



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

**Olympia Dry Cleaners
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Olympia, WA**

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INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and Agreed Order No. DE 00YCPHQ-1408 to promote meaningful community involvement during the investigation and cleanup of Olympia Dry Cleaners Site. 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

In 1970, Frank Burleson purchased the Olympia Dry Cleaners property, located at 606 East Union in Olympia, and built a dry cleaning facility. He operated the dry cleaners for eleven years. From 1981 to present, the property has been leased and mostly used as a full service dry cleaning operation (under several different leases). Currently, the site is leased by Howard McCullough and operates as a full service dry cleaner called Howard's Cleaners.

During its operation as a dry cleaning facility, tetrachloroethene (PCE) was released to the environment. Investigations conducted in 1995 revealed evidence of contamination. PCE and several of its breakdown chemicals in soil, standing water and groundwater above state cleanup standards. Use of PCE as a dry-cleaning agent ended in 2004 although use of TCE as a stain remover continued. The property was evaluated by Ecology and has been given a Washington Ranking Method rank of "2" (on a scale of 1 to 5 where "1" represents the highest level of concern).

In 2001, Ecology entered into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with Frank Burleson (then owner) to begin cleaning up the contamination. The Agreed Order required a Remedial Investigation to determine full extent of contamination and a Feasibility Study to examine possible cleanup alternatives.

Two Interim Actions were taken in 2006 and 2007 to address contamination at the site. In 2006, soil was excavated and removed from the site to reduce the primary source of contamination. In 2007, a seep collection and treatment system was installed to prevent contaminated surface water from migrating off-site.

Indoor air sampling was also conducted in 2002, 2004 and 2007 to determine if the PCE-contaminated groundwater underneath the dry cleaners and nearby buildings posed a risk of vapor intrusion. Results of the sampling indicate that there are areas of the Site that are vulnerable to vapor intrusion. PCE was detected in the indoor air in the Cherry Street Q-Tip Building (north of the dry cleaners) adjacent to the dry cleaners.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

The Remedial Investigation was completed in 2008. Ecology has approved the Remedial Investigation Report. A Feasibility Study will now be conducted to examine possible cleanup alternatives.

MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT CLEANUP STAGES

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) defines each stage of the cleanup process to protect human health and the environment. Figure 2 on page 8 details these stages.

Ecology enters into a formal legal agreements with Potentially Liable Persons - agreed orders or consent decrees - to guide cleanup of the pollution. In addition to the steps in the chart, "interim actions" may be

taken during steps 1 through 5 (the investigation) to reduce or eliminate pollution that poses an immediate threat to human health or the environment. Ecology entered into an Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the Olympia Dry Cleaners site in 2001.

The cleanup process is complex. Issues often arise that require more attention or evaluation, and may lead to changes in the steps or schedule. Every effort will be made to keep the public well-informed of changes.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the MTCA 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 uses a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of MTCA Sites. The following is a list of 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 under WAC 173-340-600 at certain points during the investigation and cleanup process. See Figure 2 for an outline of cleanup process and information about comment periods.

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. Verbal comments are taken if a public hearing is held. After formal comment periods, Ecology reviews all comments received 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 may be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized.

Public comment periods will be held for draft remedial investigation/feasibility study reports, draft cleanup action plans, future agreed orders or consent decrees that are developed for the Site.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings may be held during the investigation and cleanup process as required by WAC 173-340-600. Ecology also may offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. These meetings will be held at locations convenient to the community. If 10 or more people request a public meeting, one will be scheduled. Otherwise, meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are places where the public may read and review Site information, including documents that are the subject of public comment. Ecology has established three repositories for the Olympia Dry Cleaners cleanup project. Documents available for public review and comment can be found here:

- Washington State Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98516. Please call (360) 407-6045 for an appointment.

- Olympia Timberland Library, 313 8th Ave SE, Olympia. Phone 360-352-0595.
- Ecology's Web site http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/olyDryCleaners/olyDryClean_hp.html

Site Register

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses its bimonthly *Site Register* to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods, as well as many other activities. To receive the *Site Register* in electronic or hard copy format, contact Linda Thompson at (360) 407-6069 or by e-mail at Ltho461@ecy.wa.gov. It is also available on Ecology's web Site at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled a mailing list for the Site. The list includes individuals, groups, public agencies, elected officials, private businesses, potentially affected parties, and other known interested parties. The list will be maintained at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office and will be updated as needed.

Please contact Meg Bommarito at (360) 407-6255 or mbom461@ecy.wa.gov if you would like to have your address added to or deleted from this mailing list.

Fact Sheets

Ecology will mail fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Olympia Dry Cleaners 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.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology may place ads in *The Olympian* to announce public comment periods and public meetings or hearings for the Site.

Plan Update

This public participation plan may be updated as the project proceeds. If an update is necessary, and constitutes a substantial change in the plan, it will be announced via site register and the web site.

Public Participation Grants

As part of the Model Toxics Control Act, Ecology developed a public participation grant program to promote public participation during cleanups. Public Participation Grants provide funding to community groups to help involve the public in the investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties. The grants also help develop and carry out programs that promote the state's solid or hazardous waste management priorities.

For cleanup sites, non-profit groups or groups of three or more unrelated individuals can apply for grants to fund outreach and education efforts for the community that is impacted by the cleanup. Past projects have helped people understand the cleanup and how to comment on cleanup proposals during public comment periods. Grant funds may be used to pay for technical experts who help people understand cleanup issues. They can also be used to hold meetings, workshops and other events that help to inform people. In addition, printing and distribution of reports, brochures and other materials may be covered.

For more information about this grant program, visit <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html> .

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If you have questions or need more information about this plan or the Olympia Dry Cleaners cleanup project, please contact the following:

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Figure 1. Olympia Dry Cleaners Site location.

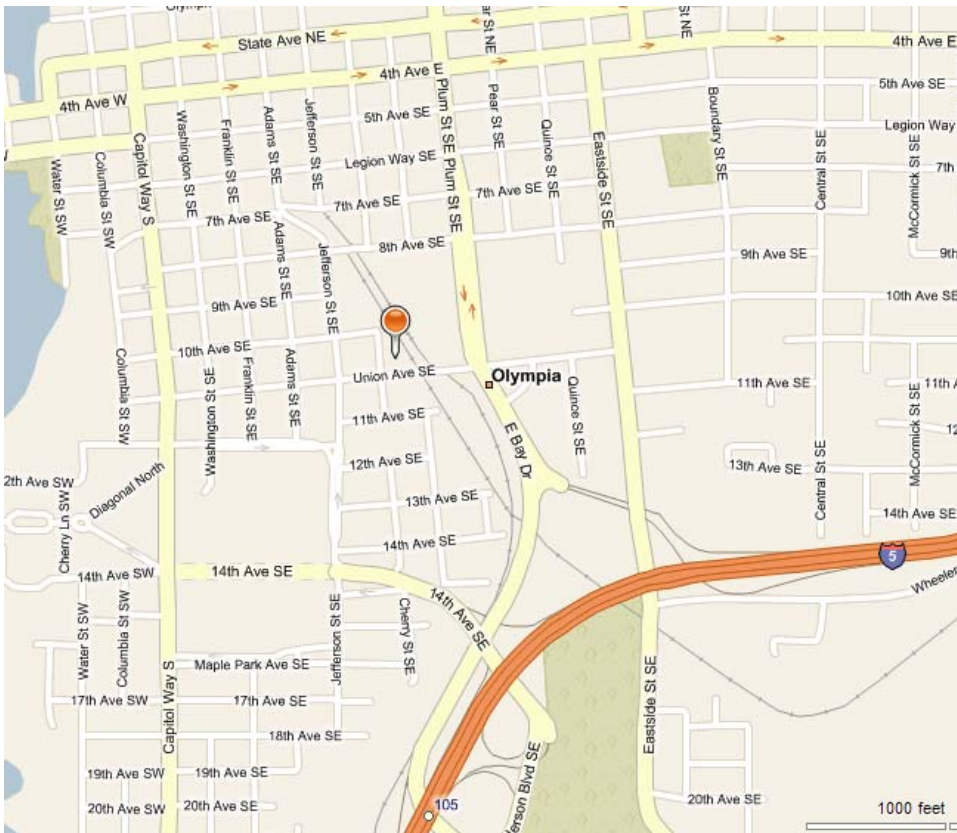


Figure 2. Steps in the Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Process.

