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¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4294#site-documents>

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Public Involvement in Contamination Cleanup

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) developed this public participation plan for the Go East Corp. Landfill site (Site). Ecology updated the April 30, 2020 public participation plan for the public comment period for the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Draft Cleanup Action Plan.

Public participation plans are intended to promote meaningful community involvement during cleanup for the Site. This plan describes ways Ecology will inform the public about contamination investigations and cleanup options throughout the cleanup process. Ecology encourages the public to learn about and get involved in decision-making opportunities. This plan identifies how and when the public can get involved during different stages of the investigation and cleanup of contamination.

Snohomish County Health Department is the jurisdictional health department responsible for regulating the landfill in accordance with the solid waste handling standards in Chapter 173-350 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Ecology's Solid Waste Management Program provides technical support to Snohomish County Health Department in the regulation of the landfill. However, Ecology is the lead agency for implementing state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) at the Site.

Ecology identified two former owners of the landfill as potentially liable persons (PLPs) under MTCA. Ecology issued final PLP status letters to P&GE, LLC (P&GE) on January 29, 2020 and to Century Communities of Washington, LLC (Century Communities) on November 29, 2022.

P&GE consolidated and closed the landfill and redeveloped the property for the Alpine Estates residential community (formerly known as Bakerview) in accordance with a solid waste facility permit issued by the Snohomish County Health Department and land disturbing activity permits issued by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services. Century Communities assumed responsibilities and transferred the applicable permits into their name after purchasing the property from P&GE on May 24, 2022.

The PLPs entered into an Agreed Order under MTCA. P&GE entered into Agreed Order No. DE 18121 on January 29, 2021 and Century Communities signed on as a party to the Agreed Order on January 10, 2023. The Agreed Order required that P&GE and Century Communities:

- Perform an interim action during the permitted landfill closure activities pursuant to the Interim Action Work Plan.
- Prepare a Remedial Investigation Work Plan.
- Prepare a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS).
- Prepare a preliminary Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP).

Ecology opened a public comment period for the Agreed Order and Interim Action Work Plan from May 8 to June 28, 2020, hosted an online public meeting on June 18, 2020, and provided a Responsiveness Summary Report in January 2021.

Snohomish County Health Department approved the closure of the landfill as a limited purpose landfill in July 2022 and issued a solid waste facility permit for post-closure care of the landfill. Snohomish County Planning and Development Services approved the Alpine Estates, A Plat Community plat map on October 24, 2023. The final plat map granted and conveyed the tracts that contain the closed landfill to the Alpine Estates Owners Association.

Ecology is opening a public comment period for the Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and Draft Cleanup Action Plan from March 7 to April 7, 2024. Ecology is hosting an online public meeting on March 21, 2024 to discuss the documents.

Public Participation Grants

Grants may be available to neighborhood committees, non-profits, and other groups interested in the site. For contaminated sites, these funds can be used to:

- Hire an expert to help interpret technical information⁴
- Conduct activities that enhance the public's understanding of, and participation in, the cleanup process.

For more information about public participation grants, please contact Laura Busby at 360-280-5088 or laura.busby@ecy.wa.gov. You may also visit the [Public Participation Grant website](#).⁵

⁴ Ecology currently does not have a citizen technical advisor for providing technical assistance to citizens on issues related to the investigation and cleanup of the site.

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/public-participation-grants>

Site Contacts

To be included in the site record, comments about the cleanup process must be submitted during comment periods. Questions and informal comments or information about the site's history are welcome anytime.

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Washington’s Solid Waste and Cleanup Laws

The Go East Corp. Landfill site is regulated under the state’s solid waste handling standards and the state cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act or MTCA. MTCA provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. This public participation plan is required under MTCA.



Solid Waste Handling Standards

The Go East Corp. Landfill began operations in 1972, concurrent with the implementation of state solid waste handling standards in WAC 173-301 in 1972. The landfill stopped receiving waste in 1983, before the state repealed WAC 173-301 in 1985 and implemented revised solid waste standards in [WAC 173-304](#). The landfill was closed as a limited purpose landfill in accordance with current regulations in [WAC 173-350-400](#), which were implemented in 2003.

Snohomish County Health Department permits the landfill in accordance with state and county regulations. Ecology’s Solid Waste Management Program provides technical assistance to Snohomish County Health Department.

Model Toxics Control Act

Remedial actions at landfills are regulated by [MTCA](#), in accordance with solid waste regulations in [WAC 173-350-900](#). Ecology oversees landfill remedial actions. Snohomish County Health Department may participate in the cleanup process and must exercise its permit authority for solid waste handling that is not addressed in the implementation of remedial actions under MTCA.

MTCA began as a grassroots citizen’s initiative in 1988, and started the process of systematically cleaning up contaminated sites in Washington. Under MTCA, a current or past property owner or operator may be held responsible for cleaning up contamination on, or coming from, their property to standards that are safe for human health and the environment.

Ecology enacts MTCA and oversees cleanups in the state and issues regulations and guidance governing those cleanups. The regulations are found in [WAC 173-340](#). Ecology investigates reports of property contamination, and if the contamination is seen as a significant threat to human health or the environment, the contaminated property is placed on the [Contaminated Sites List](#) and the cleanup process begins.

Public participation is an important part of cleanup under the MTCA process. Participation needs are assessed at each cleanup site according to the level of public interest and the degree of risk posed by the contamination. Individuals who live near the site, community groups, businesses, government, other organizations, and interested parties have the opportunity to get involved by commenting on the cleanup process.

Under MTCA, the cleanup process generally includes five phases. Each phase includes an opportunity for the public to review and comment on cleanup documents.

At the Go East Corp. Landfill site, the public has opportunities to provide comments on the:

- Draft Agreed Order and Draft Interim Action Work Plan
- Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report and Draft Cleanup Action Plan

State Environmental Policy Act

At some cleanup sites, SEPA is followed during review and development of cleanup plans. Snohomish County Planning and Development Services issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance for landfill closure and redevelopment on May 7, 2017 at the Go East Corp. Landfill site in accordance with SEPA.

Washington's Cleanup Process

Public participation plans and comment periods are only required for cleanups under a legal agreement with Ecology. Otherwise, all cleanups follow the same steps. The steps are defined by Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.



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Site History and Development

The Site address is 4330 108th Street, Everett, WA (Property). The Site is in unincorporated Snohomish County within the Silver Lake neighborhood south of Everett.

Site History

The 40.9-acre Property sits atop the Vashon advance outwash sand formation, which outcrops where steep slopes are present on the east side of the Property. The Vashon advance outwash sand formation is underlain by low-permeability silt deposits referred to as the pre-Vashon lacustrine silt unit. The pre-Vashon lacustrine silt unit is estimated to be at least 110 feet thick beneath the Property.

In 1969, a conditional use permit was issued for sand excavation. Workers excavated sand from a ravine on the northern part of the Property and used it as construction fill for nearby construction projects.

Rekaway, Inc. purchased the Property in February 1972 and operated the landfill until 1980. Rekaway obtained a 10-year conditional-use permit from Snohomish County in March 1972 to excavate sand and gravel and to operate a landfill by reclaiming the excavation area with solid waste. The permit authorized the disposal of “wood, mineral, and concrete solid materials, but not garbage or putrescibles.” In 1974-75, Rekaway was approved to accept “cardboard, pallets, large parcel wrappings, shredded paper, and warehousing waste material.”

In 1974, Rekaway accepted approximately 200 cubic yards of baghouse dust containing magnesium, phosphate, and aluminum dust into the landfill. A fire resulted from the oxidation of the buried metal dusts. Workers excavated the material, spread it on the ground, extinguished the fire, and covered the material with soil. Partially burned trees and stumps caused a landfill fire in November 1976 that persisted through 1979. Snohomish County Health Department (formerly known as Snohomish Health District) suspended the landfill permit in November 1977.

Go East Corporation conditionally purchased the Property in 1979. They requested reinstatement of the landfill permit to allow additional filling to level the landfill area for future development. Snohomish County Health Department issued a permit to operate a wood waste landfill in November 1979. The permit expired in September 1982. Go East Corporation stopped



accepting waste in the summer of 1983 when Snohomish County issued a stop work order. Another landfill fire began in October 1983 and burned out by January 1986. The landfill was covered with soil in conformance with the minimum functional standards for solid waste handling in WAC 173-301. However, WAC 173-301 was repealed and superseded by WAC 173-304 in October 1985, and the landfill was not closed in accordance with the governing regulations in 1986.

Landfill closure

P&GE, LLC acquired the property from Go East Corporation in May 2009. P&GE prepared the Go East Landfill Closure Plan and obtained several permits to re-route a stream, mitigate wetlands, close the landfill in accordance with current regulatory requirements for limited purpose landfills in [Chapter 173-350-400](#) of the WAC, and redevelop the property for the current Alpine Estates community. Snohomish County Planning and Development Services issued land disturbing activity permits; the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a hydraulic project approval to relocate the stream; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved wetlands mitigation; Snohomish County Health Department issued a solid waste facility permit; and Ecology granted a Construction Stormwater General Permit.

The permitted landfill closure activities included:

- Excavation of landfill material from the peripheral areas of the landfill (i.e., the wedge area) and the placement of landfill material in the center of the landfill, which reduced the landfill area from approximately 9.6 to 6.0 acres.



Excavation of landfill material from the wedge area

- Closure of the landfill with an engineered cover that includes a 40-mil linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) geomembrane, a geocomposite drainage layer, and a soil cover.
- Construction of two stormwater detention ponds on the southeast portion of the landfill to reduce the peak stormwater runoff from the residential development. The stormwater ponds are underlain by a double liner with an interstitial leak detection layer.



- Construction of a geomembrane-lined gas ventilation trench along the landfill boundary adjacent to the residential lots to collect and ventilate methane that accumulates beneath the landfill cover.
- Preservation of the steep wooded northeast landfill slope and construction of a rock buttress at the toe of the slope to increase its structural stability. Stream 3 originates from a weir box within the rock buttress.
- P&GE prepared a Construction Quality Assurance Report on July 1, 2022, to document the construction activities necessary for landfill closure under WAC 173-350-400(8).

Additional Site development activities included:

- Diversion of a small surface water stream. Stream 1 originates from urban stormwater drainage and wetlands near the west property boundary. Stream 1 originally extended through the ravine that contains the landfill. Stream 1 was diverted to the ravine south of the landfill to accommodate sand mining and landfill construction. As part of the current development, Stream 1 was diverted to a lined channel near the base of the regraded west slope of the property. Stream 1 discharges down a steep slope through a high-density polyethylene



(HDPE) pipe to an energy dissipation mat that adjoins Stream 2.

- A groundwater interceptor trench was constructed beneath the lined Stream 1 channel. The interceptor trench collects perched groundwater within the advanced outwash formation and diverts groundwater to Stream 2.
- The Property was regraded for residential development, which included filling the wedge area with clean onsite and imported soil.
- During construction, a mudflow occurred beyond the landfill property in September 2021. The mudflow originated when the construction contractor placed approximately 500 to 700 cubic yards of clean fill material on a cut of the steep slope above Stream 3, which originates from the base of the landfill. The mudflow occurred when precipitation and seepage mobilized the fill material, causing a mudflow of transitional bed soil and trees to the wetlands at the base of the landfill.
- Century Communities has voluntarily worked with Ecology’s Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program to purchase wetland mitigation credits and to revegetate and monitor the recovery of the wetlands at the base of the landfill.



Site Development for Alpine Estates Homes

Century Communities purchased the property on May 24, 2022 and developed the 96-lot Alpine Estates community.

Snohomish County Planning and Development Services approved the Alpine Estates, A Plat Community plat map on October 24, 2023. Tracts 988 through 992 and 995 through 999 were granted and conveyed to the Alpine Estates Owners Association. The landfill exists on Tracts 989, 992, 997, and 999. Century Communities currently governs the Alpine Estates Owners Association.



Alpine Estates houses are being constructed with gas barrier and ventilation systems that are designed consistent with the Methane Mitigation Standards developed by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety.

Century Communities has contracted a landfill gas engineer to prepare Construction Confirmation Reports for the lots, which must be approved by Snohomish County Health Department with a letter of consent by Ecology. Snohomish County Planning and Development Services then conducts an inspection.

Environmental Covenant for Limited Purpose Landfill

Washington’s administrative code - [WAC 173-350-400\(8\)\(e\)](#) - requires that an environmental covenant be filed following landfill closure. The environmental covenant template specifies general restrictions and requirements, specific prohibitions and requirements, and access and notification requirements for the landfill.

Environmental covenants are recorded to document the landfill, restrict land use, protect the landfill control and monitoring systems, and define access and notification requirements for both current and future owners of the landfill. The specific prohibitions and requirements are reiterated in the Draft Cleanup Action Plan.

Century Communities plans to record the [Environmental Covenant for Limited Purpose Landfill](#) on behalf of the Alpine Estates Owners Association following the public comment period.

Landfill Post-Closure Care

Snohomish County Health Department issues a solid waste facility permit for post-closure care of the Go East Corp. Landfill in accordance with [WAC 173-350](#). The current permittee, Century Communities, is required to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the landfill cover and to monitor groundwater, surface water, and landfill gas.

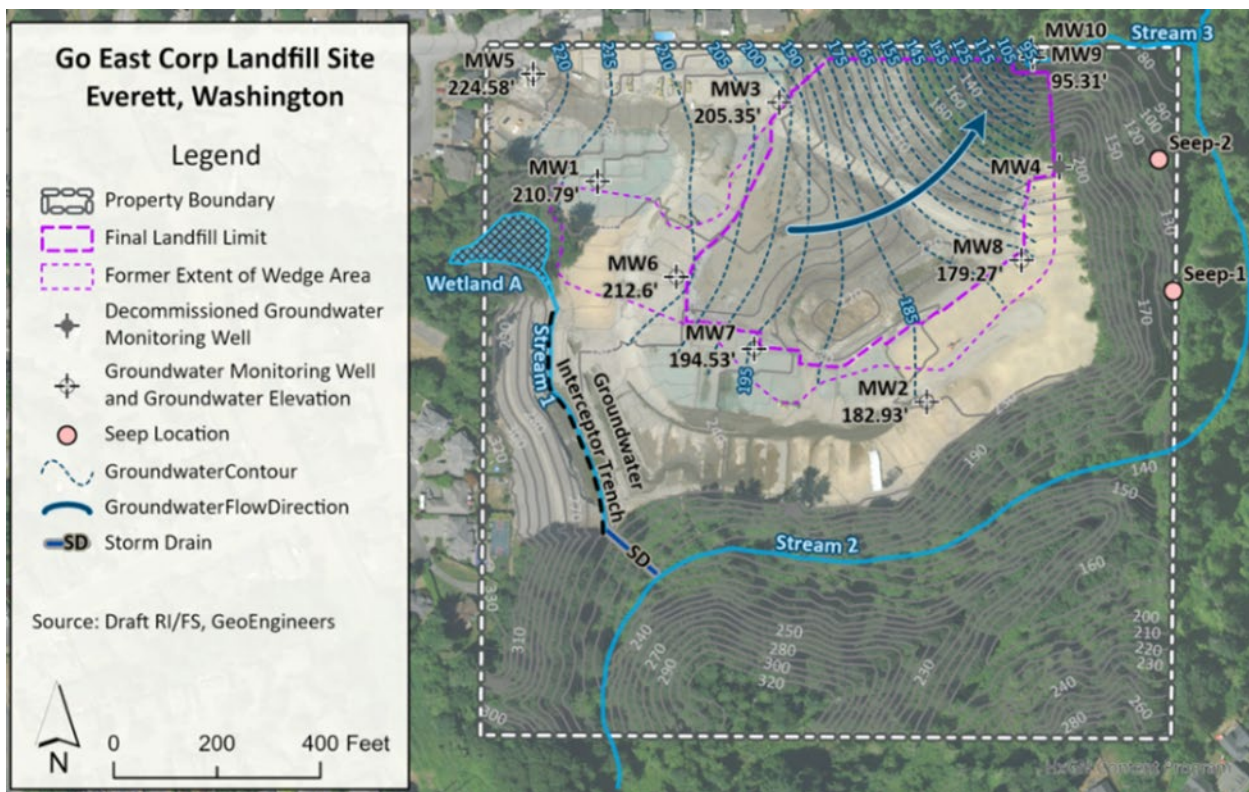
- Century Communities contracts a landfill gas engineer to monitor methane in accordance with a [Landfill Gas Monitoring and Contingency Plan](#). This plan addresses methane monitoring within the landfill, in soil gas probes at the landfill boundary, and contingent monitoring beneath and within the Alpine Estates houses.
- Snohomish County Health Department anticipates adopting the Cleanup Action Plan and its associated Compliance Monitoring Plan for groundwater and surface water monitoring.
- Post-closure care is required until the landfill meets functional stability criteria for settlement and cover integrity, landfill gas generation, and groundwater and surface water quality.

Cleanup Documents

P&GE and Century Communities provided the following cleanup documents pursuant to the Agreed Order:

- [Interim Action Completion Report](#) – This report documents confirmation soil sampling performed during the excavation of the wedge area along the periphery of the original landfill. The report also describes confirmation soil sampling of imported fill material, the pre-construction sampling results (Appendix A), soil disposal documentation (Appendix C), asbestos-containing material documentation (Appendix D), an asbestos inspection summary of the excavated landfill material (Appendix E), and the lot exploration execution memorandum (Appendix F). The reconnaissance of the northeast slope is reported separately and included in Appendix L of the Construction Quality Assurance Report for the landfill. An interim action addendum report was prepared that confirms soils were not impacted by potentially contaminated stormwater management practices south of the landfill.
- [Remedial Investigation Work Plan](#) – The RI work plan describes the landfill property and history, environmental setting, previous investigations, preliminary conceptual site model, data gaps, and the remedial investigation field activities.

- Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study** – The RI/FS describes the regulatory background, the landfill property and history, the environmental setting, and previous and current field investigations. The historical infiltration of water through the landfill is evident by leachate impacts to groundwater beneath and beyond the landfill where elevated concentrations of metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons have been detected in groundwater and surface water. The RI/FS proposes cleanup standards for groundwater, surface water, and sediment at the Site. The soil beyond the landfill and the sediment downstream of the landfill complies with the proposed cleanup standards. Elevated concentrations of manganese persist in groundwater beneath the former waste areas and in surface water that originates from the toe of the landfill. The surface water also contains elevated concentrations of iron. Naturally occurring iron and manganese are mobilized under anaerobic conditions caused by the biodegradation of organic waste in the landfill. The Feasibility Study develops and evaluates cleanup action alternatives that can be performed after landfill closure in July 2022. The cleanup action alternatives include no additional actions, monitored natural attenuation of contamination in groundwater and surface water, and monitored natural attenuation of contamination with surface water treatment. The RI/FS recommends the monitored natural attenuation cleanup alternative.



- Draft Cleanup Action Plan** – The Cleanup Action Plan is Ecology’s decision document for defining the cleanup standards and selecting the cleanup action for the site. The Draft Cleanup Action Plan selects the monitored natural attenuation cleanup alternative.

Landfill materials have been removed from beyond the closed landfill boundary and the engineered landfill cover prevents the infiltration of precipitation water through the underlying waste. The diversion of Stream 1 and the groundwater interceptor trench reduce the infiltration of water and flow of groundwater beneath the landfill to its discharge point at the toe of the northeast landfill slope. The flow of naturally aerobic groundwater is anticipated to decrease the concentrations of iron and manganese to background conditions beneath the wedge area and to decrease their concentrations in groundwater and surface water downstream of the landfill. The monitoring of groundwater beneath the wedge area and groundwater and surface water downstream of the landfill are required until the concentrations attenuate to below their cleanup levels.

Area Community

The Site is located in unincorporated Snohomish County. The Alpine Estates Subdivision is located on the Property. The Property is bound by the [108th Street Point Subdivision](#) north of the Property, the [Kings Ridge Subdivision](#) west of the Property, the [Waldenwood West Subdivision](#) southwest of the Property, and the [Pinehurst at Waldenwood Subdivision](#) southeast of the Property.

Ecology has kept the 108th Street Point Homeowners Association and the Kings Ridge Homeowners Association informed regarding remedial activities at the Site.

Ecology's outreach will follow federal guidance and include contacting cultural community organizations and providing information in non-English languages as appropriate ([EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool](#)⁶ and [Washington State Department of Health Disparities Map](#)⁷). According to census data, less than 5% of the population in this area speaks English "less than very well." The non-English language most widely spoken in this area is Spanish. When appropriate, Ecology will provide outreach in Spanish. Ecology will also translate or provide interpreters to anyone who requests it. We strive to make our public participation efforts as inclusive as possible and welcome your input about how to best reach nearby communities.

If you request materials translated or interpreters for the Go East Corp. Landfill cleanup site, please send an email to nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or call 425-393-5679 and reference Go East Corp. Landfill.

P&GE y Ecology firmaron la Orden acordada n.º DE 18121 el 29 de enero de 2021. Century Communities firmó como parte del acuerdo el 10 de enero de 2023. El sitio está ubicado en 4330 108th Street, Everett, WA 98208 (Propiedad). Para obtener más información en español, comuníquese con Coleman Miller al 509-454-4246 o envíe un correo electrónico a questions@ecy.wa.gov.

Ecology will ensure that the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Suquamish Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Tulalip Tribes will be engaged with any decision-making process for this Site and have ample opportunities to be involved throughout the process on a government-to-government basis.

⁶ <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

⁷ <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtnibl/WTNIBL/>

Public Participation Activities

Members of the public may ask questions, submit informal comments, or share Site information at any time. Interested parties do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact Ecology.

However, to be included in the formal Site record, comments about the Site investigation, cleanup alternatives, and cleanups must be submitted during formal comment periods. In addition, the public is invited to review Site documents before they become final. This process is the most direct and influential way to learn more about the Site and be involved in decision-making.

How we share information with the community

During specific stages of the cleanup, Ecology will mail notices about public comment periods to addresses surrounding the Site. The mailing list area will vary depending on the type of contamination and where it is located, but the list will at least include addresses within an approximate 1/2-mile radius of the Site and other interested organizations and individuals. These notices will provide general information about the Site, how to submit comments, times and locations of public meetings or hearings, and information about how to request a public meeting.

Ecology may also develop documents outside of comment periods to keep the community updated on the Site's status. These informational documents will be available online and at document repositories. Print copies may be mailed to the nearby community if we feel the message warrants the associated cost and resources.

Comment period notices and other Site announcements may also be posted in various locations throughout the community (for example, local businesses, schools, libraries).

Postal mailing list

Ecology maintains a mailing list of addresses within a 1/2-mile radius of the Site that includes relevant local, state, and federal government contacts that will receive public comment notices when draft documents are available.

We will add additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties to the mailing list as requested. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this Site, please contact Nancy Lui at 425-393-5679 or nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov and in the subject line indicate "Go East Corp. Landfill mailing list".

Site Register

Public comment periods, events, and other cleanup notices are published in Ecology's [Site Register](#).⁸ [Subscribe online](#)⁹ to receive the *Site Register* by email, or contact Sarah Kellington at sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov or 360-280-3167.

Newspaper display ads or legal notices

We announce public comment periods and events in ads or notices published in the local newspaper (*Everett Herald*). We will also publish notices on our [Public Input & Events Listing](#).¹⁰

Ecology maintains an email list to update interested persons about this Site. If you would like to be added to the email list for this Site, please contact Nancy Lui at (425) 393-5679 or nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov and in the subject line indicate "Go East Corp. Landfill email list".

Ecology's website and social media platforms

We maintain a [website for the Go East Corp. Landfill site](#).¹¹ The website summarizes the Site activities and provides an online repository for a comprehensive set of landfill and cleanup documents. These documents are available to download.

In the near future, you should be able to sign up for updates on the Go East Corp. website. Once registration is complete, Ecology will notify a person electronically when the Site information specified on Ecology's website is added to or changed per WAC 173-340-600(6). We may also share information about cleanup sites through [news releases, our ECOconnect blog, and social media](#).¹²

Document repositories

The Go East Corp. Landfill website provides a comprehensive list of documents available to download. During public comment periods, Ecology is providing the printed documents that are open for public comment at the following locations:

Mill Creek Library
15429 Bothell Everett Highway
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Washington Department of Ecology
Northwest Region Office
15700 Dayton Ave N Shoreline, WA 98133

To schedule an appointment to review print documents at Ecology's Northwest Region Office, please contact Michael Hart at 206-594-0016 or nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov.

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data>

⁹ https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_118

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>

¹¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4294>

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/news>

How to share information with us

We hold public comment periods to solicit concerns and information during the cleanup process. We may also meet with and solicit information from interested community members and organizations. To collaborate with us about this Site, please contact Alan Noell at 206-213-4803 or alan.noell@ecy.wa.gov.

Public comment periods

Formal, 30-day comment periods allow interested members of the public to comment on draft documents, legal agreements, and proposed cleanup actions. If there is significant interest, Ecology may extend the public comment period. When Ecology oversees SEPA determinations, we hold comment periods for at least two weeks that may extend to 30 days or more when additional cleanup documents are concurrently available for review.

Following a comment period, we publish all the input we receive and respond to comments and questions. If the comments result in significant changes to the cleanup documents, then the documents will be revised and re-issued for public review. Cleanup documents become final if comments do not result in significant changes.

Public events

We hold public meetings, workshops, open houses, and public hearings based on community interest. If we have not scheduled a meeting, we will hold one if 10 people request it. Adding a public meeting to the schedule may cause us to extend a public comment period.

Public meetings, workshops, open houses, and hearings are always announced in advance using a variety of methods as described above. If you need assistance with accommodations at Ecology's public meetings, please email nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or call 425- 393-5679 in advance regarding your request.

Americans with Disabilities Act

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, contact the Ecology ADA Coordinator at 360-407-6831 or ecyadacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Public Participation Plan Amendments

Ecology developed this public participation plan following MTCA regulations ([WAC 173-340-600](#)). We review it as the cleanup process progresses and amend it as necessary. You may suggest amendments to Alan Noell, Site Manager at 206-213-4803 or alan.noell@ecy.wa.gov.

This plan includes information for the public regarding opportunities for public involvement and comment. The outreach activities discussed in this plan reflect Ecology's current plans for keeping the public informed and providing ways for those interested in the Site to communicate their concerns and questions to us.

If you feel the planned outreach activities and mechanisms described in this plan are insufficient, or should otherwise be modified, we will work to find solutions. New outreach activities or outreach tools established as a result can be implemented with or without amending this plan.