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Greetings,

On behalf of the WA State Department of Ecology, I am reaching out with a status update about the [Unocal Edmonds Bulk Fuel Terminal 0178](#) cleanup site in Edmonds, WA. We continue to recognize the community concern around this site and are committed to this cleanup. The next public comment period is currently slated for 2024 and has been delayed due to multiple factors. Please review the following information to learn more.

Cleanup Site Status

- Ecology completed early cleanups (called Interim Actions) in 2003 for the Upper Yard where the Point Edwards condominiums are now located.
- Ecology began Interim Actions on the Lower Yard in 2001 when removal of contaminated soil from the site began.
- 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 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.

45-Day Public Comment Period in 2024

The next step according to the [WA State Model Toxics Control Act \(MTCA\)](#) for the Unocal Edmonds Bulk Fuel Terminal 0178 cleanup site involves a public comment period on the following documents:

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

Negotiations between Ecology and Chevron Environmental Management Company (Chevron) regarding the above documents have been delayed due to the following factors.

- The completion of the Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation (TEE) between Ecology and Chevron. This document is being prepared by Chevron and it aims to protect terrestrial ecological receptors from adverse effects from contamination exposure. This document will be included as part of the Cleanup Action Plan and available for public review and comment.
- Potential additions to the Cleanup Action Plan (document for review in the upcoming public comment period) based on new guidance from the Department of Ecology on the analytical method for measuring diesel and oil contamination.
- The completion of a legal document (Consent Decree) between the state of Washington's Assistant Attorney General and Chevron's council.

Once all documents are finalized, a 45-day public comment period will be scheduled, during which time Ecology will host a simultaneous public meeting (in-person and online via Zoom) to provide project information and answer questions. Kristen Forkeutis, Outreach Specialist, and Ian Fawley, Senior Outreach Planner, will continue to lead the outreach planning for this site.

Questions or Comments

We welcome and encourage feedback from the public. Please reach out to me at Tanner.Bushnell@ecy.wa.gov or Kristen Forkeutis, Outreach Specialist, at Kristen.Forkeutis@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.

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