

Responsiveness Summary
May 15th through June 15th, 2007 Public Comment Period
Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Scope of Work, SEPA
Early Scoping
Most Western Laundry Site, Hoquiam, WA

Site Manager: Guy Barrett

Public Involvement Coordinator: Hannah Aoyagi

The following comments were received during the May 15th to June 15th public comment period for the Most Western Laundry site. These comments will be added to the site file and made publicly available.

Comment 1: Al Carter, Grays Harbor County District 3 Commissioner - Please see attached letter.

Response: Ecology acknowledges Mr. Carter's comment.

Comment 2: Anna Sangder, Hoquiam, WA

Our family lives 1/2 a block away (1407 B St) from where Most Western Laundry used to operate. Could our property be contaminated from the chemicals? I ask because we have four small children who love to play outside, in the dirt, etc. They also walk to the bus stop at the corner of 'B' Street and '16th' St, passing by the contaminated site on their way. So does that mean that chemicals are sticking to their shoes and entering their schools and our home when they come inside? I know I sound a little concerned, but I hate chemicals. My children are allergic to food dyes and we are a 'green' family, using a lot of organic foods and gardening. Which makes me ask, how safe is it to eat foods grown from our soil? So far we've only lived here for two years and have only grown flowers and shrubs and strawberries and peas, not a full blown vege garden. Also, are there any plans for the area to be cleaned? Like a park or something nice like that? Thank-you so much for any information you can share.

Response:

Ms. Sangder,

Thank you for your interest and concerns with the former Most Western Laundry site. We have almost completed the remedial investigation on the property itself. While we have found soil and groundwater contamination, it is beneath the surface soil and therefore very unlikely to be of concern unless someone was digging in the soil. We will be installing monitoring wells outside of the property boundary mid-June to see how far the contamination has spread. I would not worry about gardening at your property. We will be determining the nature and extent of the contamination, vertically and

horizontally, before we choose a method to clean it up. We will decide on a remedy, such as removing the soil and replacing it with clean backfill, and this will go out for public comment as well. After the site is finally clean, it is up to the owners as to what it will become. Please stay in touch as we move forward with our investigation and eventual cleanup.

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RE: *Most Western Laundry Property Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study*

Mr. Barrett:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Washington State Department of Ecology's Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) process associated with soil and groundwater contamination on property located at the intersection of 16th Street and 'B' Street in the City of Hoquiam, Grays Harbor County, Washington.

Grays Harbor County wishes to state our support for the project and our appreciation to the Washington State Department of Ecology for providing grant funding for the project through the Department's *Clean Sites Initiative* program. We believe that this program realizes a wide range of positive environmental and economic values that are beneficial to the residents of both Grays Harbor County and Washington State.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert A. Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Al Carter
District 3 Commissioner

Cc: Honorable Jack Durney, Mayor, City of Hoquiam
Paul Easter, Grays Harbor County Public Services Department Director
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