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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

**Alaska Street Texaco**

**Seattle, Washington**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this Public Participation Plan in cooperation with LMI West Seattle LLC, pursuant to the state cleanup regulation called the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) WAC 173-340-600. The intent is to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process at the Alaska Street Texaco Site in West 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**

The Alaska Street Texaco property was developed as a gasoline station and auto repair shop in 1934. Successive oil companies retailing petroleum products include Gilmore Red Lion in the 1930s, Mobil Oil in the 1940s, Texaco in the 1950s, Atlantic Richfield in the 1960s, Arco from 1975 to 1995, Texaco from 1998 to 2004, and Shell from 2004 to present.

In 1950 the original 1934 gasoline fueling equipment was removed and two 4,000 gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) were installed. The pump islands and service station were removed in 1961, and replaced with a new and relocated the pump islands. An additional 8,000 gallon UST was installed in 1974. The 1950-vintage USTs were removed in 1984 and replaced with one 10,000 gallon UST and two 12,000 gallon USTs. The 1984-vintage USTs are still active. Over time leaded and unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel have been stored in the various USTs at the Site. Soil and groundwater contamination has occurred over time from spillage and leakage.

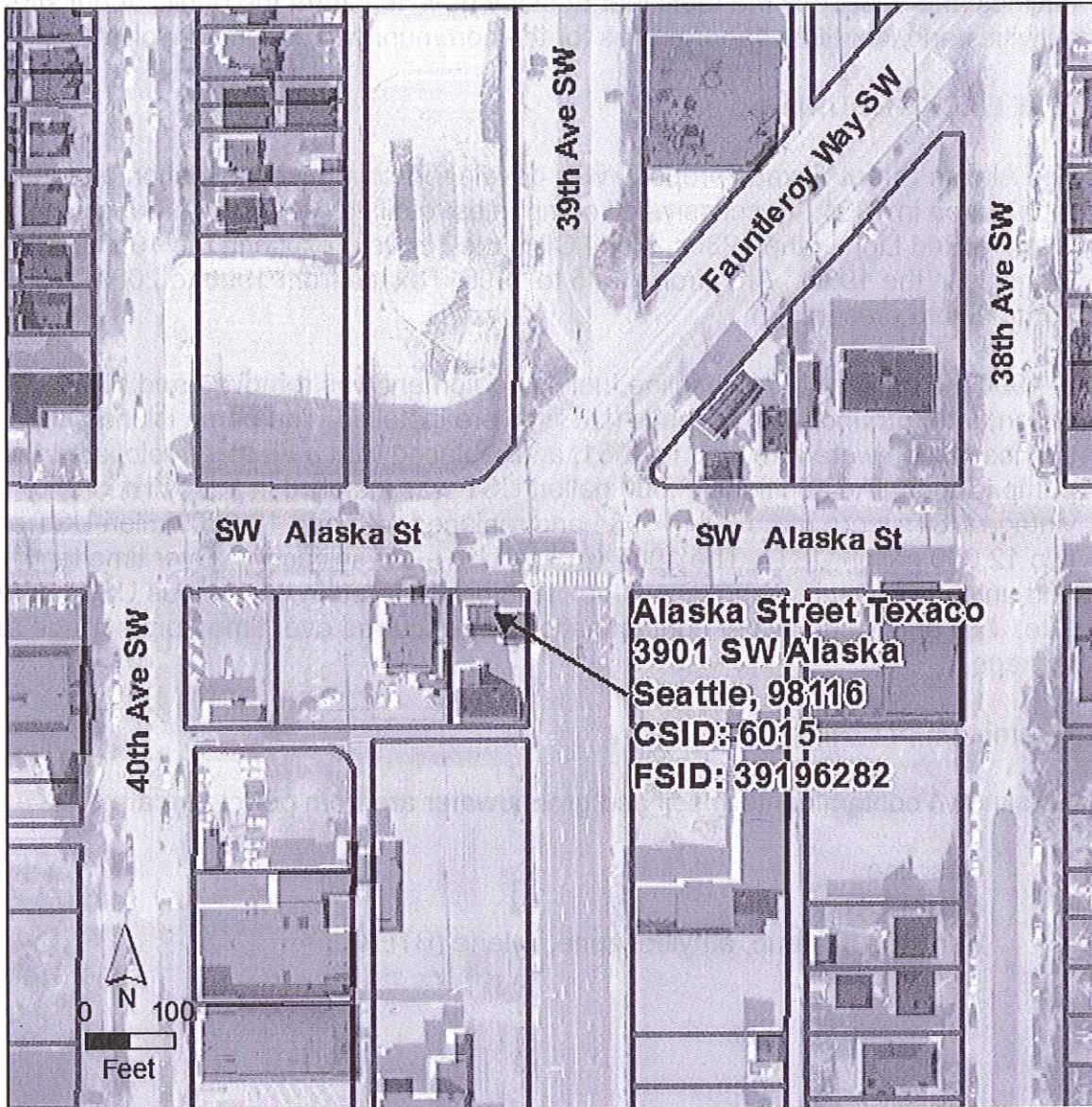
## **Chemicals of Concern**

The known contaminants in soil and groundwater are from petroleum are:

- Gasoline
- Diesel fuel
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX)



# ALASKA STREET TEXACO SITE MAP





## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 cleanup activities.

Ecology and LMI West Seattle LLC encourage the public to become involved in the cleanup process. Information will be provided regularly to provide 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 respond in a document called a Responsiveness Summary.

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.

### **Public Webpage for Alaska Street Texaco Site**

Ecology has prepared a Site webpage for the Alaska Street Texaco 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 Alaska Street Texaco Site:**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6015>

### **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 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 at [nlui461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nlui461@ecy.wa.gov) or call (425) 649-7117, please indicate you would like assistance with the "**Alaska Street Texaco Site**".

Ecology has established two repositories for the Alaska Street Texaco Site in addition to the webpage listed below:

- **West Seattle Public Library**

2306 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW

Seattle, WA 98116

Phone: (206) 684-7444

- **Southwest Branch Public Library**

9010 35<sup>th</sup> Ave S.W.

Seattle, WA 98126

Phone: (206) 684-7455



- **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 Alaska Street Texaco Site:**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6015>

### **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](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 Alaska Street Texaco 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 at [nlui461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nlui461@ecy.wa.gov) or at (425) 649-7117. In the subject line, please indicate "**Alaska Street Texaco Site**" mailing list.

### **Newspaper Display Ads**

Ecology will place ads in the Seattle Times and West Seattle 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, Eugene Freeman, 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.