



# Yard Program Sequence Update

TCP-SWRO Tacoma Smelter Plume project





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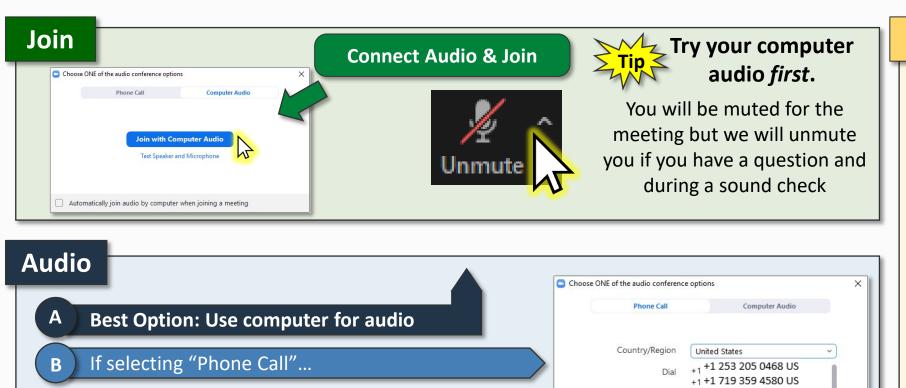
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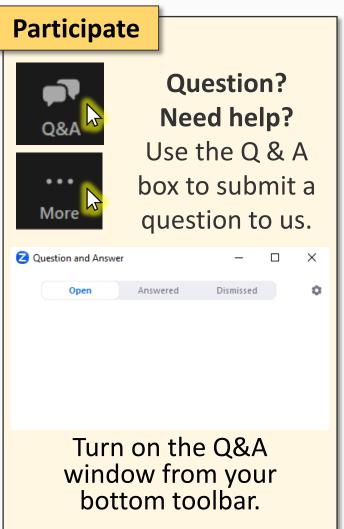
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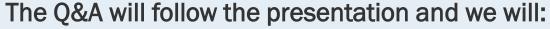
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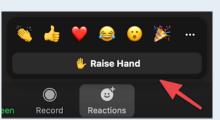


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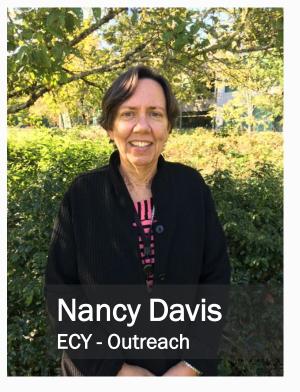


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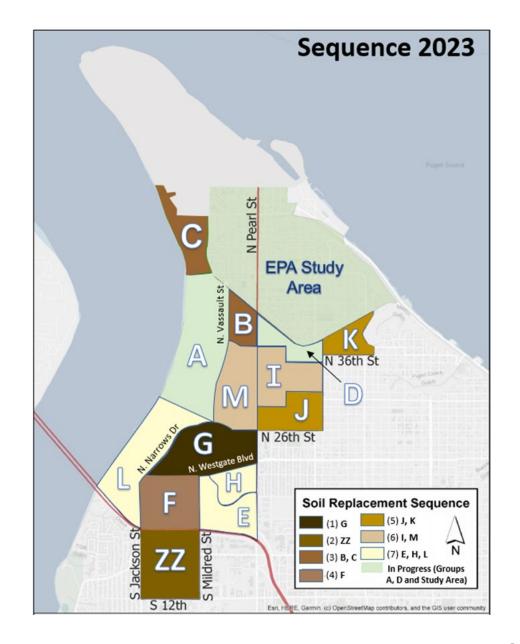
# Talking Points

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- 6 Discussion



### The Upshot

- Update to Yard Program cleanup sequence
- ~300 north Tacoma properties impacted
- Based on sampling data & environmental health data
- Highest contamination + highest disparity = cleanup priority



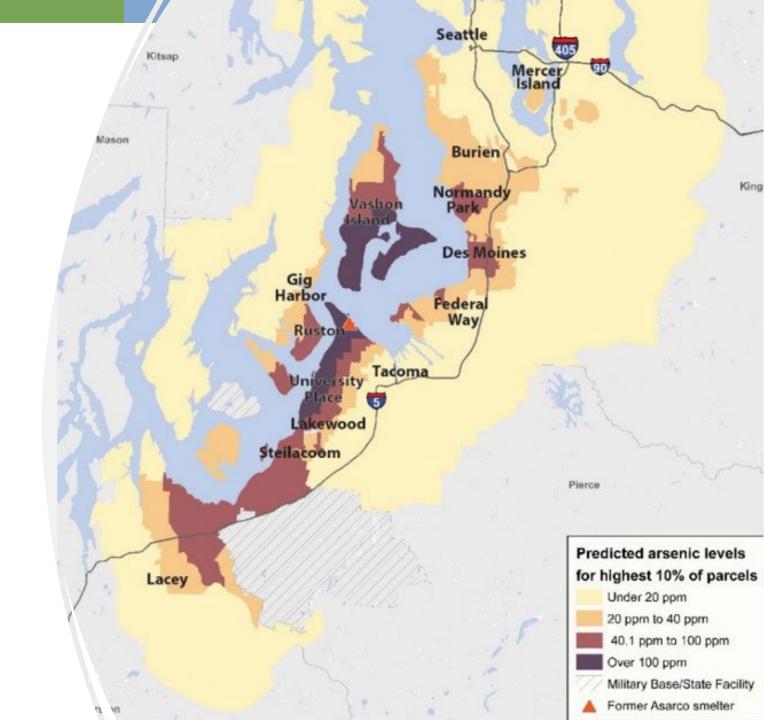


- Ruston/north Tacoma
- Operated from 1890 to 1986
- Stack 571'
- Superfund status, 1983
- EPA cleanup in Study Area
  - 1987 Present





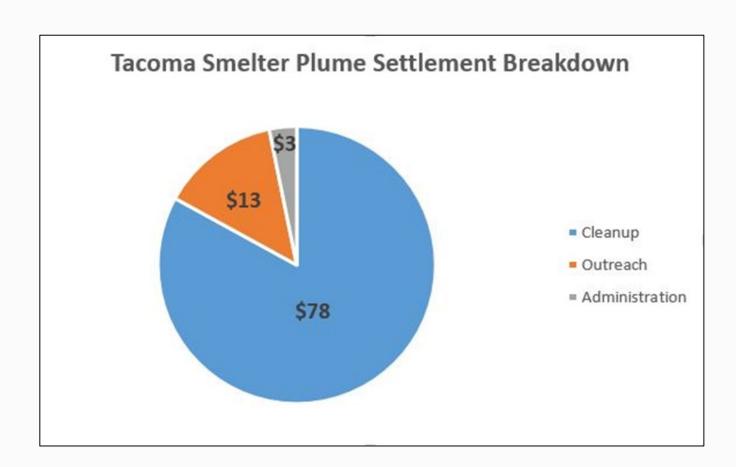
- Emissions included arsenic, lead, and other heavy metals
- Pollution was carried by the wind and settled on surface soils
- 1,000 square miles
- Contamination highest near smelter site, decreasing with distance





## Tacoma Smelter Plume project

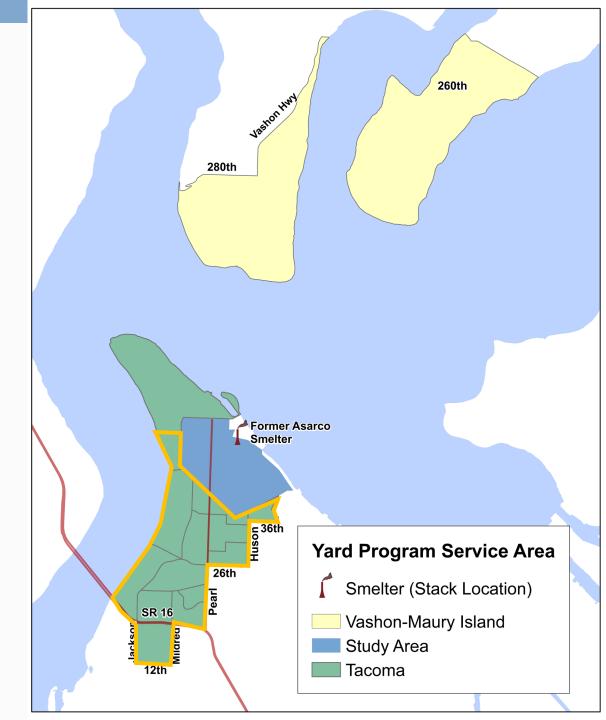
- Asarco filed for bankruptcy in 2005
- WA received nearly \$95 million for liability
- Interim Action Plan 2012
- Three main program areas:
  - Cleanup
  - Outreach & Education
  - Technical Assistance





## Yard Program

- Final Program Design & Implementation Plan (2013)
- Residential soil sampling and replacement
- Cleanup criteria:
  - Within service area
  - >100 ppm for arsenic
  - >500 ppm for lead
- 423 properties qualify in Tacoma
  - 61 properties have received cleanup
  - 32 EPA Qualified
  - Includes "Out of Program" properties



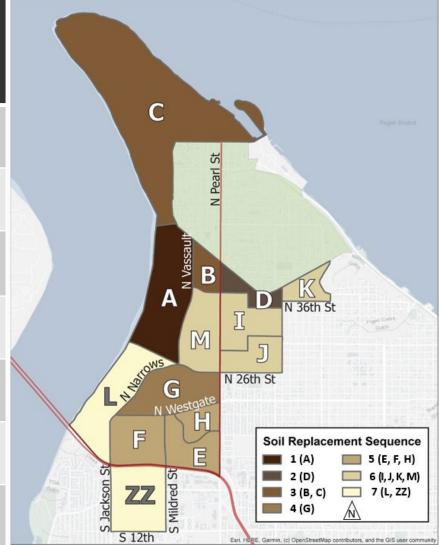


# Soil Replacement Sequence

### 2016 Sequence

- north Tacoma
- Sampling data collected 2012 – 2015
  - ~1,700 properties
- Highest contamination = cleanup priority
- Cleanup offers begin in 2016
- Cleanup begins 2020
  - Groups A & D

Sequence	Group
1	Α
2	D
3	B, C
4	G
5	E, F, H
6	I, J, K, M
7	L, ZZ







### **Update to Sequence**

- 2015 2019 sampled additional 1,370 properties
- +116 qualifying properties
- Six risk factors:
  - Average arsenic
  - Average lead
  - Maximum arsenic
  - Maximum lead
  - Percentage of qualifying samples
  - Percentage of qualifying properties
- Simple group ranking, 1-12
  - Excluding Groups A & D
- Aggregate risk rank for each group

Group	Risk rank priority
В	1
G	2
ZZ	3
K	4
С	5
M	6
F	7
J	8
1	9
L	10
Н	11
Е	12



# Incorporating Stakeholder Feedback

- Questions of equity
- Environmental health disparities

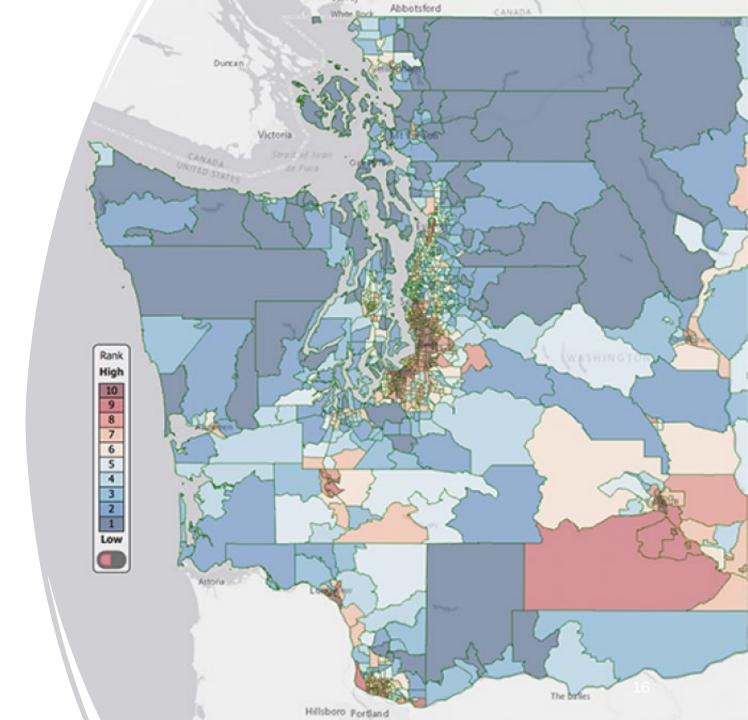






# Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act

- Passed in 2021
- Identify and address environmental health disparities
  - environmental reviews
  - funding decisions
  - permitting decisions
- WTN Environmental Health Disparities Map





#### Washington Environmental Health Disparities

### Threat x Vulnerability = Risk













**VULNERABILITY** 









#### **THREAT**

#### Fossil Fuel Pollution **Exposure**

Diesel emissions

Ozone concentration

PM2.5 concentration

Proximity to heavy traffic roadways

#### Other Toxic **Exposures**

Lead risk from housing

Proximity to hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities

Proximity to Superfund sites

Proximity to risk management plan facilities

Wastewater discharge

Toxic releases from facilities

#### Socioeconomic **Factors**

Limited English

No high school diploma

People of color

Population living in poverty

Transportation expense

Unaffordable housing

Unemployment

#### Sensitive **Populations**

Populations with high death rates from cardiovascular disease

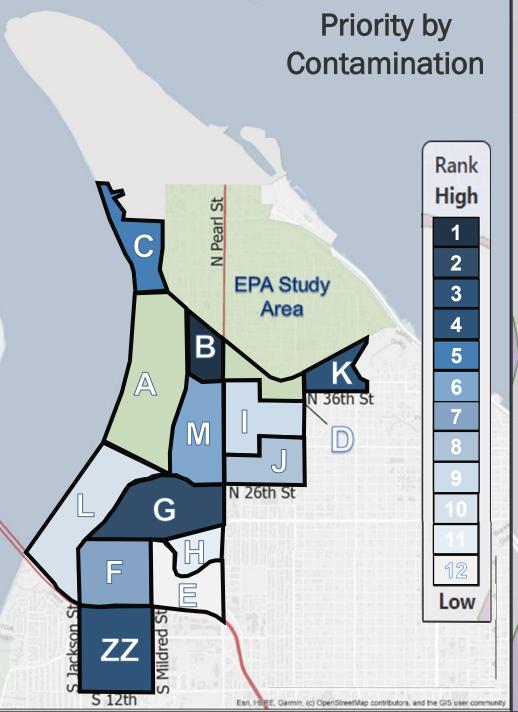
Populations with high percentages of low birth weight

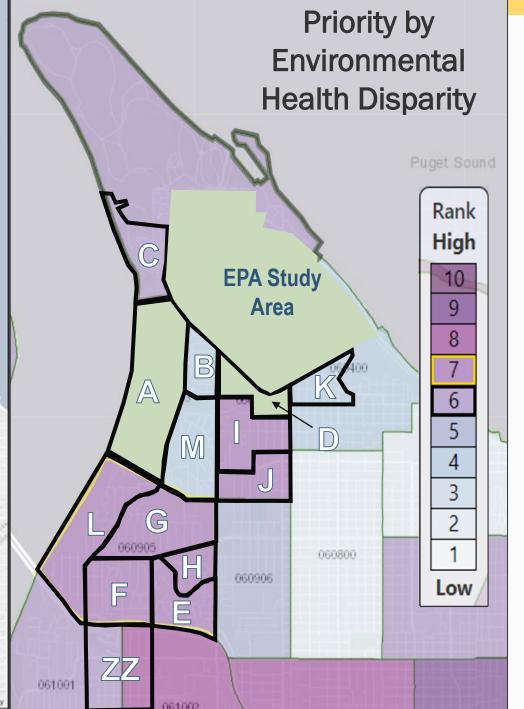
#### **RISK**

#### **Environmental Health Disparities**

Communities experiencing a disproportionate share of environmental health burdens that will need more assistance to reach equitable outcomes



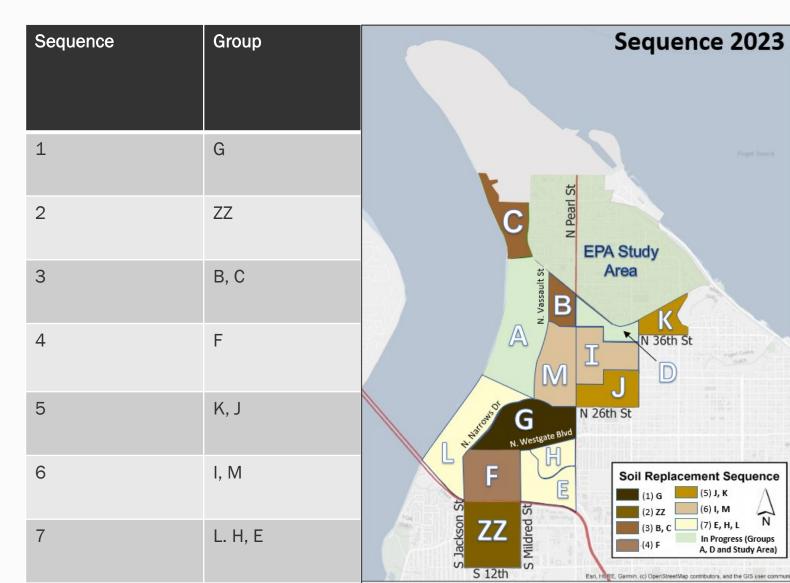




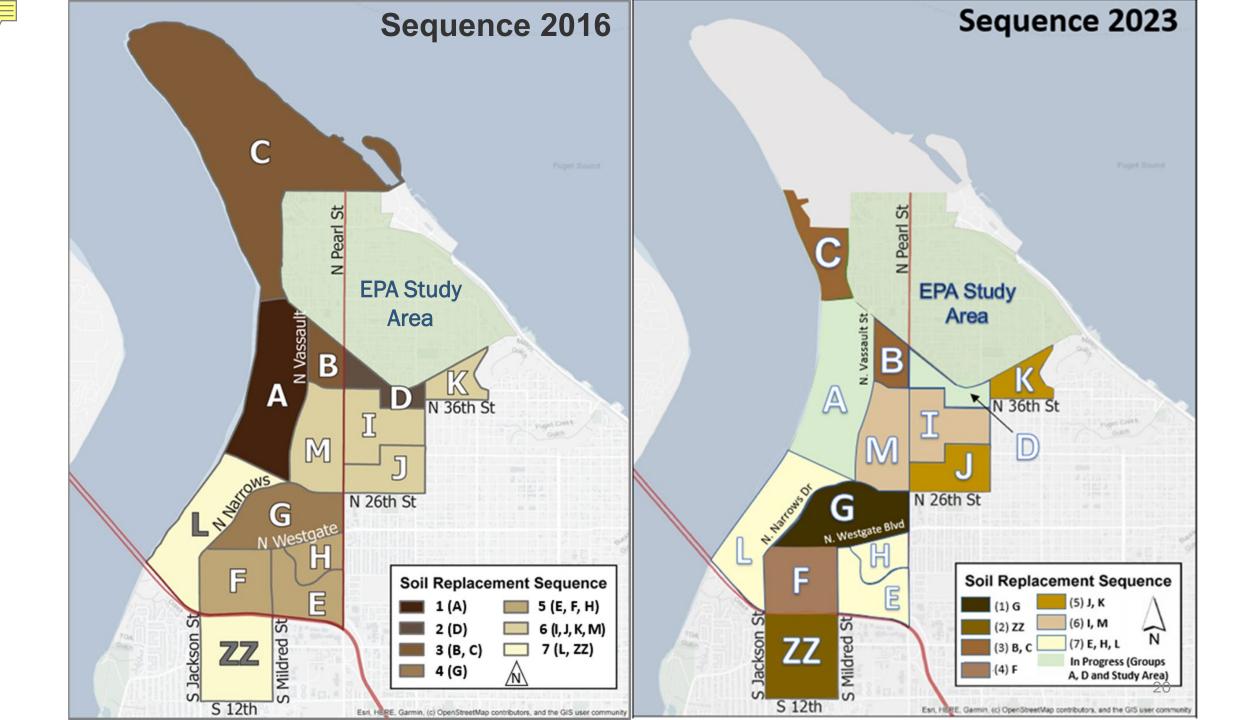


## 2023 Sequence Update

- Based on sampling data and environmental health disparity rankings  $(\sim 1:1)$
- Highest contamination + highest disparity = cleanup priority



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# The Takeaways

- Using sampling data & environmental health data
- Prioritizes contamination cleanup & environmental health equity



### Let us know your questions!





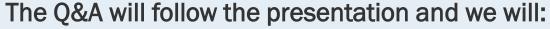
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