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Triad Northlake Site Former Nortar/American Tar Company Wallingford



Contaminated site cleanup complete

Soils cleanup has been completed at the Triad Northlake Site. The Site is located 500 to 600 feet north of the north shore of Lake Union at 1700 N. Northlake Way in Seattle, Washington. The most noticeable difference is probably the demolition and removal of the buildings formerly occupying the site.

This is one of the most rapid cleanups in Ecology's history. The Consent Decree, the legal agreement to clean up the site, was recorded in Washington State Superior Court on April 14, 1999. Site soils cleanup began in September and was completed in early October. Ecology issued the notice of completion for the soils cleanup on October 11, 1999. From start to finish less than six months – congratulations to Triad Northlake and their consultant, Equipoise Corporation of Seattle.

The soils cleanup was conducted under the Model Toxics Control Act, the state cleanup regulations. If you reviewed the Cleanup Action Plan, you may remember that one cleanup task concerned the pentachlorophenol (PCP) contaminated soils. There were two options for these soils.

1. Excavate PCP-impacted soil and contain in a secured on-site structure, or
2. Excavate PCP-impacted soil and dispose in an Ecology-approved off-site chemical landfill.

Since the concentration was low and the volume of PCP soils was relatively small, approximated 30 cubic yards, the second option was selected. The soils were removed and disposed of at a RCRA certified chemical landfill, with specific provisions.

The good news is that all contaminated soils were removed from the site. If you experienced any noise, dust or inconvenience during cleanup, we thank you for your patience. Now the site is graded, covered, and groundwater compliance monitoring is underway. The

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site is ready for the next step—redevelopment.

Redevelopment

Proposed development includes three buildings, clustered with a walkway and, for commercial and residential uses. For additional information on the development phase, contact Ross W. Woods at Triad Northlake at (206) 374-0414.

Groundwater monitoring

The task of groundwater compliance monitoring begins in January 2000 for all chemicals of concern and will be conducted for four quarters or, until confirmation that the cleanup levels have been achieved.

Site location and history

The Site was formerly known as the American Tar Company (ATCO). This Site is distinct and different from the ATCO Refinery located on the Gas Works Park site. From 1956 to the late 1980s ATCO manufactured roofing products and formulated wood preservatives at the Site. These operations resulted in environmental impacts, primarily from polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and a localized occurrence of pentachlorophenol (PCP) and mineral spirits. Nortar purchased the property in the early 1990's and leased portions of the property out to a variety of commercial tenants. Triad Northlake LLC (Triad) purchased the property in 1999 with the intent to clean up and redevelop the property.

For more information

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