



Response to Comments

**Draft Agreed Order and
Draft Public Participation Plan**

**Carson Cleaners Cleanup Site
Seattle, WA**

Toxics Cleanup Program

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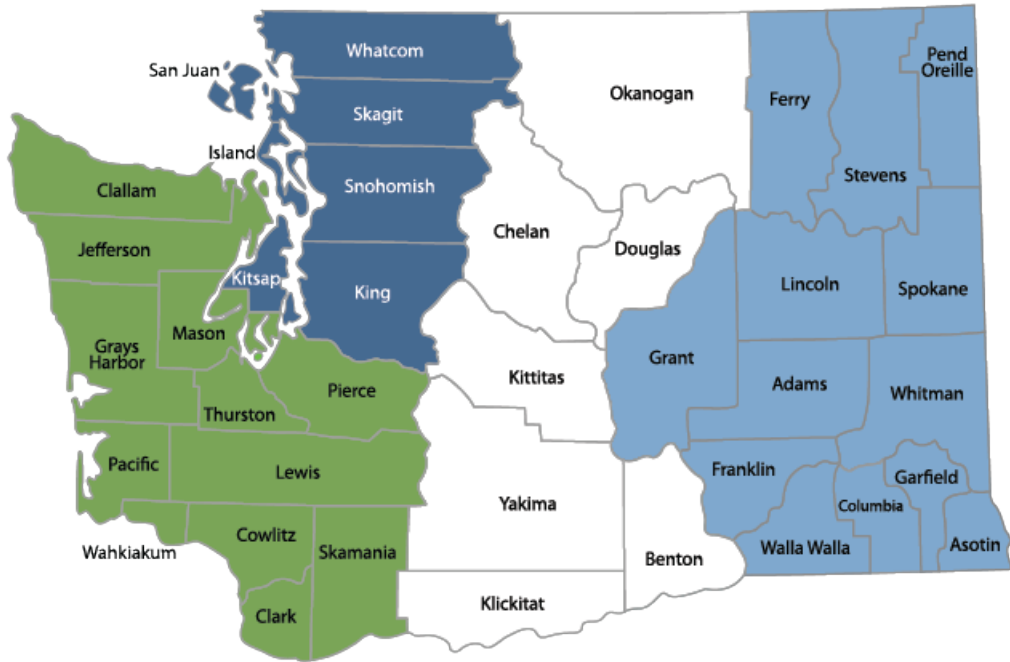
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Northwest	Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom	15700 Dayton Ave N Shoreline, WA 98133	206-594-000
Central	Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima	1250 W Alder St Union Gap, WA 98903	509-575-2490
Eastern	Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman	4601 N Monroe Spokane, WA 99205	509-329-3400
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Comment Summary

From April 26 – May 25, 2021, Ecology solicited public comments on a draft Agreed Order (legal agreement) and draft Public Participation Plan for the Carson Cleaners cleanup site.

Ecology received three comments during the 30-day comment period.

Table 1: List of Commenters

	First Name	Last Name	Agency/Organization/Business	Submitted By
1	Daryl	Petrarca		Individual
2	Darin	Willis		Individual
3	Kaitlin	Frick		Individual

Next Steps

Ecology has reviewed and considered all public comments received on the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan. Based on Ecology’s evaluation of the comments, no changes were necessary in the documents, and they are being finalized.

Work will begin on the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. See graphic below and visit Ecology’s [cleanup process webpage](#)² to learn more about Washington’s formal cleanup process.

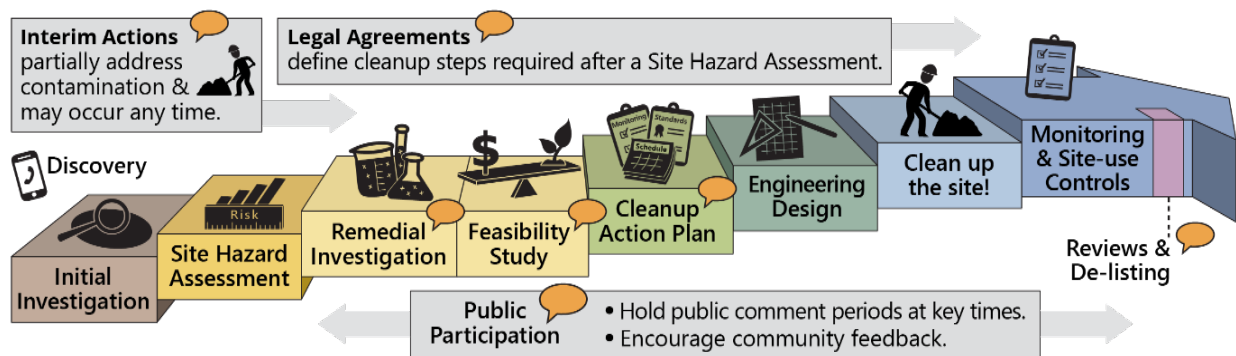


Figure 1: Washington's formal cleanup process

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process>

Comments and Responses

The public comments are presented below, along with Ecology's responses. Appendix A, page 12, contains the comment in its original format.

Comment from: Daryl Petrarca

[Daryl Petrarca also left a voicemail message for Ecology on April 22, 2021.]

As a licensed Hydrogeologist, owner of an Environmental Consulting firm, and 45 year nearby resident of Carson Cleaners I have long had a professional curiosity regarding the potential impacts (regarding the long-term remediation systems on the two adjoining service stations and the recent significant de-watering that occurred during construction on the Chevron site) on a chlorinated solvent impacted groundwater plume. The Remediation Investigation in my opinion will certainly have to involve both current subsurface data gathering to evaluate vertical and lateral extent of impacts and, importantly, historical groundwater modeling to document past activities that may have affected the vertical and lateral extent of the impacted groundwater. The technical and legal aspects (other possible PLPs) of this process will be informative and I would like to be notified if a community group is formed.

Thank You

Daryl Petrarca

Response:

Daryl Petrarca and Ecology Site Manager, Dale Myers, communicated via telephone to address an April 22, 2021 voicemail message and the above comment submitted online.

Dale Myers summarized his April 22, 2021 phone conversation with Daryl Petrarch:

- [Mr. Petrarch] was concerned we were not aware of the dewatering at the Brooklyn Site and wanted to make sure we addressed that in the Carson cleaners Remedial Investigation.
 - [Dale Myers, Ecology] responded that [he] would make sure the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) investigate the dewatering effects on the groundwater flow direction.
- Mr. Petrarca noted that there may be additional PLPs not listed in the Fact Sheet (the Carson's mainly)
 - [Dale Myers, Ecology] responded that there were additional PLPs not included in the Agreed Order, however they were involved in the cleanup of the Carson Cleaners Site.
- Mr. Petrarca requested that he be notified if a community group is formed.
 - [Dale Myers, Ecology] assured Mr. Petrarca that I would contact him if a community group formed.

Comment from: Darin Willis

UDPA University District Parking Associates, Inc.

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May 11, 2021

Meredith Waldref—Public Involvement Coordinator

Dale Myers--Site Manager

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Re: Public Comment— Carson Cleaners—4701 Brooklyn Avenue NE, Seattle, WA
Facility Site ID: 15518216; Cleanup Site I): 14878

Dear Ms. Waldref and Mr. Myers:

This public comment is in response to the former Carson Cleaners Draft Agreed Order. University District Parking Associates (UDPA) owns the property located at 4701 University Avenue NE in Washington. Our property is less than a block away from the former Carson Cleaners property and adjacent to the former Chevron Station 90129 located at 4700 Brooklyn Avenue NE, which is also conducting a cleanup under an Agreed Order. Carson Cleaners and Chevron are apparently upgradient from the UDPA's property.

According to the webpage for the former Carson Cleaners, the soil and groundwater plume of halogenated volatile organic compounds intersects the property that the UDPA owns and on which an active business is located. We believe that the upcoming remedial investigation (RI) must include indoor air monitoring of the UDPA property and other downgradient properties that may be affected by the Carson Cleaners' plume. There is no allowance for the public comment on the RI work plan so we believe it is important that we express our opinion now so that Ecology can include indoor air sampling as part of the RI work plan requirements.

As the results of the RI become known over the next year or two, UDPA would appreciate any information that the Department of Ecology can provide regarding the potential impacts to its property including any indoor air issues.

Sincerely,

Darin Willis

General Manager

UDPA

4710 University Way NE, #110

Seattle, Washington 98105

Response:

Ecology Site Manager, Dale Myers, responded via email on May 12, 2021. See below. Ecology has since received the requested address and will include it in the Remedial Investigation field activities.

From: Myers, Dale - TCP (ECY) <DAMY461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:40 AM
To: Darin Willis <[email address omitted for Response Summary]>; Waldref, Meredith (ECY) <MPEN461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: [emails omitted for Response Summary]
Subject: RE: Public Comment-Carson Cleaners-Site ID: 15518216 Cleanup Site ID: 14878

Mr. Willis

Thank you for your comment.

In order to address your concern I need to ask you:

- Specifically which UDPA property are you referring to?
- Please send me the address and contact information.

We will insure that if warranted, this UDPA property will be included in the Remedial Investigation.

Respectfully

Dale Myers
Department of Ecology
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Comment from: Kaitlin Frick

I would like to request a public meeting about the draft agreed order and the public participation plan for this project.

Response:

Ecology Site Manager, Dale Myers, responded via email on May 26, 2021. See below.

From: Myers, Dale - TCP (ECY) <DAMY461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 2:03 PM
To: [Kaitlin Frick email address omitted for Response Summary]
Cc: Fawley, Ian (ECY) <IFAW461@ECY.WA.GOV>; Myers, Dale - TCP (ECY) <DAMY461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: Thank you for your comments on the Carson Cleaners Cleanup Site

Dear Katlin Frick

Thank you for your comment on the Carson Cleaners Cleanup Site.

Your comment

- 'I would like to request a public meeting about the draft agreed order and the public participation plan for this project.'

The Public Comment period for the Carson Cleaners Agreed Order ended May 25, 2021. Your request for a Public Meeting was the only request for a meeting. Ecology's threshold for scheduling and holding a Public Meeting is 10 or more requests. Since there was only one request, Ecology will not schedule and hold a meeting.

However, I would be willing to talk to your to answer any questions you may have. You may email me at damy461@ecy.wa.gov or call me at 425-389-2521.

If you would like for me to schedule a meeting to talk virtually, my outreach specialist, Ian Fawley (CC'd) and I have a couple dates/times available. We can send the links to join when we have a date/time confirmed.

- Mon, June 14: flexible throughout day
- Wed, June 16: PM only

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Appendices

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