



## Ultra Custom Care Cleaners

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this Public Participation Plan pursuant to the **Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)** and Agreed Order for the cleanup at Ultra Custom Care Cleaners Cleanup site (Site). The Agreed Order is between Ecology and City of Bothell. Ecology is committed to an open dialogue with the community to ensure that interested parties receive information as well as provide input during the decision-making process. The intent is to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process at the Site.

### **Site Background**

The Ultra Custom Care Cleaners property is located at 18300 – 18304 Bothell Way NE (also known as the State Route 527), Bothell, Washington. It occupies the northeast corner of the intersection of Bothell Way NE and NE 183rd Street. This 0.25 acre property consists of a vacant rectangular lot and a single building that formerly housed, from north to south, the Ultra Custom Care Cleaners dry cleaning facility, Frank’s Hair Design hair salon, and the Laundry Basket Laundromat.

Early records show that from the early 1950s until 1967 Raincheck Cleaners and laundry operated at the site in a building located in the southwest corner of the Property. The building that housed Raincheck laundry was demolished in the late 1960s. The current building that Ultra Care Cleaners occupied on the property was built in 1967. As part of the downtown redevelopment plan, the City of Bothell acquired the property in February 2012 in order to accommodate renovation and expansion of the City Hall municipal campus and related public/private amenities.

Several investigations conducted in 2001, 2002, and 2004 as independent remedial actions began to characterize the Site. These investigations indicated that soil and groundwater contained halogenated volatile organic compounds (HVOCs), primarily the dry cleaning solvent tetrachloroethylene (a.k.a., perchloroethene or PCE). In addition, degradation or breakdown compounds of PCE such as trichloroethylene (TCE), cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE), and Vinyl Chloride (VC) were observed.

A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment conducted in 2009 and supplemental investigation in 2011 of the City’s Crossroads Redevelopment Project area concluded that PCE contaminated groundwater observed at the Crossroads Development Site originates at the former Raincheck Cleaners and Laundry facility. The contaminants are migrating south along utility corridors located in Bothell Way NE.

Under the Agreed Order, the City of Bothell will perform the following work: plan, implement, and prepare a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) to further define the nature and extent of the contaminations and to select cleanup alternatives; conduct an interim action in the source area when the Ultra custom Care Cleaner building is demolished; and prepare a draft cleanup action plan (DCAP) for the Ultra Custom Care Cleaners Site.



**Ultra Custom Care Cleaners Site Map**

## **2.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the cleanup process for this Site. This section addresses how Ecology will keep the public informed about Site activity and provide opportunity for being involved in the cleanup.

Ecology will use a variety of tools to facilitate public participation in the planning and cleanup of this Site. These tools include: formal comment periods and responsiveness summaries, fact sheets, public meetings (if required), information repositories, Ecology's Site Register, web tools including a web-based events calendar, display advertisement in a local newspaper, and the Ultra Custom Cleaners website. These tools will be used as appropriate. Ecology will consider and implement constructive input provided by the community whenever possible.

Ecology and City of Bothell urge the public to become involved in the cleanup process. Information will be provided regularly in order to provide many opportunities to review materials and provide comments. This plan is intended to be a flexible working document where activities change as community concerns emerge as well as when more information becomes available during the cleanup process. To arrange for a briefing with project staff, ask questions, or provide comments on the plan or other aspects of the cleanup, please contact one of the persons listed below. Ecology is committed to an open dialogue with the community to ensure that interested parties receive information as well as provide input during the decision-making process.

### **For technical questions, please contact:**

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## **Roles and Responsibilities**

Ecology maintains overall responsibility and approval authority for the activities outlined in this plan in accordance with Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) requirements. Ecology, with the participation of conducts public comment periods as required by MTCA, including soliciting, receiving and considering comments, making decisions, and preparing responsiveness summaries as needed. (A summary of all the comments received during a public comment period and Ecology's responses.)

## **Public Comment Periods**

Comment periods are the primary method Ecology uses to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup decisions. Comment periods usually last for 30 days and are required at key points during the investigation and cleanup process before final decisions are made. During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. After formal comment periods, Ecology reviews all comments received and may respond in a document called a Responsiveness Summary. Ecology will consider the need for changes or revisions based on input from the public. If significant changes are made, then a second comment period will be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized.

## **Public Meetings and Hearings**

Public meetings may be held at key points during the cleanup process. Ecology may also offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. Also, if ten or more people request a public meeting during the 30-day comment period, Ecology will hold a public meeting for the purpose of taking written comments on draft documents.

## **Information Repositories**

Information repositories are convenient places where the public can go to read and review Site information. The information repositories are often at libraries or community sites where the public has access. During the comment period, the Site documents will be available for review at each repository which is listed below. Documents remain at the repositories for the entire duration of the project.

Repositories for this project include:

### **City of Bothell – City Hall**

18305 101 St. Ave NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
(425) 486-3256

### **Bothell Public Library**

18215 98<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Bothell, WA 98011  
(425) 486-7811

**Washington State Department of Ecology – Northwest Regional Office (NWRO)**  
3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98008

To visit Ecology's Central Records Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins to schedule an appointment at:

Telephone #: (425) 649-7190

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E-mail: [sally.perkins@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sally.perkins@ecy.wa.gov)

Hours: Tuesday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

### **Site Register and Public Events Calendar**

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses the Site Register and web-based Public Involvement Calendar to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods as well as additional Site activities.

To receive the Site Register in electronic or hard copy format, please call (360) 407-6000. The Site Register is available on Ecology's website at:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub\\_inv/pub\\_inv2.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html)

The Public Involvement Calendar is available on Ecology's website at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

### **Mailing List**

Ecology has compiled and maintains a list of interested parties, organizations and residents living in proximity to the Site. This list will be used to disseminate information via mail (fact sheets, Site updates, public notices, etc.). If you are not on the mailing list for this Site and wish to be added, please contact Nancy Lui at (425) 649-7117 or through email at [nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov). In the subject line, please indicate Ultra Custom Care Cleaners Cleanup Site Mailing List.

### **Website**

Information on the cleanup work at the Site is also available online. This website includes background information, status updates, and contact information for the Site.

### **Ultra Custom Care Cleaner Website:**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3172>

### **3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS**

This plan was developed in compliance with the MTCA regulations (Chapter 173-340 WAC). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended as necessary. Amendments may be submitted to Ecology's Site Manager, Russ Olsen, for review and consideration. Ecology will determine final approval of the plan as well as any amendments.

### **4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Additionally, citizen groups living near contaminated sites may apply for public participation grants during open application periods. These grants help citizens receive technical assistance in understanding the cleanup process and create additional avenues for public participation.

Information on the guidelines and application for Public Participation Grants may be found at Ecology's website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html>

Ecology currently does not have a citizen technical advisor for providing technical assistance to citizens on issues related to the investigation and cleanup of the Site. Please call Ecology's Ultra Custom Care Cleaners Site Manager Sunny Becker, if you have questions. Her contact information is on page 6.