

MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 5 – STATION 5

Public Participation Plan

March 1, 2005

Overview

Station 5 of Mason County Fire District 5 is located at East 6011 Agate Road, Shelton. In November 1994, a 550-gallon gasoline underground storage tank was removed from the site. After the tank was removed, sampling of the area confirmed petroleum hydrocarbon contamination of surrounding soils. Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in February 1995 and samples confirmed petroleum hydrocarbon contamination of groundwater above standards set by Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, RCW 70.105D).

Since initial sampling, approximately 1,800 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil have been excavated and treated by bioremediation methods. Results of groundwater samples taken in 2003 indicate contamination still remains on the site. The full extent and magnitude of groundwater contamination down gradient from the former underground storage tank location is still unknown at this time. The proposed agreed order requires Mason County Fire District 5 to install two groundwater monitoring wells at Station 5 and to monitor levels of petroleum hydrocarbons until contamination levels are below state standards outlined in MTCA.

For more information about the site's history and contamination, please refer to the Mason County Fire District 5 fact sheet (Ecology publication #05-09-37) and proposed agreed order #1891.

What is a Public Participation Plan?

Public participation plans are an important component of MTCA. Public participation plans summarize activities designed to give the public meaningful opportunities to learn about and provide input on cleanup decisions. Plans may be simple or complex depending on the human health and environmental risks posed by the site and other factors.

Ecology welcomes public comment on this plan. This plan may be updated when more is known about contamination at the site.

Public Participation Grants Available

Grants from Ecology's Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program may be available to groups of residents, neighborhood associations, and others living near Station 5. These funds may be used to provide additional public involvement, to receive technical assistance, and/or enhance the public's understanding of the cleanup. For more information, contact Kathy Seel at (360) 407-6061 or ksee461@ecy.wa.gov or go to Ecology's website at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants.html.

Public Participation Tools to Be Used

Ecology will use a variety of tools to involve the public in the cleanup of Station 5. The tools described below are subject to modification when more is learned about the site. Any substantial changes to this plan will be made available for public review and comment.

Formal Public Comment Period: Written public comment will be the primary tool used to receive public input on key decisions and actions related to the Station 5 cleanup. The public will be invited to comment at specific points during the process and will have at least 30 days to provide comment. Each comment period will be extended to accommodate state or federal holidays.

Responsiveness Summary: After every public comment period, Ecology will review any and all comments received and may respond to comments in a written responsiveness summary. The summary would then be made available to the public at the information repositories listed below.

Information Repositories: Documents and other printed materials will be made available to the public at the local library and the Ecology's Southwest Regional Office in Lacey. Printed materials will be placed at the repositories listed below during comment periods and will remain there for the duration of the cleanup process. Ecology also can make copies of documents upon request for a small fee.

- William G. Reed Library, 710 W. Alder St., Shelton, WA (360) 426-1362
- Washington Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office, Toxics Cleanup Program, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA (360) 407-6365 or sfle461@ecy.wa.gov

Site Register and Public Events Calendar: Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program will use its bimonthly *Site Register* and web-based *Public Events Calendar* to announce all public meetings and comment periods related to the site.

To receive a copy of the *Site Register*, please contact Linda Thompson at (360) 407-6069 or ltho461@ecy.wa.gov. Copies also are available on the Ecology website at www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/site_reg.html. Ecology's *Public Events Calendar* may be found at www.ecy.gov.

Mailing List: Ecology's Southwest Regional Office has created a mailing list specific to the Station 5 site and will update the list as needed. Please contact Cedar Bouta at (360) 407-6245 or cebo461@ecy.wa.gov to be added to or removed from the list.

Fact Sheets: Fact sheets for the site will be used to inform the public of key decisions and actions, meetings and opportunities to provide comments. Fact sheets will be:

- directly mailed to key stakeholders, including property owners and residents within one-half mile of the site;
- made available at the repositories listed above; and
- posted on Ecology's website at www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/MasonCountyFD5/mcfd5_hp.htm.

Legal Notices: Legal notices announcing each public comment period or meeting will be published in The Daily Olympian and The Mason Shelton Journal.

Contacts

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