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# Maralco Aluminum Site Kent, Washington RI/FS Responsiveness Summary

### Overview

In June of 1990 the Department of Ecology submitted for public comment the RI/FS work plan at the MARALCO Aluminum Site located at 7730 South 202 St, Kent, WA.

The public comment period was in effect from June 15, 1990 to July 15, 1990. The public comment period provided an opportunity for the local community to become involved in the decision making process. This responsiveness summary documents the written comments received during the public comment period and Ecology's reponses to those comments.

## Summary of Comments Received During Public Comment Period.

Ecology received one written comment during the public comment period from a local property owner. The concerns expressed are summarized below along with Ecology's responses.

1. The area around the site is not fully secure as stated in an earlier fact sheet.

<u>Ecology's Response:</u> Ecology is aware that the security fence only encloses the main waste pile. Further security measures will be taken if warranted.

2. The property owner expressed concern over the shrinking dross pile due to the leaching out of salts.

Ecology's Response: Ecology is aware that leaching is occurring and is presently studying remedial action to remove the pile.

3. The property owner suggested running the material through

<u>Ecology's Response:</u> Ecology is considering recycling the pile and selling the recovered alumina residue and aluminum metal.

4. The property owner suggested covering the pile to prevent dross dust from escaping.

Ecology's Response: Air monitoring around the area indicates
that there is currently no dust hazard.