calculated for the Bee Jay Scales site using the Washington Ranking Method (one being the greatest potential risk to human health and the environment; five being the lowest).

Bee Jay Scales, Inc., Hickenbottom & Sons, Inc., Chevron Chemical Co., and Amoco Oil Co. are currently under

administrative Orders with Ecology to cleanup the contaminated property.

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed Interim Remedial Action Plan, SEPA Checklist, and DNS through October 9, 2006.

The draft Interim Remedial Action Plan and SEPA documents are available for review at the following locations:

- Sunnyside City Library, 621 Grant Avenue, Sunnyside
- Ecology Central Regional Office, 15 West Yakima Ave, Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902-3452, **509/454-7658**. (Please call for appointment.)
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bee_jay_scales/bee_jay_hp.htm.
- Ecology's Public Events Calendar: www.ecy.wa.gov

For more information or to submit comments, please contact **Brianne Harcourt** at **509/454-7835** or e-mail Brha461@ecy.wa.gov.

INDEPENDENT CLEANUPS

A property owner may conduct an independent cleanup of contamination and submit reports to Ecology. When a property owner applies to Ecology for review of their independent cleanup, the site enters the Voluntary Cleanup Program. After review, Ecology sends a letter to the property owner stating either that additional work is required to be removed from the list of hazardous waste sites or that no further action is needed.

ISLAND COUNTY

**Northwest Regional Office Contact:
425/649-7000**

Southland Corp., 5520 N State Hwy, Oak Harbor - Report received: Groundwater Status May 2006.

KING COUNTY

**Northwest Regional Office Contact:
425/649-7000**

7-Eleven, 104 SW 312th, Federal Way, Report received: Groundwater Status June 2006.

7-Eleven, 711 Washington N, Kent - Report received: Remediation Progress May 2006.

7-Eleven, 14207 Pacific Hwy S, Seattle - Report received: Groundwater Status June 2006.

7-Eleven, 6111 24th Ave NW, Seattle - Report received: Remediation Progress May 2006.

7-Eleven, 12355 15th Ave NE, Seattle - Report received: Groundwater Status June 06.

Beacon Hill 76, 2415 Beacon Ave S, Seattle - Report received: 2nd Qtr 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

Burien 76, 14807 1st Ave S, Seattle - Report received: Well Installation January 2006.

Chevron 9-7533 (Former), 501 NE Northgate Way, Seattle - Report received: Groundwater Status July 2006.

H & S Oil, 4700 NE Brooklyn, Seattle - Report received: Groundwater Status July 2006.

Texaco Star Mart, 12001 NE 8th, Bellevue - Report received: Groundwater Status July 2006.

Texaco Station, 600 S Michigan, Seattle - Report received: Groundwater Status February 2006.

The Southland Corp., 2353 140th Ave NE, Bellevue - Report received: Groundwater Status May 2006.

MasterPark, 16830 International Blvd S, SeaTac - Report received: Soil Remediation Report, MasterPark / Former Markov Property.

Boeing Auburn / AMB Property Corp., 700 15th St SW, Auburn - Report received: Cleanup of Impacted Soil, Boeing Auburn - Former 17-05 Building.

Aoki Property, 1314 E Pike St, Seattle - Report received: Subsurface Investigation Report.

PSE President Park Substation, 475 Union Ave NE, Renton - Report received: Remedial Excavation & Supplemental Soil Characterization Svcs President Park Substation.

PIERCE COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact:
360/407-6300

BP, 11202 Pacific Ave, Tacoma - Report received: 1st & 2nd Quarters 2005 Groundwater Monitoring.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact:
425/649-7000

7-Eleven, 10013A Shoultes Rd, Marysville - Report received: Remediation Progress May 2006.

Circle K/76, 16320 Mill Creek Blvd, Mill Creek - Report received: Groundwater Status June 2006.

John's Texaco, 5215 212th SW, Lynnwood - Report received: Combined Phase 1 & 2.

Shell Oil Products, 3315 172nd St NE, Arlington - Report received: Groundwater Status July 2006.

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

Under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), a property owner cleaning up a contaminated site pays a fee for Ecology review. When a cleanup is determined to be sufficient, Ecology issues a no further action decision.

CLALLAM COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Angeles Bluffs Garbage Pit Removal, 1986 Lower Elwha Rd, Port Angeles - Submitted 9/11/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ERO VCP Contact: Patti Carter, 509/329-3522 or e-mail Paca461@ecy.wa.gov

Pasco School Dist 1 Pasco High School, 1108 N 10th Ave, Pasco - Submitted 9/15/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

PIERCE COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Graymont Western US Inc, 1220 Alexander Ave, Tacoma - Submitted 9/12/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Spanaway Speedway/Mission Hills Devlopment, 16413 22nd Ave E, Spanaway - Submitted 9/14/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Q Lube, 14605 Pacific Ave, Tacoma - Submitted 9/15/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

SITE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

An initial investigation is conducted when a suspected release of hazardous materials has occurred. If additional work is required, a site hazard assessment may be conducted. These sites are ranked on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest risk to human health and the environment. The following sites are scheduled for an assessment.

KING COUNTY

Contact: Peter Isaksen, Public Health - Seattle & King County, 206/296-4724.

Southpark Landfill, 8200 2nd Ave. S, Seattle

**Ballinger Cleaners, 20320 B (20240)
Ballinger Way NE, Shoreline**

**Ballinger Village Cleaners, 20028
Ballinger Way NE, Shoreline**

**Trickett property, 8304 Hunts Point
Circle, Bellevue**

**Ultra Custom Care Cleaners, 18304
Bothell Way NE, Bothell**

**Whetzel property, 2500 367th Ave. SE,
Fall City**

ISLAND COUNTY

**Contact: Marie , Island County Health
Dept., 360/679-7350.**

**Oak Harboe City Shops, 1000 SE City
Beach Street, Oak Harbor**

LEWIS COUNTY

**Contact: Steve Garrett, Lewis County
Environmental Health, 360/740-1233.**

**BP Service Station, 116 State Highway
12, Chehalis**

**Mayfield 76 site, 2912 State Highway
12, Silver Creek**

PIERCE COUNTY

**Contact: Sharon Bell, Tacoma - Pierce
County Health Dept., 253/798-2891.**

**Wagon Wheel Market, 22321 Mountain
Hwy E SR 7, Spanaway**

WHATCOM COUNTY

**Contact: Charles Sullivan, Whatcom
County Health Department, 360/676-
6724.**

**DeLong Packing Company, 1892 Kok
Road, Lynden**

**Gibson property, 3794 Lummi Parl
Road, Lummi Island**

**Lavergne property, 1469 Sunset
Avenue, Ferndale**

**Mountain View Motors, 5499 Guide
Meridan, Bellingham**

OTHER DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Meeting Announcement

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Science Advisory Board Meeting

There is a Science Advisory Board meeting scheduled for October 23, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Center for Urban Horticulture, NHS Room A, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle, WA.

Key agenda items are: MTCA Rule Revision, Use of the Toxic Equivalency Factors for Dioxin and PAHs, and Establishing Moderate Levels of Arsenic. Please note that the agenda is subject to change.

This meeting is open to public attendance. For more information contact **Dawn Hooper** at **Dhoo461@ecy.wa.gov** or **360-407-7182** or visit the website at **http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/SAB/SAB_hp.html**

TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM PUBLICATIONS

**Contact: Carol Dorn, 360/407-7224 or
e-mail Cesg461@ecy.wa.gov**

Pedersen Property Site - 419 1st Street,
Montesano WA Publication # 06-09-
087, Date: September 2006

Hungry Whale Site Publication # 06-
09-085, Date: September 2006

Gas Works Sediment Area Update
Publication # 06-09-075, Date:
September 2006

Chevron Bulk Plant Morton/Wolfe &
Parks Property Publication # 06-09-084,
Date: September 2006

Bee Jay Scales Publication # 06-09-
018, Date: September 2006