

Public Participation Plan

Olympic View Sanitary Landfill

1 Introduction and Overview of Public Participation Plan

1.1 Pubic Participation at

Public Participation is an integral element of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D Revised Code of Washington (RCW). The citizens-mandated hazardous waste cleanup law went into effect in March 1989. The implementing regulation, found in Chapter 173-340 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), prescribes the process and standards to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances may be located. The law and associated regulations for implementation include requirements and guidelines for involving the public in the investigation and clean up of sites.

Under Part VI, WAC 173-340-600 of the regulations, a Public Participation Plan (Plan) is required for sites undergoing investigation and cleanup of hazardous substances within Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) oversight. The plan must be updated for each new phase of work.

The Plan is a document designated to provide a process for public participation in the technical studies and during cleanup of a site. While certain aspects of the plan are prescribed by regulation, plans are developed to meet the information needs of a specific community and to encourage participation by members of the community in meeting those needs.

This plan addresses the pubic participation process to be followed during the investigation and cleanup of Olympic View Sanitary Landfill (OVSL). The Olympic View Sanitary Landfill is located in the Olympic View Industrial Park Complex at 10015 SW Old Barney White Road, Port Orchard, Washington. The Site is in the northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 1 West.

1.2 Goal of this Public Participation Plan

The goal of this plan is to promote public understanding of the cleanup regulations and process, and to encourage the public's participation in achieving a cleanup that is acceptable to all. The actions of this plan will provide a channel for the public to comment and assist in the cleanup of the Olympic View Sanitary Landfill site.

The main objectives of this plan are:

- Promote public understanding of the investigative process, cleanup alternatives, and potential human health & environmental risks of the contaminants of concern.
- Invite and encourage interaction and collaboration among representatives of the community, OVSL, Ecology, Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District, and other interested parties to move smoothly and quickly as possible through the cleanup process.
- Solicit and respond to community and local government concerns, questions and comments.

1.3 Participants in this Plan

The potentially liable person (PLP) identified for the Olympic View Sanitary Landfill site is Olympic View Sanitary Landfill, Inc.. No additional PLPs have been identified for the site.

Washington State Department of Ecology is the agency that enforces the state cleanup law and regulations under MTCA. Ecology oversees the cleanup of activities of OVSL.

Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District is the agency responsible for issuing solid waste handling permits to the landfill. OVSL is an operating landfill. Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District oversees the operating activities of OVSL.

A number of other parties have an interest in the outcome of the cleanup actions at the site, including residents and business owners bordering the site.

2 Site Background

In 1963, the Landfill was developed as a burning dump then known as the Old Barney White Landfill. The Old Barney White Landfill was approximately 20 acres and unlined. The Old Barney White Landfill reportedly accepted U.S. Navy (demolition, industrial, and putrescible), municipal, and self-hauled municipal waste.

In 1970, Brem Air Disposal, Inc. acquired the site and renamed it Brem Air Northwest Disposal. Brem Air Disposal, Inc. operated the Landfill until 1976. Brem Air Disposal, Inc. stopped burning at the Landfill, and in 1975, developed the Landfill to comply with the state regulations, the Minimum Functional Standards for Solid Waste Handling, and permit requirements through the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District. After 1975, the Landfill accepted

mixed municipal solid waste, industrial waste, demolition waste and special waste which included coal ash, asbestos, septage and sewage sludge.

In 1977, a new corporation was formed by the Brem Air Disposal Inc. shareholders to own and operate landfills. The new corporation was called Kitsap County Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (KCSL). KCSL continues to operate the landfill, although its name was changed to Olympic View Sanitary Landfill in December 1995.

In 1984 and in 1988, new development plans and closure plans were completed for the Site to include additional landfill capacity along with satellite landfills for dredge spoils and demolition and inert waste (20 acres) facilities. Presently, the dredge spoil and the inert and demolition landfills have not been constructed. During KCSL management, the Landfill continued to be permitted by the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District to meet the Minimum Functional Standards for Solid Waste Handling, Chapters 173-301 WAC and 173-304 WAC.

The Landfill began operating under the Criteria for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, Chapter 173-351 WAC in October 1991. The Landfill continues to operate under 173-351 WAC as permitted by the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District. Presently, the Landfill accepts municipal and non-municipal solid waste, including industrial, inert and demolition, wood waste, other types of non-hazardous solid waste and solid wastes that have been excluded, exempted or otherwise removed from regulation under Chapter 173-303 WAC, the Dangerous Waste Regulation, or was approved by the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District.

Releases of hazardous substances into the environment at the site have been confirmed in the following documents:

- Conceptual Hydrogeologic Model Report, Olympic View Sanitary Landfill, USA Waste Services, Inc., Kitsap County, Washington, Geomatrix Consultants, March 1997.
- Quarterly and Annual Environmental Monitoring Reports for Olympic View Sanitary Landfill, Olympic View Sanitary Landfill between 1989 through 1998.

3 Community Background

Olympic View Sanitary Landfill is located in a predominately rural area of Kitsap County. The nearest population centers are Belfair in Mason County, approximately three miles to the west and Gorst in Kitsap County approximately two miles to the east along State Road 3. The site is just west of the Bremerton National Airport and adjacent to the Port of Bremerton's Olympic View Industrial Park. Land to the west of the landfill is zoned *Manufacturing*. Olympic View

Sanitary Landfill is zoned *Public Facilities*. Land to the north, west and south of the landfill property is zoned *Rural 2.5 acres*, which is a residential land use designation. Eleven neighbors border the landfill.

Some landfill neighbors have expressed concerns about the nature of the waste placed in the landfill and the impact of the landfill operations on the environment and on their property. In fact, several landfill neighbors sued the landfill, Kitsap County, the Port of Bremerton and the City of Bremerton alleging damages caused by landfill odors. The suit, called *Manheimer, et al. v. Port of Bremerton, et al.*, was settled without admission of liability by the defendants and has been dismissed. In addition to cash payments to the class by all named defendants, OVSL agreed to close the landfill before it reaches its permitted capacity. The landfill will stop accepting waste on August 1, 2002. Kitsap County solid waste will be exported to another landfill after OVSL closes.

Concerns about the type and amount of waste placed in the landfill are addressed in both the operating permit for the landfill issued by the Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District and the Agreed Order monitoring requirements.

4 Public Involvement Activities

4.1 Public Points of Contact

Ecology

Donald Seeberger, Project Manager, (425) 649-7218

Olympic View Sanitary Landfill

Jeff Altman, Health & Safety Compliance Manager, (360) 415-2734

Bremerton-Kitsap County Health District

Jan Brower, Solid Waste Program Manager, (360) 692-3611

4.2 Required activities – Ecology

Ecology is responsible for conducting the required activities for the public comment period.

4.2.1 A 30-day public comment period will be given to receive community comments on the following documents:

Remedial Investigation Agreed Order

Public Participation Plan

The comment period will begin on November 3 and run through December 4, 2000 .

4.2.2 Public notice of the comment period will be given using the following methods:

- A **mailed fact sheet** describing the activity and how the public may comment. The fact sheet will be mailed to about 250 addresses. The mailing list includes residents and property owners along the landfill borders and other interested parties.
- A **display ad** will be placed in the *Bremerton Sun* and
- A **notice** will be published in *Ecology's Site Register*.
- A **press release** to local media.

4.2.3 Information repositories will assure community access to relevant documents at the following locations:

- Department of Ecology** – all major documents and complete project records
3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue WA 98008
(425) 649-7000
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
- North Mason Timberland Regional Library** – Agreed Order & Public Participation Plan
NE 23081 Highway 3
Belfair WA 98528-1179
(360) 275-3232
11 a.m.- 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday - Saturday
- Kitsap Regional Library, Central branch** – Agreed Order & Public Participation Plan
1301 Sylvan Way
Bremerton WA 98310
7 days a week
9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday
12:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sunday