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**Subject:** Unocal Edmonds Bulk Fuel Terminal 0178 Update



Good afternoon,

On behalf of the WA State Department of Ecology, I am reaching out to provide an update on the status of the Unocal Edmonds Bulk Fuel Terminal 0178<sup>1</sup> cleanup site in Edmonds, WA. We recognize the community concern around this site and want to assure you of our efforts to progress this cleanup by scheduling this public comment period in a timely manner.

#### **Public Comment Period**

The next step according to the WA State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)<sup>2</sup> for the Unocal Edmonds Bulk Fuel Terminal 0178 cleanup site involves a public comment period on the following documents:

- Feasibility Study
- Cleanup Action Plan
- Consent Decree
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance

Negotiations regarding the above documents have been ongoing between Ecology and Chevron Environmental Management Company (Chevron). As such, our goal is to conduct an extended 45-day public comment period by the end of 2023 with a target of late summer. Once dates are finalized, Ecology will host a hybrid public meeting both in-person and online using the Zoom platform to provide project information and answer questions. Meredith Waldref and Kristen Forkeutis, Outreach Specialists, will continue to lead the outreach planning for this site.

#### **Cleanup Site Status**

- Ecology completed early cleanups (called Interim Actions) in 2003 for the Upper Yard
- Ecology began Interim Actions on the Lower Yard in 2001.
- The Cleanup Action Plan (document for review in the upcoming public comment period) will include the above Interim Actions and require a dual-phase extraction system (that removes and treats petroleum in soil, groundwater, and air) to continue in the Lower Yard through December 2023.

- Ecology will monitor the results of the dual-phase extraction system for a minimum of two years and require any additional cleanup if needed.
- Soil contamination remains adjacent to the active stormwater pipe that runs across the site. Ecology and Chevron are currently working on a solution to minimize the risk of working around the stormwater pipe, minimize exposure to ecological receptors (wildlife, plants, and soil organisms), and provide a sustainable net benefit to the environment and area ecology.

## Questions or Comments

We welcome and encourage feedback from the public. Please reach out to me at [Tanner.Bushnell@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Tanner.Bushnell@ecy.wa.gov) or Meredith Waldref, Outreach Specialist at [Meredith.Waldref@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Meredith.Waldref@ecy.wa.gov) with any questions or comments about the Unocal Edmonds Bulk Fuel Terminal 0178 cleanup site in Edmonds, WA.

Thank you for your interest and engagement.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/5180>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>