



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Troy Laundry Site

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INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this Public Participation Plan in cooperation with Touchstone SLU LLC (Touchstone), pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) WAC 173-340-600. The intent is to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process at the Troy Laundry Site in Seattle Washington. This plan outlines and describes the tools that Ecology uses to inform the public about site activities and identifies opportunities for the community to become involved.

SITE BACKGROUND

This Site reportedly operated as an industrial dry cleaning facility from 1926 until 1985. Dry cleaning solvents, heating oil, and gasoline products were used at the property. Historical records indicate 19 tanks stored these products at the property. Undocumented, releases of dry cleaning solvents and petroleum to the soil and groundwater occurred at the property.

Chemicals of Concern

An initial investigation detected contamination exceeding state cleanup standards in soil and groundwater. These chemicals of concern include gasoline, diesel, and oil-range petroleum hydrocarbons, and dry cleaning solvents including tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, vinyl chloride, and cis-1-2- dichloroethene.

TROY LAUNDRY SITE MAP Aerial view shows Troy Laundry at Fairview Avenue and Thomas Street in Seattle, Washington



The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup activities planned for this site. This section of the plan addresses how Ecology will share information and receive public comments and community input on the site activities.

Ecology and Touchstone encourage the public to become involved in the cleanup process. Information will be provided regularly to provide many opportunities to review materials and provide comments. This plan is intended to be a flexible working document that will be updated as community concerns emerge and/or more information becomes available during the cleanup process. To arrange for a briefing with project staff, ask questions or provide comments on the plan or other aspects of the cleanup, please contact one of the persons listed below.

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Public Involvement Activities

Ecology uses a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of MTCA sites. Ecology will take into consideration input provided by the community.

This list details the public involvement activities that Ecology will use, their purposes, and descriptions of when and how they will be used during this site cleanup.

Formal Public Comment Periods

Comment periods are the primary method Ecology uses to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup decisions. Comment periods usually last 30 days and are required at key points during the investigation and evaluation of proposed cleanup process before final decisions are made.

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing or email. At the conclusion of the comment period, Ecology reviews all comments and may prepare a document called a Responsiveness Summary listing the comments and Ecology's response.

Ecology will consider the need for changes or revisions based on input from the public. If significant changes are made, then a second comment period will be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized and the cleanup process will progress.

Public Webpage for Troy Laundry Site

Ecology has prepared a Site webpage for the Troy Laundry Site. This webpage will be updated periodically as new documents or site visits are available. You may access the webpage at:

Ecology's web site for the Troy Laundry Site:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11690>

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings may be held at key points during the cleanup process. Ecology may also offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. Also, if ten or more people request a public meeting or hearing during the 30 day comment period, Ecology will hold a public meeting for the purpose of taking comments on draft documents.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are convenient places where the public can go to read and review site information. The information repositories are often at libraries or community sites which provide public access. During the comment period, the site documents will be available for review at each repository listed below. For special accommodations or translation assistance, please contact Nancy Lui at nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or call (425) 649-7117, please indicate you would like assistance with the "**Troy Laundry Site**".

Ecology has established two repositories for the Troy Laundry Site in addition to the webpage listed below:

- **Seattle Public Library**, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA 98104
Phone: (206) 386-4636
- **Washington State Department of Ecology**, Northwest Regional Office –
3190 160th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98008

Phone: (425) 649-7190. Please call for an appointment.

- **Ecology's web site for the Troy Laundry Site:**
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11690>

Site Register and Public Events Calendar

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses the Site Register and web-based Public Involvement Calendar to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods as well as additional site activities.

To receive the Site Register in electronic or hard copy format, please call (360) 407-6000. The Site Register is available on Ecology's website at:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html

The Public Involvement Calendar is available on Ecology's website at:
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

Fact Sheet

Ecology will mail fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Troy Laundry site cleanup project to inform them of public meetings and comment opportunities and important site activities. Ecology also may mail fact sheets about the progress of site activities.

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled and maintained a list of interested parties, organizations and residents living near the cleanup site. This mailing list will be used to provide information regarding this project. If you are not on the mailing list for this site and wish to be added, please contact Nancy Lui at nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117 and add to the subject line, "**Troy Laundry Site**" for mailing list.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology will place ads in the Seattle Times Newspaper to announce public comment periods, public meetings or hearings for the site.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Additionally, citizen groups living near contaminated sites may apply for public participation grants during open application periods. These grants help citizens receive technical assistance in understanding the cleanup process and create additional public participation avenues. For more information about the public participation grant, please go to Ecology's website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html>

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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Plan was developed by Ecology and complies with the MTCA regulations (Chapter 173-340 WAC). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended if necessary. Amendments may be submitted to Ecology's site manager, Maura S. O'Brien, for review and consideration.

GLOSSARY

Cleanup: Actions taken to deal with a release, or threatened release of hazardous substances that could affect public health and/or the environment. The term "cleanup" is often used broadly to describe various response actions or phases of remedial responses such as the remedial investigation/feasibility study.

Comment Period: A time period during which the public can review and comment on various documents and proposed actions. For example, a comment period may be provided to allow community members to review and comment on proposed cleanup action alternatives and proposed plans.

Information Repository: A file containing current information, technical reports, and reference documents available for public review. The information repository is usually located in a public building that is convenient for local residents such as a public school, city hall, or library.

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA): Legislation passed by the State of Washington in 1988. Its purpose is to identify, investigate, and clean up facilities where hazardous substances have been released. It defines the role of Ecology and encourages public involvement in the decision making process. MTCA regulations became effective March 1, 1989 and are administered by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Public Notice: At a minimum, adequate notice mailed to all persons who have made a timely request of Ecology and to persons residing in the potentially affected vicinity of the proposed action; mailed to appropriate news media; published in the local (city and county) newspaper of largest circulation; and the opportunity for the interested persons to comment.

Public Participation Plan: A plan prepared under the authority of WAC 173-340-600 to encourage coordinated and effective public involvement tailored to the public's needs at a particular site.

Responsiveness Summary: A summary of oral and/or written public comments received by Ecology during a comment period on key documents, and Ecology's responses to those comments.

Site: Any building, structure, installation, equipment, pipe or pipeline (including any pipe into a sewer or publicly owned treatment works), well, pit, pond, lagoon, impoundment, ditch, landfill, storage container, motor vehicle, rolling stock, vessel, or aircraft; or any site or area where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed of, or placed, or otherwise come to be located.

Site Register: Publication issued every two weeks of major activities conducted statewide related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Model Toxics Control Act. To receive this publication, please call (360) 407-7200.