

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

For

Hytec Littlerock Site
13434 Halo-Kuntux Lane
Littlerock, Washington

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1.0 Introduction

The Hytec Littlerock site is located on Halo-Kuntux Lane in an unincorporated area of Thurston County, located southwest of the town of Littlerock, Washington. Fiberglass debris was placed on the property in the mid to late 1970s under a Solid Waste Permit issued by Thurston County. The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) contracted Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in 1990 to conduct a reconnaissance-level site evaluation. SAIC performed a geophysical survey, conducted soil gas sampling and analysis, and collected several soil samples for analysis. The results of the geophysical study indicated that metallic objects were likely buried along with the fiberglass waste in several areas. Soil gas analysis indicated the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil gas samples, and semi-volatile organic compounds (sVOCs) were found in two of the five soil samples.

The owners of the property at the time of the waste disposal, Chauncey and Elizabeth Lufkin, and the fiberglass company that generated the waste, Hytec Inc., have entered into an Agreed Order with Ecology to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study of the site (see Agreed Order #2888).

Cleanup activities at the Hytec Littlerock site fall under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and accompanying regulations (Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.105D *et seq* and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340). MTCA contains procedures for the clean up of contaminated sites to standards that are safe for both human health and the environment. Ecology is responsible for implementing and enforcing the provisions of MTCA and its accompanying administrative regulations. For more information on MTCA, please visit Ecology's website at www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/ftc94129.html.

1.1 What is a Public Participation Plan?

MTCA emphasizes the importance of public participation throughout the cleanup process and requires public participation plans for sites listed on the state's Hazardous Sites List.

This plan summarizes public participation activities for the Hytec Littlerock site. Ecology and the named parties in the Agreed Order will work together to provide the local community meaningful opportunities for influencing cleanup decisions.

1.2 Plan Partners & Contacts

Key partners participating in this plan include the public, the Lufkins, Hytec Inc. and Ecology. Another important partner is Insight Geologic, PLLC, the Lufkin's environmental consultant. Ecology, working closely with the key partners, is responsible for ensuring the public participation activities listed under section 2.2, Public Participation Objectives, will be implemented.

Ecology, the Lufkins, and Hytec Inc. welcome input on this plan, and encourage suggestions for working effectively with the local community. For public participation questions or comments, please contact Ecology's public participation coordinator for the site:

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PO Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775
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For questions about the Agreed Order and cleanup process, please contact Ecology's site manager for the site:

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2.0 Goals & Objectives of this Plan

2.1 Public Participation Goals

This plan is designed to achieve specific goals and satisfy the requirements of MTCA. The goals of this Hytec Littlerock public participation plan are to:

- Open and maintain communication;
- Provide information about site cleanup that promotes public understanding of the cleanup process;
- Ensure the public's questions are answered and concerns are addressed; and
- Notify the public of opportunities to comment on and be involved in key decisions.

2.2 Public Participation Objectives

Objectives are specific measurable activities that Ecology, the Lufkins, and Hytec Inc. will take to meet the plan goals. Ecology, with input from the Lufkins and Hytec Inc., will implement these objectives to make sure the community is well informed and involved in the process.

Objectives:

- Design and use techniques and activities for outreach to non-English speaking communities, if needed.
- Hold a public meeting, hearing or open house if there is community interest in such an event or if it would enhance communication of important information and public input. Hold the meeting at a location and time convenient to the community.
- Use comment periods as the primary method to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup decisions.
 - Provide comment periods of at least 30 days and at key points during the cleanup process, before final decisions are made.

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- If state or federal holidays occur during a comment period, extend the end date of the comment period one day for every day of holiday.
- During comment periods, invite the public to comment in writing, or if a public hearing is held, provide opportunities for oral comment.
- Review all comments received after every public comment period.
 - Ecology may respond to both written and oral comments in a responsiveness summary.
 - If Ecology creates a summary, make the summary available with other documents at the Information Repositories listed below.
- Create a mailing list specific to the Hytec Littlerock site.
 - Include neighboring property owners, public agencies, elected officials, tribes, schools, libraries, public utilities, individuals that have requested mailings, and other known interested parties on the list.
 - Maintain and update the list as needed at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office. The public will be able to contact Cedar Bouta, Ecology's public involvement coordinator (see page 2), to be added to or removed from the mailing list.
- Make Hytec Littlerock printed materials available to the public for review and comment.
 - Place printed materials for the Hytec Littlerock site at public locations convenient for the local community to access and review for the duration of the cleanup process. Use the following locations as information repositories:

Timberland Regional Library
7023 New Market Street
Tumwater, WA 98501
(360) 943-7790

Washington Dept. of Ecology
SW Regional Office - Toxics Cleanup Program
300 Desmond Drive

Olympia, Washington 98504-7775
(360) 407-6300

- o Post site information and documents on the Ecology website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/hytec/hytec__hp.html
 - o Make copies of documents available for a fee through Ecology's Southwest Regional Office, (360) 407-6365, Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov.
- Use a variety of methods to inform the community of public meetings, comment periods and related activities.
 - o Place announcements in Ecology's *Site Register*. Make copies of the Site Register available to the public through Linda Thompson, (360) 407-6069, Lthom461@ecy.wa.gov. Make copies of the site register available on the Ecology web site at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/site_reg.html.
 - o Place announcements of Hytec Littlerock public comment periods and meetings on Ecology's *Public Events Calendar* at: <http://www.ecy.gov>.
 - o Create and distribute fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Hytec Littlerock cleanup. Display fact sheets at the repositories listed above, mail them to the list described above, and make them available on the Ecology website.
 - o Place a legal ad in *The Olympian* newspaper announcing any public comment period or meeting for the Hytec Littlerock site. Run the ad prior to the beginning of any comment period or meeting. Include information about the proposed action, a request for public comment, and the dates of the public comment period in the ad.
- Provide an opportunity for public participation grants to the local community.
 - o Consider giving grant funds to local groups to provide additional public involvement or to receive additional technical assistance, and

enhance the public's understanding of complex issues involved in this cleanup.

- o Direct the local community to Ecology's Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program for more information. Provide grant information on Ecology's web site at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants.html or by contacting Kathy Seel at Ksee461@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6061.
- Treat this plan as a dynamic guide for informing and involving the community in the decision-making process for the site.
 - o Update this plan, if needed, as the project proceeds. If a substantial update is necessary, then submit the revised plan to the public for review and comment.

3.0 Site Background

3.1 Site History

The Lufkins were the owners of the Hytec Littlerock property and are the Potentially Liable Party along with Hytec Inc., the fiberglass manufacturer. The property has been subdivided for residential building lots. Two homes are currently located on the site. The Lufkins and Hytec Inc. are responsible for completing site investigations, accomplishing cleanup actions, and paying for related costs.

The site was used as a disposal location for Hytec Inc.'s fiberglass waste. In 1990, Ecology hired Science Applications International Company (SAIC) to perform a limited geophysical study and soil gas survey. The results of the study indicated several locations where drums may be buried along with the waste fiberglass. Results of the soil gas survey indicated the presence of several volatile organic compounds in the subsurface.

Under the Agreed Order, the Lufkins and Hytec Inc. will conduct a formal Remedial Investigation. The investigation will focus on soil and groundwater that may contain organic and inorganic compounds and the contaminants identified in 1990.

3.2 Environmental & Human Health Risks

The site was ranked “4” on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 representing the highest relative risk for human and environmental health. Ecology selected the rank partially because the site was relatively remote and undeveloped at the time of the ranking. Since the initial ranking, new residents have constructed homes nearby with water supply wells, and more homes are planned for the area.

New information from the formal Remedial Investigation will further identify and describe contamination and related environmental and human health risks.

3.3 Site Cleanup

Following the Remedial Investigation, the potentially liable parties will conduct a Feasibility Study to select a cleanup action that ensures long-term exposure does not occur from site contaminants. Clean up of the site will need to meet all federal and state standards and Ecology will oversee cleanup activities. The public will be invited to comment on the selected cleanup action once the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study are complete.