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State of Washington

## **Public Participation Plan**

**Rainier Mall**

**4208 Rainier Ave S, Seattle WA 98118**

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*Cleanup Site ID: 4187*

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## **Rainier Mall**

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## Public Involvement in Contamination Cleanup

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) developed this public participation plan (plan) in cooperation with Rainier and Genesee Property LLC and Lake Union Partners (LUP) Affiliates, the persons responsible for cleanup at the Rainier Mall Site (Site). The purpose of the plan is to promote meaningful community involvement during cleanup.

The plan describes ways Ecology will inform the public about contamination investigations and cleanup options throughout the cleanup process. Ecology encourages the public to learn about and get involved in decision-making opportunities. This plan identifies how and when the public can get involved during different stages of the investigation and cleanup of contamination.

This plan has been developed for the Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree for the Rainier Mall Site.

### Site contacts

To be included in the site record, comments about the cleanup process must be submitted during comment periods. Questions and informal comments or information about the site's history are welcome anytime.

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## Public Participation Grants

Grants may be available to neighborhood committees, non-profits, and other groups interested in the site. For contaminated sites, these funds can be used to:

- Hire an expert to help interpret technical information<sup>1</sup>
- Conduct activities that enhance the public's understanding of, and participation in, the cleanup process

For more information about public participation grants, please contact Faith Wimberley at 425-275-7285 or [faith.wimberley@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:faith.wimberley@ecy.wa.gov), or visit the [Public Participation Grant website](#).<sup>2</sup>

## Washington's Cleanup Laws

Ecology uses the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and accompanying regulations for cleanup activities. This plan is required under MTCA, a law that passed in 1989. MTCA provides guidelines for contaminated site cleanup in Washington State and sets standards to ensure the cleanup protects human health and the environment.

## Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

MTCA began as a grassroots citizen's initiative in 1988, and started the process of systematically cleaning up contaminated sites in Washington. Under MTCA, a current or past property owner or operator may be held responsible for cleaning up contamination on, or coming from, their property to standards that are safe for human health and the environment.

Ecology enacts MTCA and oversees cleanups in the state and issues regulations and guidance governing those cleanups. The regulations are found in [Chapter 173-340 Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\)](#).<sup>3</sup> Ecology investigates reports of property contamination, and if the contamination is seen as a significant threat to human health or the environment, the contaminated property is placed on the Hazardous Sites List, and the cleanup process begins.

Public participation is an important part of cleanup under the MTCA process. Participation needs are assessed at each cleanup site according to the level of public interest and the degree of risk

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Public-participation-grants](https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans/Find-a-grant-or-loan/Public-participation-grants)

<sup>3</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/9406.pdf>

posed by the contamination. Individuals who live near the site, community groups, businesses, government, other organizations, and interested parties have the opportunity to get involved by commenting on the cleanup process. Under MTCA, the cleanup process generally includes five phases. Each phase includes an opportunity for the public to review and comment.

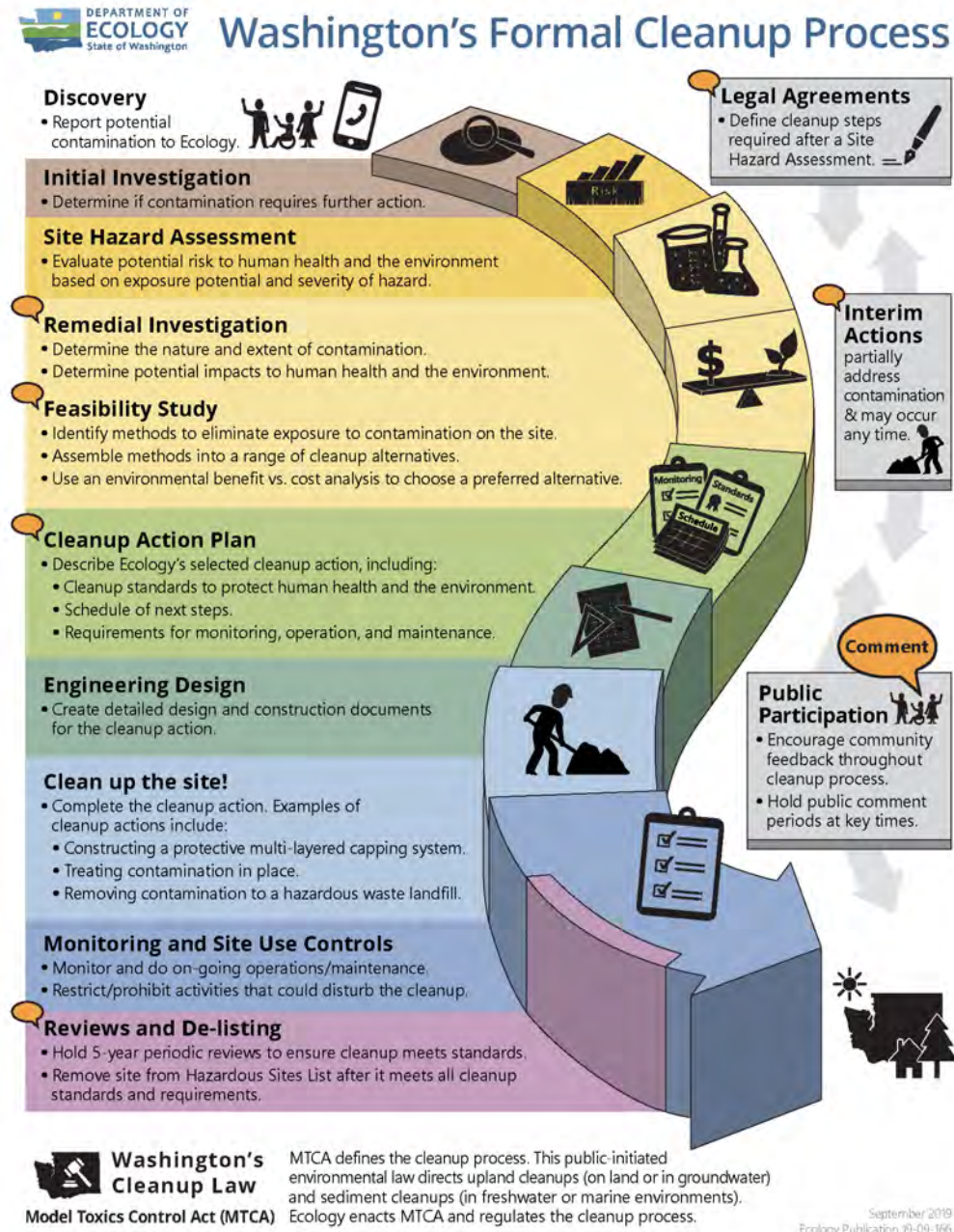


Figure 1. Steps in Washington's Cleanup Process



## **State Environmental Policy Act**

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) is followed during review and development of cleanup plans.

## **Site History**

The Rainier Mall Site (Site) is approximately located at 4208 Rainier Ave S near the Rainier Valley of Seattle. The Site is primarily located on one 2.3 acre King County parcel (see figure).

Lake Union Partners purchased this area to be redeveloped as a mix of affordable and market rate apartments. The completed development will include approximately 380 units with 50% of the units affordable and 50% market rate. The space will include a grocery store business as well. The Site has been used for commercial dry-cleaning and retail space.

Dry-cleaning facilities operated at three different locations on the Site between 1930 and 1967. Around 1967, a single-story retail facility was constructed. Initially occupied by a Safeway store, the building later became a mixed-use retail space, known as Rainier Mall. Rainier Mall closed in 2016. Since that time, the Property has been vacant.

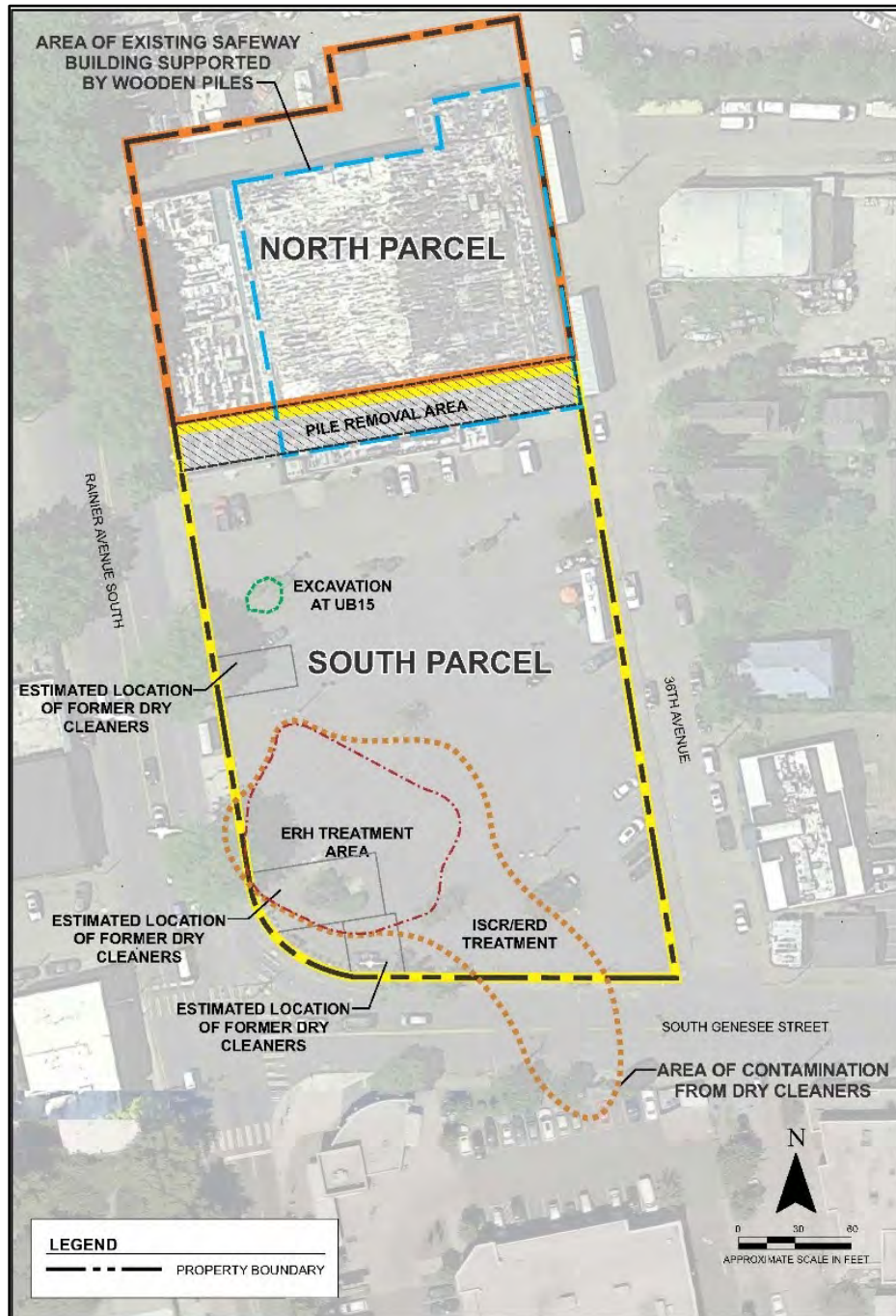
Over the several decades, the dry-cleaning businesses operating at the Site released hazardous substances into soil and groundwater. In addition, contamination came from creosote-treated wooden pilings which formed the foundation of the retail facility.

## **Contamination**

Operations from the former drycleaners and former retail facility led to contaminated soil and groundwater in many areas of the Site. Some contaminants also released vapors into the air. During the remedial investigation, the following contaminants of concern (COCs) were identified for soil and groundwater at the Site:

- Perchloroethylene (PCE)
- Trichloroethene (TCE)
- cis-1,2-dichloroethylene (cis-1,2-DCE)
- trans-1,2-dichloroethylene (trans-1,2-DCE)
- Vinyl chloride (VC)
- polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

These contaminants were found at levels that exceed allowable standards under the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), and, therefore, must be addressed.



Aerial view of Rainier Mall cleanup site.

## **Cleanup plans**

Beginning March 14, 2022, Ecology will conduct a 30-day public comment period on the Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree, Public Participation Plan, Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Cleanup Action Plan, and SEPA checklist and Determination of Non-Significance. The Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree directs the PLPs to investigate contamination, suggest cleanup alternatives, and develop a draft cleanup action plan. Should any comments result in significant changes to these documents, the new version will be put out for a new comment period. If there are no public comments that require significant changes to the documents, they will be signed and considered final. The PLPs will then move ahead with the site investigation.

## **Why this site matters**

The cost to cleaning up contaminated properties is often embedded in the price of redevelopment. This can create undue financial barriers to the redevelopment of properties into affordable housing. The Affordable Housing Programs takes the cost of cleanup out of the equation, easing the way for the building of affordable housing units.

The development of this site is made possible by a partnership between the Lake Union Partners, Mt Baker Housing Association, and Ecology. This innovative partnership will achieve multiple goals, including urban environmental cleanup, community redevelopment, and transit-oriented affordable housing, serve as a catalyst for transforming the neighborhood.

## Community Profile

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed an environmental justice (EJ) mapping and screening tool called EJSCREEN. It is based on nationally consistent data and an approach that combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports. See below for information about demographics in the area of the Precision Engineering Inc Site in Seattle.

Demographic indicators and EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report help inform our outreach strategies. For example, the different languages spoken in the community allow us to translate materials or provide interpretation services when needed. Other demographic data help us plan accessible and inclusive public involvement activities.

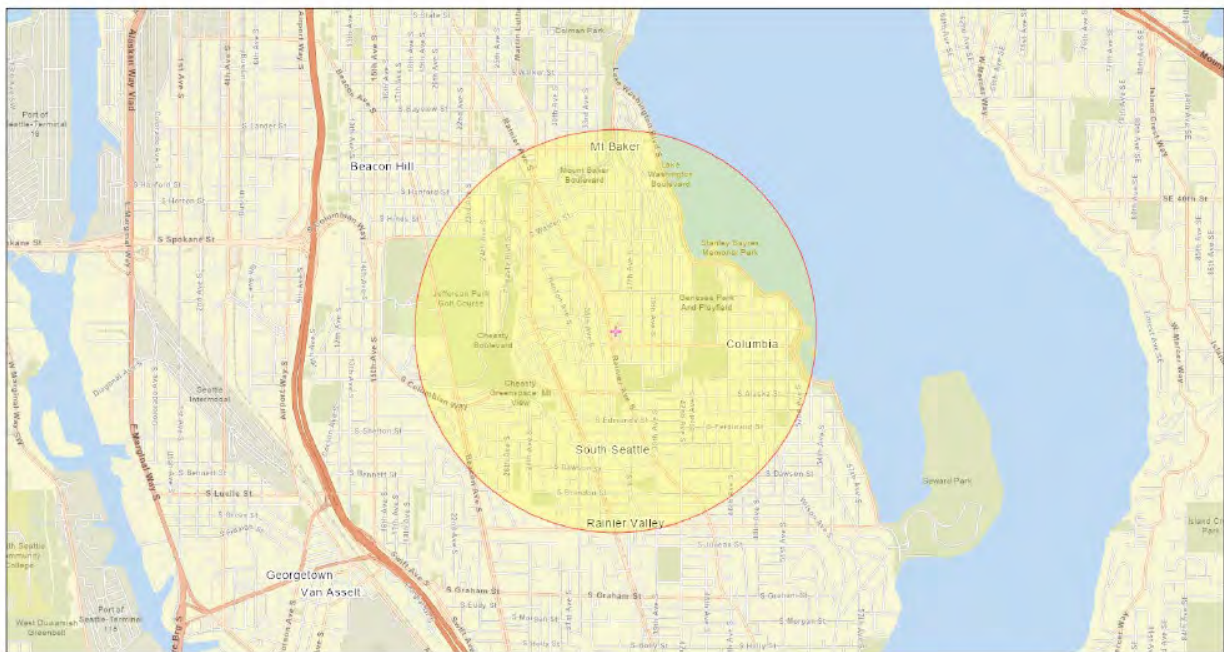
### EJSCREEN Report

1 mile ring centered at 47.526811, -122.303264

Approximate population: 7,699

Input area (sq. miles): 3.14

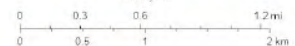
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Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community



EJSCREEN Report (Version 2020)



1 mile Ring Centered at 47.565145,-122.287809, WASHINGTON, EPA Region 10

Approximate Population: 22,443

Input Area (sq. miles): 3.14

Rainier Mall

Selected Variables	Value	State Avg.	%ile in State	EPA Region Avg.	%ile in EPA Region	USA Avg.	%ile in USA
<b>Environmental Indicators</b>							
Particulate Matter (PM 2.5 in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	7.98	8.21	58	8.52	42	8.55	31
Ozone (ppb)	34.3	37.3	35	39.1	21	42.0	8
NATA* Diesel PM ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	0.898	0.585	79	0.481	80-90th	0.478	90-95th
NATA* Cancer Risk (lifetime risk per million)	40	34	80	31	80-90th	32	80-90th
NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	0.6	0.5	79	0.46	80-90th	0.44	80-90th
Traffic Proximity and Volume (daily traffic count/distance to road)	710	810	77	510	80	750	75
Lead Paint Indicator (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.47	0.23	83	0.22	84	0.28	75
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0.23	0.19	79	0.13	87	0.13	88
RMP Proximity (facility count/km distance)	2.8	0.63	96	0.65	96	0.74	95
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	7.5	1.9	94	1.5	96	5	89
Wastewater Discharge Indicator (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	2.2E-05	0.0091	75	3.1	66	9.4	47
<b>Demographic Indicators</b>							
Demographic Index	44%	29%	82	29%	83	36%	68
People of Color Population	58%	31%	87	28%	91	36%	72
Low Income Population	29%	27%	81	30%	55	33%	51
Linguistically Isolated Population	10%	4%	87	3%	90	4%	83
Population With Less Than High School Education	12%	9%	75	9%	73	13%	60
Population Under 5 years of age	7%	8%	58	8%	58	6%	59
Population over 64 years of age	11%	15%	41	15%	38	15%	37

\* The National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) is EPA's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. EPA developed the NATA to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that NATA provides broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the NATA analysis can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/national-air-toxics-assessment>.

For additional information, see: [www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice](http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice)

EJSCREEN is a screening tool for pre-decisional use only. It can help identify areas that may warrant additional consideration, analysis, or outreach. It does not provide a basis for decision-making, but it may help identify potential areas of EJ concern. Users should keep in mind that screening tools are subject to substantial uncertainty in their demographic and environmental data, particularly when looking at small geographic areas. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports. This screening tool does not provide data on every environmental impact and demographic factor that may be relevant to a particular location. EJSCREEN outputs should be supplemented with additional information and local knowledge before taking any action to address potential EJ concerns.

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### EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



Location: User-specified point center at 47.565146, -122.287809  
 Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius  
 Description: Rainier Mall

Summary of ACS Estimates	2014 - 2018
Population	22,443
Population Density (per sq. mile)	9,115
People of Color Population	13,086
% People of Color Population	58%
Households	8,609
Housing Units	9,097
Housing Units Built Before 1950	3,231
Per Capita Income	44,904
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)	2.46
% Land Area	82%
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)	0.53
% Water Area	18%

	2014 - 2018 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Race</b>			
Total	22,443	100%	718
Population Reporting One Race	21,122	94%	1,846
White	9,937	44%	342
Black	5,298	24%	674
American Indian	81	0%	82
Asian	5,100	23%	352
Pacific Islander	79	0%	116
Some Other Race	627	3%	280
Population Reporting Two or More Races	1,321	6%	242
Total Hispanic Population	1,342	6%	276
Total Non-Hispanic Population	21,101		
White Alone	9,377	42%	342
Black Alone	5,233	23%	674
American Indian Alone	69	0%	81
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	5,072	23%	352
Pacific Islander Alone	79	0%	116
Other Race Alone	63	0%	98
Two or More Races Alone	1,208	5%	239
<b>Population by Sex</b>			
Male	10,888	49%	470
Female	11,556	51%	396
<b>Population by Age</b>			
Age 0-4	1,488	7%	268
Age 0-17	4,864	22%	353
Age 18+	17,579	78%	354
Age 65+	2,565	11%	175

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.  
 N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2014 - 2018

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Location: User-specified point center at 47.565145, -122.287809

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	2014 - 2018 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population 25+ by Educational Attainment</b>			
Total	16,081	100%	433
Less than 9th Grade	1,101	7%	140
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	843	5%	124
High School Graduate	2,406	15%	219
Some College, No Degree	3,420	21%	232
Associate Degree	988	6%	125
Bachelor's Degree or more	8,312	52%	232
<b>Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English</b>			
Total	20,956	100%	596
Speak only English	13,942	67%	402
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	7,014	33%	425
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "very well"	3,458	17%	327
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	1,789	9%	203
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	1,437	7%	295
<sup>4</sup> Speak English "not at all"	330	2%	117
<sup>1+3</sup> Speak English "less than well"	1,767	8%	296
<sup>2+3+4</sup> Speak English "less than very well"	3,556	17%	305
<b>Linguistically Isolated Households*</b>			
Total	852	100%	145
Speak Spanish	111	13%	82
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	8	1%	22
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	494	58%	81
Speak Other Languages	238	28%	128
<b>Households by Household Income</b>			
Household Income Base	8,609	100%	165
< \$15,000	1,072	12%	124
\$15,000 - \$25,000	590	7%	112
\$25,000 - \$50,000	1,501	17%	134
\$50,000 - \$75,000	1,040	12%	106
\$75,000 +	4,407	51%	175
<b>Occupied Housing Units by Tenure</b>			
Total	8,609	100%	165
Owner Occupied	4,885	57%	136
Renter Occupied	3,745	43%	166
<b>Employed Population Age 16+ Years</b>			
Total	18,137	100%	485
In Labor Force	12,948	71%	427
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	832	5%	144
Not In Labor Force	5,189	29%	263

Data Note: Details may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.

N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS)

\*Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.



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Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius

Description: Rainier Mall

	2014 - 2018 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Language Spoken at Home*</b>			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	21,633	100%	590
English	14,227	66%	625
Spanish	1,052	5%	327
French	283	1%	78
French Creole	N/A	N/A	N/A
Italian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portuguese	N/A	N/A	N/A
German	107	0%	88
Yiddish	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other West Germanic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Scandinavian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greek	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Polish	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serbo-Croatian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Slavic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armenian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gujarathi	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hindi	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urdu	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Indic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Indo-European	185	1%	78
Chinese	1,454	7%	283
Japanese	N/A	N/A	N/A
Korean	24	0%	73
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hmong	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thai	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laotian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vietnamese	921	4%	231
Other Asian	745	3%	263
Tagalog	736	3%	260
Other Pacific Island	N/A	N/A	N/A
Navajo	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Native American	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hungarian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arabic	88	0%	100
Hebrew	N/A	N/A	N/A
African	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other and non-specified	1,828	8%	433
Total Non-English	7,406	34%	841

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.  
 N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2014 - 2018.  
 \*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.



## **Public Participation Activities**

Members of the public may ask questions, submit informal comments, or share site information at any time. Interested parties do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact Ecology.

However, to be included in the formal site record, comments about the site investigation, cleanup alternatives, or cleanups must be submitted during formal comment periods. In addition, the public is invited to review site documents before they become final. This is the most direct and influential way to learn more about the site and be involved in the cleanup's decision-making.

## **How we share information with the community**

During specific stages of the cleanup, Ecology will mail notices about public comment periods to addresses surrounding the site. The mailing list area will vary depending on the type of contamination and where it's located, but the list will at least include addresses within a 1/2-mile radius of the site and other interested organizations and individuals. These notices will provide general information about the site, contact information for submitting comments, and times and locations of public meetings or hearings or how to request one if not yet scheduled.

Ecology may also develop documents outside of comment periods to keep the community updated on the site's status. These informational documents will be available online and at document repositories. Print copies may be mailed to the nearby community if we feel the message warrants the associated cost and resources.

Comment period notices and other site announcements may also be posted in various locations throughout the community (for example, local businesses, schools, libraries).

### **Postal mailing list**

Ecology maintains a mailing list that includes addresses within the neighborhoods of Seattle, relevant local, state, and federal government contacts, and other interested parties.

These people receive public comment notices when draft documents are available.

We will add additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties to the mailing list as requested. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this site, please contact Kelsey Ketcheson at 425-240-4353 or [kelsey.ketcheson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kelsey.ketcheson@ecy.wa.gov).

## Site Register

Public comment periods, events, and other cleanup notices are published in Ecology's [Site Register](#).<sup>4</sup> To receive the *Site Register* by email, please contact Sarah Kellington at 360-407-7466 or [sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov), or [subscribe online](#).<sup>5</sup>

## Newspaper display ads or legal notices

We announce public comment periods and events in ads or notices published in *The Seattle Times*. We will also publish notice on our [Public Input & Events Listing](#).<sup>6</sup>

## Ecology's website and social media platforms

We maintain a website for the Rainier Mall Site.<sup>7</sup> The website provides site information, and you may download cleanup documents.

We may also share information about cleanup sites through [news releases, our ECOconnect blog, and social media](#).<sup>8</sup>

## Document repositories

During public comment periods, documents will be made available at the Ecology Northwest Regional Office by upon request. Please contact NWRO Central Records at 206-594-0016 or [nwro\\_public\\_request@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov) to schedule an appointment.

Documents are available on the Rainier Mall Cleanup Site website:  
<http://bit.ly/Ecology-RainierMall>

## Signs around the cleanup site

We may also install signs displaying information about project status, traffic impacts, and health risks around the cleanup site.

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<sup>4</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data](http://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data)

<sup>5</sup> <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=siteregister&A=1>

<sup>6</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing](http://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing)

<sup>7</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4187>

<sup>8</sup> [ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/News](http://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/News)

## **How to share information with us**

At minimum, MTCA requires 30-day public comment periods for certain draft cleanup documents and 14-day comment periods for SEPA documents. SEPA documents are often made available for review with other cleanup documents. We may hold comment periods longer than 30 days.

We may also identify public concerns and cleanup goals by meeting with and soliciting information from interested community members and organizations. To collaborate with us about this site, contact Kelsey Ketcheson at [kelsey.ketcheson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kelsey.ketcheson@ecy.wa.gov) or Tanner Bushnell at [tanner.bushnell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tanner.bushnell@ecy.wa.gov).

## **Public comment periods**

Formal 30-day comment periods allow interested members of the public to comment on draft documents, legal agreements, and proposed cleanup actions. If there is significant interest, Ecology may extend the public comment period. When Ecology oversees SEPA determinations, we hold comment periods for at least two weeks. In this case Ecology is not overseeing SEPA.

Following a comment period, we publish all the input we received and respond to significant comments and questions. If the comments result in significant changes to the cleanup documents, then the documents will be revised and re-issued for public review. If the comments do not result in significant changes, then they become final.

## **Public events**

We hold public meetings, workshops, open houses, and public hearings based on community interest. If we have not scheduled a meeting during a public comment period, we will hold one if 10 people request it, and this may cause us to extend a public comment period so the meeting occurs during it.

Events are held at locations close to the site that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Public meetings, workshops, open houses, and hearings are always announced in advance using a variety of methods.

## **Plan Amendments**

Ecology developed this plan following MTCA regulations (WAC 173-340-600). We review it as the cleanup progresses and amend it as necessary. You may suggest amendments to Kelsey Ketcheson at 425-240-4353 or [kelsey.ketcheson@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kelsey.ketcheson@ecy.wa.gov).

This plan includes information for the public regarding opportunities for public involvement and comment. The outreach activities discussed in this section reflect Ecology's current plans for keeping the public informed and providing ways for those interested in the site to communicate their concerns and questions to us.

If you feel the planned outreach activities and mechanisms described in this plan are insufficient, or should otherwise be modified, we will work to find solutions. New outreach activities or outreach tools established as a result can be implemented right away, with or without amending this plan.