

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Blaser Die Casting Site  
F/ Site: # 7118747  
SIC: # M1249  
Proj. Coord.: Ed Jones  
Project # 8R42

In the Matter of Remedial Action by:  
Blaser Die Casting Co.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER

No. DE 5390

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The objective of the State of Washington, Department of Ecology (Ecology) under this Enforcement Order (Order) is to require remedial action at a facility where there has been a release or threatened release of hazardous substances. This Order requires Blaser Die Casting Co. (Blaser) to perform a Remedial Investigation (RI) and such other activities more fully set forth in the attached Scope of Work (Exhibit B). Ecology believes the actions required by this Order are in the public interest.

## **II. JURISDICTION**

This Enforcement Order is issued pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), RCW 70.105D.050(1).

## **III. PLP BOUND**

This Enforcement Order shall apply to and be binding upon Blaser. To the extent allowed by law, changes in ownership or corporate status shall not alter Blaser's responsibility under this Order. Blaser shall provide a copy of this Order to all agents, contractors, and subcontractors retained to perform work required by this Order, and shall ensure that all work undertaken by such agents, contractors, and subcontractors complies with this Order.

## **IV. DEFINITIONS**

Unless otherwise specified herein, the definitions set forth in Chapter 70.105D RCW and Chapter 173-340 WAC shall control the meanings of the terms in this Order.

A. Cleanup Standards: Refer to the standards promulgated under RCW 70.105D.030(2)(e) and include (1) hazardous substance concentrations (cleanup levels) that protect human health and the environment, (2) the location at the facility where those cleanup levels must be attained (points of compliance), and (3) additional regulatory requirements that apply to a cleanup because of the type of action and/or the location of the facility.

B. Contaminants of Concern: Refer to the specific contaminants of concern ("COCs") to be investigated and otherwise addressed under this Order, which are: TCE (trichloroethene); DCEs (dichloroethenes); Vinyl Chloride, and those other substances identified as COCs or contaminants of potential concern (COPCs) in pursuing work associated with the attached Scope of Work (*please see Exhibit B*). For example, the investigation will be designed to determine if COCs or COPCs besides those named above were either released in the source area or have become elevated in site media due to the presence of the COCs named above.

C. Enforcement Order or Order: Refers to this Order and each of the exhibits to the Order. All exhibits are an integral and enforceable part of this Order. The terms "Enforcement Order" or "Order" shall include all exhibits to this Order.

D. Interim action: Under WAC 173-340-430, an interim action is a remedial action that is technically necessary to reduce a threat to human health or the environment by eliminating or substantially reducing one or more pathways for exposure to a hazardous substance, that corrects a problem that may become substantially worse or cost substantially more to address if the remedial action is delayed, or that is needed to provide for completion of a site hazard assessment, remedial investigation/feasibility study or design of a cleanup action.

E. Potentially Liable Person (PLP): Refers to Blaser.

F. Release: Refers to the definition in RCW 70.105D.020(25).

G. Remedial Action: Refers to the WAC 173-340-200 definition, including any action to identify, eliminate, or minimize threats posed by hazardous substances at the site.

H. Remedial Investigation (RI): Refers to an investigation and characterization performed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 173-340 WAC and the Scope of Work attached to this Order as Exhibit B, including the investigative work to be performed under Section VII below.



I. Site: The Site is referred to as the Blaser Die Casting Site and is generally located at 5700 Third Avenue South, Seattle, Washington. The Site is defined by the extent of contamination caused by the release of hazardous substances at the Site. The Site is generally described in the Site Diagram (Exhibit A). The Site constitutes a Facility under RCW 70.105D.020(4).

J. Source Area(s): Refers to the portion of the property owned and/or occupied by Blaser from which hazardous substances have been released or threatened to be released. Source Area(s) may also be referred to more specifically as the "Blaser Source Area."

## **V. FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ecology makes the following Findings of Fact, without any express or implied admissions of such facts by the PLP.

A. Blaser is located at 5700 Third Avenue South, Seattle, Washington. As part of a separate remedial action, Philip Services Corporation ("PSC") detected hazardous substances in groundwater on and near the Blaser property. In conducting indoor air sampling at Blaser, PSC found elevated levels of TCE exceeding state cleanup levels. Blaser then performed soil, soil gas, indoor air and groundwater sampling on and in the vicinity of its property, and detected hazardous substances, including COCs, exceeding state cleanup levels. Blaser has submitted the data and reports from these sampling events to Ecology. Blaser has also submitted a Source Control Action Plan ("SCAP") for Ecology's review. Following Ecology's review of Blaser's SCAP, Blaser submitted a construction work plan and a monitoring plan, as called for in the SCAP, to Ecology for review and comment.

B. Contamination has been discovered in soils and groundwater beneath a building on Blaser's property. Groundwater contamination has also been detected immediately south and southwest of the building.

C. Concentrations of hazardous substances in groundwater found in certain areas of the site exceed risk-based cleanup levels in Chapter 173-340 WAC established for the protection of human health and the environment.

## **VI. ECOLOGY DETERMINATIONS**

Ecology makes the following determinations.

A. Blaser is a "person" within the meaning of RCW 70.105D.020(19).

B. Blaser is an "owner and/or operator," as defined by RCW 70.105D.020(17) of properties at which hazardous substances were released into the environment.

C. Based upon all factors known to Ecology, a "release" or "threatened release" of "hazardous substance(s)" as defined in RCW 70.105D.020(25) and RCW 70.105D.020(10), respectively, has occurred at the Site. Based on the Findings of Fact and the administrative record, Ecology has determined that releases of hazardous substances from the site present a threat to human health and the environment.

D. Based on credible evidence, Ecology issued a PLP status letter to Blaser, dated December 12, 2006, pursuant to RCW 70.105D.040, -.020(21), and WAC 173-340-500. By letter dated January 12, 2007, Blaser accepted, without admitting liability, designation as a PLP for the Blaser facility.

E. Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.030(1) and RCW 70.105D.050(1), Ecology may require a PLP to investigate or conduct other remedial actions with respect to any release or threatened release of hazardous substances from lands the PLP owns or operates, whenever it believes such action to be in the public interest. Based on the foregoing facts, Ecology believes the Remedial Action required by this Order and set forth in the Scope of Work are in the public interest.

## **VII. WORK TO BE PERFORMED**

Based on the Findings of Fact and Ecology Determinations, it is hereby ordered that Blaser take the following Remedial Action and that this action be conducted in

accordance with Chapter 173-340 WAC unless otherwise specifically provided for herein. Each deliverable, once approved by Ecology, becomes an integral and enforceable part of this Order.

The Scope of Work sets out the additional investigation and filling of data gaps necessary to complete the RI for the Contaminants of Concern at the Blaser site. The Remedial Action Schedule, attached as Exhibit C and fully incorporated herein, sets out the schedule for performance and/or deliverables.

A. Blaser shall prepare an RI Work Plan and RI Report for the Contaminants of Concern at the site according to the requirements of chapter 173-340 WAC and as described in the Scope of Work, attached as Exhibit B and fully incorporated herein.

B. Blaser shall notify Ecology's project coordinator in writing of any newly-discovered release(s) at or from the site, including available credible evidence of releases from properties owned or operated by entities other than the PLP currently a party to this Order, no later than ninety (90) days after discovery. Blaser shall investigate such newly discovered releases as directed by Ecology. For those releases which include substances identified as Contaminants of Concern, or which otherwise have the potential to affect the nature and extent of contamination being studied under this Order, written notification by the PLP to Ecology's project coordinator shall be completed no later than thirty (30) days after the discovery. If credible evidence is provided to Ecology regarding releases of hazardous substances to the Blaser Die Casting Site from properties owned or operated by entities other than the PLP to this Order, Ecology will issue letters to such entities designating them as PLPs.

D. If, at any time after the first exchange of comments on drafts, Ecology determines that insufficient progress is being made in the preparation of any of the deliverables required by this Section, Ecology may complete and issue the final deliverable on its own letterhead.

## **VIII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ORDER**

### **A. Public Notice**

RCW 70.105D.030(2)(a) requires that, at a minimum, this Order be subject to concurrent public notice. Ecology shall be responsible for providing such public notice and reserves the right to modify or withdraw any provisions of this Order should public comment disclose facts or considerations which indicate to Ecology that this Order is inadequate or improper in any respect.

### **B. Remedial Action Costs**

Blaser shall pay to Ecology costs incurred by Ecology pursuant to this Order and consistent with WAC 173-340-550(2). These costs shall include work performed by Ecology or its contractors for or on the Site under Chapter 70.105D RCW, including remedial actions and Order preparation, oversight, and administration. These costs shall include work performed both prior to and subsequent to the issuance of this Order. Ecology's costs shall include costs of direct activities and support costs of direct activities as defined in WAC 173-340-550(2). Blaser shall pay the required amount within ninety (90) days of receiving from Ecology an itemized statement of costs that includes a summary of costs incurred, an identification of involved staff, and the amount of time spent by involved staff members on the project. A general statement of work performed will be provided upon request. Itemized statements shall be prepared quarterly. Pursuant to WAC 173-340-550(4), failure to pay Ecology's costs within ninety (90) days of receipt of the itemized statement of costs will result in interest charges at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, compounded monthly.

Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.055, Ecology has authority to recover unreimbursed remedial action costs by filing a lien against real property subject to the remedial actions.

In order to assure these payments get to the proper staff as soon as possible, the address for mailing via the post office is:

Cashiering Section  
P.O. Box 5128  
Lacey, WA 98509-5128

If Blaser chooses to send a check by a messenger/overnight delivery service, the address to use is:

Cashiering Section  
300 Desmond Drive  
Lacey, WA 98503

In order to ensure that payment is properly credited, Blaser shall should enclose the bottom portion of Ecology's invoice and indicate that the check is for cost recovery associated with the Blaser site.

**C. Implementation of Remedial Action**

If Ecology determines that Blaser has failed without good cause to implement the remedial action, in whole or in part, Ecology may, after notice to Blaser, perform any or all portions of the remedial action that remain incomplete. If Ecology performs all or portions of the remedial action because of Blaser's failure to comply with its obligations under this Order, Blaser shall reimburse Ecology for the costs of doing such work in accordance with Section VIII.B (Remedial Action Costs), provided that Blaser is not obligated under this Section to reimburse Ecology for costs incurred for work inconsistent with or beyond the scope of this Order.

Except where necessary to abate an emergency situation, Blaser shall not perform any remedial actions at the Site outside those remedial actions required by this Order, unless Ecology concurs, in writing, with such additional remedial actions.

**D. Designated Project Coordinators**

The project coordinator for **Ecology** is:

Ed Jones, HWTR  
Department of Ecology, NWRO  
3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

The project coordinator for **Blaser\*** is:

Janet Knox  
Pacific Groundwater Group  
2377 Eastlake Ave. E.  
Seattle, WA 98102

\*Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Order Blaser may inform Ecology of the identity and contact information of a different project coordinator than the individual named above.

Each project coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Order. Ecology's project coordinator will be Ecology's designated representative for the Site. To the maximum extent possible, communications between Ecology and Blaser, and all documents, including reports, approvals, and other correspondence concerning the activities performed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Order shall be directed through the project coordinators. The project coordinators may designate, in writing, working level staff contacts for all or portions of the implementation of the work to be performed required by this Decree.

Any party may change its respective project coordinator. Written notification shall be given to the other party at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the change.

#### **E. Performance**

All geologic and hydrogeologic work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the supervision and direction of a geologist licensed in the State of Washington or under the direct supervision of an engineer registered in the State of Washington, except as otherwise provided for by Chapters 18.220 and 18.43 RCW.

All engineering work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the direct supervision of a professional engineer registered in the State of Washington, except as otherwise provided for by RCW 18.43.130.

All construction work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the direct supervision of a professional engineer or a qualified technician under the direct

supervision of a professional engineer. The professional engineer must be registered in the State of Washington, except as otherwise provided for by RCW 18.43.130.

Any documents submitted containing geologic, hydrologic or engineering work shall be under the seal of an appropriately licensed professional as required by Chapter 18.220 RCW or RCW 18.43.130.

Blaser shall notify Ecology in writing of the identity of any engineer(s) and geologist(s), contractor(s) and subcontractor(s), and others to be used in carrying out the terms of this Order, in advance of their involvement at the Site.

**F. Access**

RCW 70.105D.030(1)(a) authorizes Ecology or any Ecology authorized representative to enter all property at the Site that Blaser either owns, controls, or has access rights to, after reasonable notice unless an emergency prevents such notice. Blaser shall make all reasonable efforts to secure access rights for those properties within the Site not owned or controlled by Blaser where remedial activities or investigations will be performed pursuant to this Order.

**G. Sampling, Data Submittal, and Availability**

With respect to the implementation of this Order, Blaser shall make the results of all sampling, laboratory reports, and/or test results generated by them or on their behalf available to Ecology. Pursuant to WAC 173-340-840(5), all sampling data shall be submitted to Ecology in both printed and electronic formats in accordance with Section VII. (Work to be Performed), Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program Policy 840 (Data Submittal Requirements), and/or any subsequent procedures specified by Ecology for data submittal.

If requested by Ecology, Blaser shall allow Ecology and/or its authorized representatives to take split or duplicate samples of any samples collected by the PLP pursuant to implementation of this Order. Blaser shall notify Ecology seven (7) days in advance of any sample collection or work activity associated with the site. Ecology shall,

upon request, allow the PLP and/or the PLP's authorized representatives to take split or duplicate samples of any samples collected by Ecology pursuant to the implementation of this Order, provided that doing so does not interfere with Ecology's sampling. Without limitation on Ecology's rights under Section VIII.F., Ecology shall notify Blaser prior to any sample collection activity unless an emergency prevents such notice.

In accordance with WAC 173-340-830(2)(a), all hazardous substance analyses shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited under Chapter 173-50 WAC for the specific analyses to be conducted, unless otherwise approved by Ecology.

#### **H. Retention of Records**

During the pendency of this Order, and for ten (10) years from the date of completion of work performed pursuant to this Order, Blaser shall preserve all records, reports, documents, and underlying data in its possession relevant to the implementation of this Order and shall insert a similar record retention requirement into all contracts with project contractors and subcontractors. Upon request of Ecology, Blaser shall make all records available to Ecology and allow access for review within a reasonable time.

#### **I. Resolution of Disputes**

Blaser may request Ecology to resolve factual or technical disputes which may arise during the implementation of this Order. Such request shall be in writing and directed to the signatory, or his/her successor(s), of this Order. Ecology resolution of the dispute shall be binding and final. Blaser is not relieved of any requirement of this Order during the pendency of the dispute and remains responsible for timely compliance with the terms of this Order unless otherwise provided by Ecology in writing.

#### **J. Extension of Schedule**

1. An extension of schedule shall be granted only when a request for an extension is submitted in a timely fashion, generally at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the deadline for which the extension is requested, and when good cause



exists for granting the extension. All extensions shall be requested in writing. The request shall specify:

- a. The deadline that is sought to be extended;
- b. The length of the extension sought;
- c. The reason(s) for the extension; and
- d. Any related deadline or schedule that would be affected if the extension were granted.

2. The burden shall be on the PLP to demonstrate to the satisfaction of Ecology that the request for such extension has been submitted in a timely fashion and that good cause exists for granting the extension. Good cause may include, but may not be limited to:

- a. Circumstances beyond the reasonable control and despite the due diligence of Blaser, including delays caused by unrelated third parties or Ecology, such as (but not limited to) delays by Ecology in reviewing, approving, or modifying documents submitted by the PLP;
- b. Acts of God, including fire, flood, blizzard, extreme temperatures, storm, or other unavoidable casualty; or
- c. Endangerment as described in Section VIII.K. (Endangerment).

However, neither increased costs of performance of the terms of this Order nor changed economic circumstances shall be considered circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the PLP.

3. Ecology shall act upon any written request for extension in a timely fashion. Ecology shall give Blaser written notification of any extensions granted pursuant to this Order. A requested extension shall not be effective until approved in writing by Ecology.

4. An extension shall only be granted for such period of time as Ecology determines is reasonable under the circumstances. Ecology may grant schedule extensions exceeding ninety (90) days only as a result of:

- a. delays in the issuance of a necessary permit which was applied for in a timely manner;
- b. other circumstances deemed exceptional or extraordinary by Ecology; or
- c. endangerment, as described in Section VIII.K. (Endangerment).

**K. Endangerment**

In the event Ecology determines that any activity being performed at the Site is creating or has the potential to create a danger to human health or the environment on or surrounding the Site, Ecology may direct Blaser to cease such activities for such period of time as it deems necessary to abate the danger. Blaser shall immediately comply with such direction.

In the event that Blaser determines that any activity being performed within or near the site is creating or has the potential to create a danger to human health or the environment, the PLP may cease such activities. Blaser shall notify Ecology's project coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after making such determination or ceasing such activities. Upon Ecology's direction Blaser shall provide Ecology with written documentation of the basis for the determination or cessation of such activities. If Ecology disagrees with the PLP's cessation of activities, it may direct Blaser to resume such activities.

If Ecology concurs with or orders a work stoppage pursuant to this Section, the PLP's obligations with respect to the ceased activities shall be suspended until Ecology determines the danger is abated, and the time for performance of such activities, as well as the time for any other work dependent upon such activities, shall be extended in accordance with Section VIII.J. (Extension of Schedule) for such period of time as Ecology determines is reasonable under the circumstances.

Nothing in this Order shall limit the authority of Ecology, its employees, agents, or contractors to take or require appropriate action in the event of an emergency.

**L. Reservation of Rights**

Ecology reserves its rights under Chapter 70.105D RCW, including the right to require additional or different remedial actions at the Site should it deem such actions necessary to protect human health and the environment, and to issue orders requiring such remedial actions. Ecology also reserves all rights regarding the injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources resulting from the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site.

**M. Transfer of Interest in Property**

No voluntary conveyance or relinquishment of title, easement, leasehold or other interest in any portion of the site shall be consummated by Blaser without provision for continued implementation of all requirements of this Order and implementation of any remedial actions found to be necessary as a result of this Order.

Prior to the PLP's transfer of title to or grant of an easement for or lease of any portion of their properties, and during the effective period of this Order, Blaser shall provide a copy of this Order to any prospective purchaser, transferee, assignee, lease or other successor in said interest; and, at least thirty (30) days prior to any transfer, Blaser shall notify Ecology in writing of said transfer. Upon transfer of any interest, Blaser shall notify all transferees of the restrictions on the use of the property.

**N. Compliance with Applicable Laws**

1. All actions carried out by Blaser pursuant to this Order shall be done in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local requirements, including requirements to obtain necessary permits, except as provided in RCW 70.105D.090. At this time, no federal, state, or local requirements have been identified as being applicable to the actions required by this Order, except street use permits for placement of certain monitoring devices, including wells and probes.

2. Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.090(1), Blaser is exempt from the procedural requirements of Chapters 70.94, 70.95, 77.55, 90.48, and 90.58 RCW and of any laws requiring or authorizing local government permits or approvals. However, the PLP shall comply with the substantive requirements of such permits or approvals. At this time, no state or local permits or approvals have been identified as being applicable but procedurally exempt under this Section.

Blaser has a continuing obligation to determine whether additional permits or approvals addressed in RCW 70.105D.090(1) would otherwise be required for the Remedial Action under this Order. If Blaser determines that additional permits or approvals addressed in RCW 70.105D.090(1) would otherwise be required for remedial actions under this Order, the PLP shall promptly notify Ecology. Likewise, if Ecology determines that additional permits or approvals addressed in RCW 70.105D.090(1) would otherwise be required for the Remedial Action under this Order, Ecology shall promptly notify Blaser. Ecology shall determine whether Ecology or the PLP shall be responsible to contact the appropriate state and/or local agencies. If Ecology so requires, Blaser shall promptly consult with the appropriate state and/or local agencies and provide Ecology with written documentation from those agencies of the substantive requirements those agencies believe are applicable to the Remedial Action. Ecology shall make the final determination on the additional substantive requirements that must be met by Blaser and on how the PLP must meet those requirements. Ecology shall inform Blaser in writing of these requirements. Once established by Ecology, the additional requirements shall be enforceable requirements of this Order. Blaser shall not begin or continue the Remedial Action potentially subject to the additional requirements until Ecology makes its final determination.

3. Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.090(2), in the event Ecology determines that the exemption from complying with the procedural requirements of the laws referenced in RCW 70.105D.090(1) would result in the loss of approval from a federal agency that is

necessary for the State to administer any federal law, the exemption shall not apply and Blaser shall comply with both the procedural and substantive requirements of the laws referenced in RCW 70.105D.090(1), including any requirements to obtain permits.

#### **IX. SATISFACTION OF THIS ORDER**

The provisions of this Order shall be deemed satisfied upon the PLP's receipt of written notification from Ecology that Blaser has completed the Remedial Action required by this Order, as amended by any modifications, and that Blaser has complied with all other provisions of this Order.

#### **X. ENFORCEMENT**

Pursuant to RCW 70.105D.050, this Order may be enforced as follows:

A. The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce this Order in a state or federal court.

B. The Attorney General may seek, by filing an action, if necessary, to recover amounts spent by Ecology for the Remedial Action required under this Order.

C. In the event Blaser refuses, without sufficient cause, to comply with any term of this Order, the Attorney General may bring an action against Blaser for:

1. Up to three (3) times the amount of any costs incurred by the State of Washington as a result of its refusal to comply; and

2. Civil penalties of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per day for each day it refuses to comply.

D. This Order is not appealable to the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board. This Order may be reviewed only as provided under RCW 70.105D.060.

Effective date of this Order: January 31, 2008

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

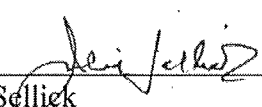
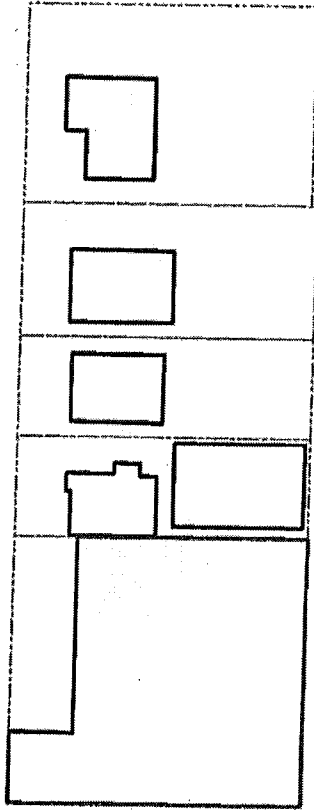
  
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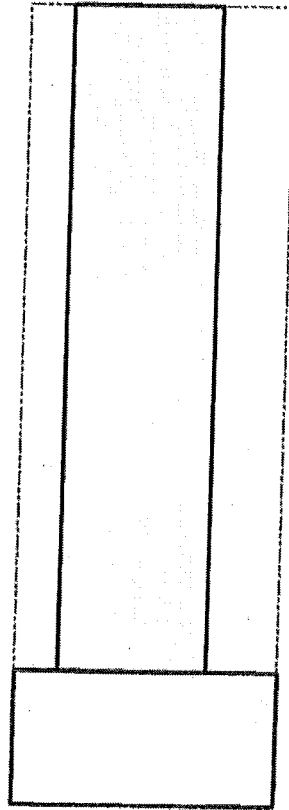
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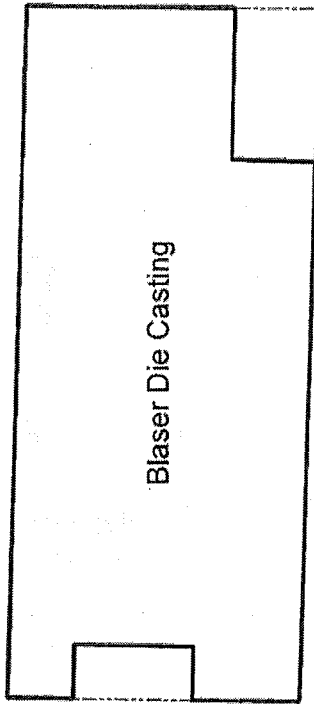
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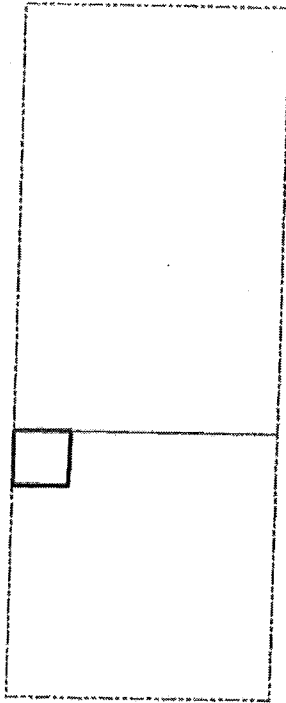
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Site Diagram  
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EXHIBIT B  
SCOPE OF WORK

**Blaser Die Casting Remedial Action Scope of Work**

**1. Deliverable Process**

Blaser shall submit the required deliverables (or, "documents") referenced below to the Ecology Project Coordinator in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C. Ecology shall review each draft document (meaning the initial submittal of the document) and approve it as Final, approve it as Final with modifications, or disapprove it with comments. If the document is disapproved Blaser shall submit a revised document to the Ecology Project Coordinator in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C or, if no date is provided in Exhibit C, in Ecology's disapproval letter. The revised document must satisfactorily address Ecology's comments. Ecology will then approve the revision as Final, approve it as Final with modifications, or disapprove it with comments. Failure to submit a revised document which adequately addresses each of Ecology's comments shall constitute a violation of the order.

As noted in Section VII.D of the order, if at any time after the first exchange of comments on draft documents Ecology determines Blaser is making insufficient progress in preparing an approvable document, Ecology may choose to complete and issue the final deliverable on its own letterhead.

In the event a dispute arises as to an approval, disapproval, proposed change, or other decision or action by Ecology's Project Coordinator, Blaser may utilize the dispute resolution procedure set forth in Section VIII.I of the order.

**2. RI Work Plan**

Sufficient information must be collected, developed, and evaluated in the remedial investigation to evaluate site conditions and the effectiveness of interim remediation actions, and to enable Blaser to prepare a focused feasibility study. At this site Blaser has already collected a significant amount of investigation data. To focus the collection on only critical outstanding data, Blaser will prepare an RI Work Plan. The Work Plan will assemble and evaluate existing data on the site, including the results of any interim or other cleanup actions, initial investigations, site hazard assessments, and other site inspections. Blaser shall submit the draft RI Work Plan to the Ecology Project Coordinator in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C.

Blaser is conducting this Remedial Investigation downgradient of the Philip Services Corporation (PSC) Georgetown facility source area and within the PSC Site. In their "east-of-4<sup>th</sup>" ("site-wide") RI/FS, PSC calculated a Remediation Level for TCE at Denver Avenue (upgradient of the Blaser Site) derived to be protective of surface water quality in the Duwamish Waterway. It is anticipated that during the Blaser RI preliminary remediation levels will be similarly developed for the Blaser Site.

The Work Plan will include:

- a) a preliminary conceptual site model as defined in WAC 173-340-200;
- b) proposed cleanup levels applicable for the site, and technical/regulatory justification for these proposals;
- c) likely applicable state and federal laws under WAC 173-340-710;
- d) a listing of the critical assumptions being made in proceeding with the RI (including the likely contaminants of concern at the site);
- e) a listing -- based on the conceptual site model, existing data, and the assumptions being made about the site -- of the critical data gaps that must be filled in order to complete the RI and evaluate known/planned source control and interim actions. In preparing this list Blaser shall refer to the RI characterization requirements cited in Section 3;
- f) a Field Sampling Plan compliant with WAC 173-340-820, which contains proposals for filling critical data gaps;
- g) an identification of the type, quality, and quantity of data necessary to complete the RI;
- h) an RI Quality Assurance Project Plan;
- i) proposals for conducting the RI COC fate and transport analysis;
- j) a safety and health plan conforming to the requirements specified in WAC 173-340-810;
- k) likely cleanup action components and/or interim actions to address the releases at the site, if these can be reasonably discerned at this point;
- l) an RI schedule, including milestone dates for activities occurring between approval of the Work Plan and submittal of the Draft RI Report;
- m) the location of Blaser's data/record storage and a description of the measures to be used to maintain and secure it; and,
- n) a draft Public Participation Plan, or a proposal to submit such a Plan by a date approvable by Ecology. This Plan shall contain, at a minimum: i) a discussion of Blaser's plans to comply with public notice requirements (in WAC 173-340-600); ii) a discussion of Blaser's plans to notify area property owners where site-related groundwater contamination exceeds cleanup levels, and solicit information from them to better assess risks associated with this contamination; iii) the location of a document repository, which interested members of the public may use to obtain information about the site; iv) methods for identifying public concerns about the site investigation; v) methods for addressing public concerns and conveying information to the public; and, vi) procedures for modifying the Plan, as needed, as the site cleanup progresses. The Plan shall comply with requirements and be consistent with state public participation guidance provided by Ecology, the Model Toxics Control Act, and WAC 173-340-600.

Upon approval of the RI Work Plan Blaser shall carry out the RI per the Work Plan and its approved schedule.

3. **Remedial Investigation (RI)**

The purpose of a remedial investigation is to collect sufficient information to characterize the Blaser site and to evaluate the effectiveness of interim remediation measures. Sufficient investigations must be conducted to characterize (evaluate the nature and extent of contamination) the distribution of COCs present at the site, and the threat to human health and the environment. Investigations shall be designed to build upon information already available from previous investigations and will assess whether a potential receptor of contaminated groundwater associated with the site is the Duwamish River. The RI will be conducted in accordance with WAC 173-340-350(7) and the approved RI Work Plan (see Section 2).

4. **RI/Source Control Evaluation Report**

The RI/Source Control Evaluation Report (RI Report) documents RI activities, evaluates the effectiveness of implemented source control measures and any other interim actions, if any have been implemented at the time the report is finalized, and prepares the way for a site Feasibility Study (FS) and Cleanup Action Plan. Blaser shall submit the draft Report to the Ecology Project Coordinator in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C.

Remedial Investigation Portion

The purpose of the RI is to collect data necessary to adequately characterize the site for the purpose of developing and evaluating cleanup action alternatives. The remedial investigation portion of the Report shall therefore contain the following information, as appropriate. To the extent that the required information already exists and remains accurate, that information may be reproduced in the RI Report.

- a. general information required by WAC 173-340-350(7)(c)(i)
- b. a site conditions map, as required by required by WAC 173-340-350(7)(c)(ii)
- c. information regarding current and proposed land and resource uses, as required by WAC 173-340-350(7)(c)(iii)(E)
- d. a description of all RI field investigations, and all investigation-related information proposed for inclusion in the Report by the approved RI Work Plan
- e. maps/figures identifying the locations of all pertinent previous and new investigation-related sampling and monitoring
- f. summary tables of all pertinent media sampling results, to include: sample collection date; sample location; and constituents analyzed for and their concentrations. In addition, method reporting limits, method detection limits, and Practical Quantitation Levels shall be provided
- g. results of quality assurance activities and how and why they relate to the RI Report's findings and conclusions (see *h* below). A discussion of the assessment of

data usability and the results of that analysis shall also be provided. All data, including rejected and qualified data, shall be reported. If data are rejected (due to poor quality or because they appear to be outliers), and are not used in the RI analysis, the technical basis for excluding the data shall be presented

h. conclusions and findings, substantively supported, of the investigations performed to characterize media contaminated by releases from the facility. Findings and conclusions shall include descriptions of below-surface stratigraphy and hydrogeologic parameters, as well as characterization of the nature and extent of COCs released from the facility. Regulatory designations classifying affected air, surface water and groundwater shall be included as applicable

i. a hydrogeological conceptual model describing how, where, and why groundwater moves in the area, and how groundwater contamination should be expected to migrate (direction and velocity) over time and distance

j. identification of all applicable Cleanup Levels and likely applicable state and federal laws. Cleanup levels shall be proposed and tabulated for all COCs in each contaminated medium and for each pathway where a release has occurred using WAC 173-340-700 through 173-340-760

k. the results of a groundwater beneficial use analysis (per WAC 173-340-720(2))<sup>1</sup>

l. the identification of potentially impacted natural resources and ecological receptors, as required by WAC 173-340-350(7)(c)(iii)(F)

m. a revised source-to-receptor conceptual site model, updated from the model included in the RI Work Plan

n. an analysis of COC fate and transport

o. a discussion of the uncertainty associated with the RI's contaminant characterization and fate and transport analysis. This discussion shall include assessment of existing data quality, the conservativeness of all critical assumptions, and conclusions about i) how accurately the information gathered about the site represents true site conditions, and ii) how RI hypotheses have been developed so as to conservatively represent true site conditions

#### Source Control Portion

The source control evaluation portion of the RI Report shall include the following information as appropriate:

p. remedial action objectives

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<sup>1</sup> Unless Blaser intends to assume that site-related groundwater is *potable*.

- q. a summary of source control measures implemented at the time of the RI Report (see Section 4)
- r. an evaluation of the performance of source control measures at achieving, or potentially achieving, remedial action objectives
- s. an evaluation of any residual threats, as described by WAC 173-340-350(8)(c)(i)(E)
- t. a brief feasibility study scope of work, for future implementation of a study that would evaluate potential final cleanup action alternatives prior to preparation of a site cleanup action plan
- u. if Blaser performs an interim action in addition to the 2007 source control actions and the additional interim action is implemented before the RI Report is finalized, then the RI Report shall include:
  - o a summary of the additional measure(s);
  - o a description of the measure(s)'s respective remedial action objectives; and,
  - o an analysis and assessment of the measure(s)'s performance (unless this analysis is a requirement of a separate, post-RI Report deliverable). In evaluating the performance of these measures the assessment shall determine how well they are achieving, or potentially achieving, remedial action objectives.

## 5. Vapor Intrusion

Blaser shall adopt the prescribed methods and conduct the assigned tasks under the approved Interim Vapor Intrusion Plan (VI Plan) developed by the West of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Group and dated July 6, 2007 (attached to this order as Exhibit D). The purpose of implementing this program is to prevent the exposure of residents, workers, and other human receptors to contaminated indoor air caused by vapor intrusion within the defined Potential Vapor Intrusion Area<sup>2</sup> and above the IPIM Action Levels defined in the VI Plan. Table 2 in the VI Plan lists the Ecology-identified locations and the proposed VI measures currently assigned to Blaser.

Blaser shall: (1) assess assigned properties in the Potential Vapor Intrusion Area<sup>2</sup> to determine if contamination by source COCs presents a potential vapor intrusion threat; (2) further evaluate buildings where contamination by source COCs presents a potential vapor intrusion threat; (3) mitigate those buildings where contamination by source COCs presents a potential vapor intrusion threat and/or where indoor air has been shown to be unacceptably impacted (as defined in the VI Plan) and the intrusion of contaminated soil gas is a likely cause; (4) ensure that the mitigation systems in buildings in the affected area are meeting performance targets; and, (5) provide

<sup>2</sup> Defined for this AO SOW initially as the area bounded by 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., 1st Ave. S., S. Lucile St., and S. Orcas St. This definition may need to be revised during the RI based on the collection of new data.

maintenance, as needed, so that all mitigation systems in buildings in the affected area continue to meet performance targets.

This will require three basic strategies: an assessment strategy, a mitigation strategy, and an inspection/maintenance/monitoring strategy.

a) Blaser shall prepare and submit a draft "Vapor Intrusion Assessment Work Plan" to Ecology in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C. The Work Plan shall include proposals for assessing assigned properties in the Potential Vapor Intrusion Area. These properties shall be evaluated with respect to subsurface media contamination by COCs and the likelihood that the media contamination may act to contaminate indoor air via vapor intrusion. Proposals shall include routine periodic evaluations in areas where groundwater or soil VOCs continue to pose an unacceptable vapor intrusion threat. The Work Plan shall propose the documents – sampling and analysis plans and reports, e.g. – that will be used as part of the assessment to obtain information and report assessment findings. If subsurface media contamination poses a potential source for contaminating indoor air via vapor intrusion at a property, the Work Plan shall describe how Blaser will proceed to further assess the building-specific indoor air impact or mitigate the pathway as an interim action.

b) Blaser shall prepare and submit a property-specific draft "Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Work Plan" if it appears, pursuant to a vapor intrusion assessment conducted consistent with a) above, that a building requires mitigation. The draft VI Mitigation Work Plan will be submitted to Ecology in accordance with the schedule established in the VI Assessment Work Plan. The VI Mitigation Work Plan shall describe how Blaser will proceed to design, install, implement, and operate mitigation systems in buildings that require these controls. The Work Plan shall propose the documents – design plans and reports, e.g. – that will be used during mitigation to obtain Ecology concurrence on system selection and performance.

c) Blaser shall prepare and submit a draft "Vapor Intrusion Inspection, Monitoring, and Maintenance" Work Plan to Ecology in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C. This Work Plan shall include proposals for ensuring that mitigated properties assigned within the Potential Vapor Intrusion Area continue to be protected from vapor intrusion. The Work Plan shall describe how Blaser will proceed to inspect and maintain systems, and monitor performance. The Work Plan shall propose those documents – inspection checklists and reports, and monitoring plans and reports, e.g. – that will be used post-mitigation to obtain information and report findings.

The Vapor Intrusion Inspection, Monitoring, and Maintenance Work Plan shall include a proposed schedule for inspection/maintenance activities, as well as monitoring. The proposed schedule will be sensitive to the structure mitigated, the type of mitigation installed, the nature of the contamination below and nearby the building, and the form of exposure expected in the event the mitigation fails. This Work Plan, like the two previously described, shall focus on actions required during

the timeframe extending from Work Plan preparation to the completion date set forth in the Work Plan.

d) Due to elevated levels of trichloroethene (TCE) detected in indoor air within the Blaser building office (5700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.) a vapor intrusion mitigation was installed. Concentrations, however, remained elevated post-mitigation. In accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C, Blaser shall prepare a Post-mitigation Plan which:

- summarizes actions taken to date to investigate vapor intrusion at the 5700 3rd Ave. S. building;
- summarizes actions taken to date to mitigate vapor intrusion at the 5700 3rd Ave. S. building;
- includes all soil gas and indoor air sampling data associated with the 5700 3rd Ave. S. building;
- proposes next steps for reducing indoor TCE concentrations – due to vapor intrusion – to acceptable levels (if, by the time the Plan is submitted, TCE concentrations continue to exceed acceptable levels);
- proposes next steps for maintaining indoor TCE concentrations – due to vapor intrusion – at acceptable levels; and,
- includes monitoring proposals for establishing that indoor TCE concentrations – due to vapor intrusion – have attained acceptable levels and remain there.

e) Vapor Intrusion Progress Reporting. In each of the three Vapor Intrusion Work Plans described above, Blaser shall propose how assessment, mitigation, inspection, and monitoring information being collected on an on-going basis will be communicated to Ecology.

## **6. Groundwater Monitoring**

Blaser shall monitor groundwater contamination according to the schedule set forth in an approved Groundwater Monitoring Plan until the contamination has been effectively addressed.

Blaser shall prepare and submit a draft Groundwater Monitoring Plan to the Ecology Project Coordinator in accordance with the due date established in Exhibit C. The Plan shall propose the wells to be monitored, how frequently groundwater per well shall be sampled, what measurements/analyses shall be performed per sample, and how and when data will be presented in progress reports. The Plan shall also satisfactorily address Ecology's November 2, 2007, monitoring plan comments, comply with requirements in WAC 173-340-410, and include or – with Ecology's approval – refer to other existing documents which contain:

- objectives of the monitoring program and associated data needs;
- figures identifying the locations of all proposed monitoring points;
- standard operating procedures (SOPs) for logging, monitoring well construction, surveying, well development, purging, sampling, taking water level and quality measurements, well-decommissioning, etc.;

- descriptions of sample storage, transportation, and chain-of-custody procedures;
- descriptions of monitoring well construction and well logs;
- a description of how and when monitoring wells are and will be inspected and maintained;
- a discussion of field records associated with monitoring;
- a discussion of well surveying, and proposals, if needed, to re-survey any wells;
- a discussion of access considerations for the proposed monitoring network (i.e., a description of who, per well, owns the property and how the field team will access the well for sampling);
- a description of actions that will be taken to secure all monitoring points;
- a Quality Assurance Project Plan for routine groundwater monitoring;
- proposals for managing any solid or dangerous waste generated;
- a monitoring and reporting schedule per well/point; and
- procedures for the installation of new monitoring points and/or screened intervals, if required, to meet the monitoring program's objectives.

All monitoring, testing, and analytical data obtained pursuant to this section shall be concurrently submitted to the Ecology Project Coordinator in digital data files on compact disc (or other mutually agreeable electronic media). These data files shall be formatted in accordance with instructions provided by Ecology.

If, after the Monitoring Plan has been implemented, Ecology determines that additional monitoring wells not anticipated by the approved Plan are required to complete the RI, to monitor source control or interim actions, or for any other purpose associated with the order, these new wells will be installed in accordance with the procedures for new well installation set forth in the Monitoring Plan, consistent with Section 9 below. Blaser will modify the Monitoring Plan to include new information (for the applicable bulleted items described above) for the newly proposed wells, and re-submit it for approval.

## 7. **Progress Reports**

Blaser shall prepare progress reports to notify Ecology of recently conducted activities and plans for future work, to transmit data, and to communicate the results of monitoring source control/interim action performance. Progress Reports shall be submitted to the Ecology Project Coordinator per the schedule in Exhibit C (although this schedule may be modified if Blaser proposes a different schedule in the RI Work Plan and Ecology approves the new schedule). These reports will not be subject to disapproval requiring revision. If Ecology discovers errors or notes deficiencies in any given Report, Ecology shall direct Blaser to correct these errors/deficiencies in the next Report.

Reports shall regularly contain the following information:



- a) a description of all order-related work completed since the last progress report;
- b) quality-assured results of all media monitoring analyses obtained since the last progress reporting interval, including laboratory detection limits achieved for each constituent, in accordance with the approved Monitoring Plan. For each monitoring analyte/parameter, the progress report shall contain tables with the resulting data per well, together with an identification of pertinent cleanup level(s) per analyte;
- c) data validation information associated with the groundwater monitoring results being reported;
- d) figures depicting the groundwater concentrations of COCs and other analytes/parameters identified in the Monitoring Plan;
- e) figures depicting groundwater elevation contours for all monitored saturated zones;
- f) a status report on vapor intrusion assessment, mitigation, inspection, and monitoring, as described in the approved Vapor Intrusion Work Plans;
- g) summaries of all problems encountered during the reporting period and actions taken to rectify those problems;
- h) a summary of communications with any public interest groups, affected area property owners/tenants, governmental agencies, environmental interest groups, etc., related to implementation of the order and Scope of Work; and,
- i) projected work for the next reporting period.

In addition, the Progress Reports shall also include reports on the status of on-going source control actions and any other interim actions implemented at the Blaser Site. These reports shall include a description of the work performed since the last reporting interval and the environmental results attributed to the measures. The reports shall also include<sup>3</sup>:

- j) a description of any problems associated with the implementation or operation of the source control or other interim actions and the corrective actions taken, or proposed to resolve the problems;
- k) a description of any source control or interim action-related work planned during the next upcoming reporting period;

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<sup>3</sup> This information is expected to be contained in the RI Report described in Section 4. However, in the event that data regarding the operation and effectiveness of the source control or other interim actions becomes available prior to the completion of the RI Report, such data will be communicated with Ecology in the Progress Reports. This will allow some decisions to be made, and actions taken (if needed), in response to new information as it becomes available, and without waiting until the completion of the RI Report.

l) any new data relating to the performance of the source control or other interim actions;

m) if required by the action's approved work plan, a comparison of the effectiveness of each source control or interim action measure compared to (1) its design goals, (2) its effectiveness at start up, and (3) its effectiveness since the last reporting interval;

n) if performance monitoring data are unable to meet the criteria for showing that adequate progress is being made toward attaining the source control or interim action measure's objectives, recommendations to improve the action's effectiveness. In such a case the report shall also describe how Blaser intends to further assess the problem and provide a date for Blaser's completion of the evaluation; and,

o) if applicable, a discussion of efforts on-going to ensure that the measure(s) does not transfer the contamination to another medium, and if so, that an estimate of risks associated with the transfer.

Each action's approved work plan will identify which progress reports will contain the information described in l through n above.

#### 8. **Document and Data Maintenance**

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the order, a written operating record shall be kept to document activities associated with the order and Scope of Work. The operating record shall include, at a minimum, all monitoring, testing, and analytical data obtained by Blaser and the following documents (as well as amendments, revisions, and modifications to these documents):

- The order, order amendments, and all attachments;
- All documents, reports, plans, and data collected to support activities conducted pursuant to the Scope of Work;
- Records and results of all laboratory analyses performed pursuant to the Scope of Work and/or cited in Scope of Work deliverables;
- Records, or the summaries of records, to include: logs of all soil borings; any recovery well pumping rates and injection well rates; any industrial pumping well rates; and any data collected to monitor interim actions;
- Records of inspections associated with the RI/FS, interim actions, or monitoring;
- Records of any spills and releases;
- Copies of all environmental permits relevant to the RI, interim actions, or monitoring;
- Training records of facility personnel conducting activities pursuant to the Scope of Work; and,

- Well construction, maintenance and replacement records.

The operating record shall initially be stored and maintained at Blaser's office at 5700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., but may be changed to an alternate location with Ecology's approval. The location shall be accessible to Ecology, provided that access rules are complied with to ensure data security and integrity.

9. **Additional Work**

Additional work may become necessary due to the discovery of new information or re-assessment of site conditions. In certain cases Blaser may identify the need for additional work; in other instances Ecology may reach this conclusion. If Ecology determines that additional work should be required to complete the RI and evaluate interim measures, more effectively monitor site conditions, or implement additional interim actions, Ecology shall communicate the specific need to Blaser. In most cases Ecology shall direct Blaser to submit a Work Plan for performance of the additional work within sixty (60) days. Ecology's notification of the need for a Work Plan will contain: a) the objectives of the additional work, and b) the expected content of the Work Plan. If the work to be performed constitutes a substantial change to the work anticipated under the order, a formal amendment or new order will be prepared.

Throughout the term of the order, Blaser shall continue to consider and evaluate site information regarding contaminant behavior, releases, and suspected releases. If Blaser identifies:

- a potential imminent and substantial threat to human health or the environment, or
- a need or opportunity (such as when an immediate action may prevent a final cleanup from becoming substantially more difficult) for an interim action,

Blaser shall immediately notify the Ecology Project Coordinator.

In such cases Blaser may identify the need for additional work; in other instances Ecology may reach this conclusion.

10. **New Source Areas**

While the order remains effective, Blaser shall notify the Ecology Project Coordinator within thirty (30) days if the PLP becomes aware of the existence of contamination associated with a previously un-identified source area. A typical "source area" would be a previously unidentified area on the PLP's property where a release of COCs likely occurred. In the notification Blaser shall include:

- dates of operation and/or existence of the source
- the nature of any waste and/or hazardous substances managed -- and if applicable, being managed -- at the source;

- the potential for past, current, and future releases of any COCs (or other hazardous substances that may affect the nature and extent of COCs in the environment) from the source area, and the “mechanism(s)” for creating the release;
- dates of any known releases;
- a description of the material, and an estimate of the volume, of any known releases;
- any corresponding actions that have been taken to control or remediate releases;
- any environmental data associated with the source area or media potentially affected by releases; and,
- any future plans for investigating the contamination and associated source area.

If Ecology determines, based on the potential for releases from the new source area to result in an exceedance of media cleanup levels or otherwise threaten the health of humans or the environment, that the area must be investigated, Ecology may direct Blaser to submit a Work Plan for performance of Additional Work (consistent with Section 9 above).

11. **Transmittal of Data**

Progress Reports shall be routinely used to communicate the results of groundwater and interim action monitoring to Ecology. However, there may be instances when actions become contingent on particular monitoring results. In such cases Ecology may not be able to wait until the issuance of a Progress Report to obtain the data in question. In these instances the Ecology Project Coordinator shall request that the particular data be submitted in advance of the Progress Report and by a date consistent with the intended use of the data. Blaser shall then make best efforts to comply with Ecology’s request. The data so transmitted may be appropriately qualified.

12. **Certification**

All reports, work plans, and other submittals required by this order, and submitted by Blaser, shall be accompanied by a certification meeting the requirements of WAC 173-340-840.

13. **Public Participation**

A Public Participation Plan is required as part of the RI Work Plan for the site (see Section 2 above). Once approved by Ecology, Blaser shall comply with the tasks and commitments set out in that Plan. Ecology shall maintain overall responsibility for public participation associated with meeting regulatory requirements related to the order’s Work to be Performed. However, Blaser shall cooperate with Ecology, and shall:

- if agreed to by Ecology, develop appropriate mailing lists, prepare drafts of public notices and fact sheets at important stages of the work to be performed such as the submission of work plans, remedial investigation reports, and any interim action or interim measure engineering design reports. As appropriate, Ecology will edit, finalize, and distribute such fact sheets and prepare and distribute public notices of Ecology's presentations and meetings. Agreed-upon changes to the scope of work to be performed shall also be included in public participation;
- notify Ecology's project coordinator prior to the preparation of all press releases and fact sheets, and before major meetings with the interested public and local governments. For all press releases, fact sheets, meetings, and other outreach efforts by Blaser that do not receive prior Ecology approval, the PLP shall not in any way indicate to its audience that the press release, fact sheet, meeting, or other outreach effort was sponsored or endorsed by Ecology;
- when requested by Ecology, participate in public presentations on the progress of the Remedial Action associated with the site. Participation may be through attendance at public meetings to assist in answering questions, or as a presenter; and,
- when requested by Ecology, establish local information repositories. At a minimum, copies of all public notices, fact sheets, and press releases; all quality assured monitoring data; remedial action plans and reports; supplemental remedial planning documents; and all other similar documents relating to performance of the Remedial Action required by this Order shall be promptly placed in these repositories.

EXHIBIT C  
SCHEDULE OF DELIVERABLES

**Blaser Remedial Action Schedule**

<b>Deliverable</b>	<b>SOW reference</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Draft RI Work Plan	Section 2	February 28, 2008
Revised RI Work Plan (if needed)	Section 2	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on the draft
Draft groundwater monitoring plan	Section 6	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on, or approval of, the draft RI Work Plan
Revised groundwater monitoring plan (if needed)	Section 6	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on the draft
Progress Reports	Section 7	Every three months, beginning 30 days following the effective date of the EO
Draft RI/Source Control Evaluation Report	Section 4	Per the date established in the approved RI Work Plan
Revised RI/Source Control Evaluation Report (if needed)	Section 4	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on draft
Draft Blaser office (5700 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.) Post-mitigation Plan	Section 5	February 28, 2007
Revised Blaser office (5700 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.) Post-mitigation Plan	Section 5	30 days following receipt of Ecology comments on draft
Draft Vapor Intrusion Assessment Work Plan	Section 5	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on, or approval of, the draft RI Work Plan
Revised Vapor Intrusion Assessment Work Plan (if needed)	Section 5	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on the draft
Draft Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Work Plan	Section 5	If needed, per schedule established in VI Assessment Work Plan
Revised Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Work Plan (if needed)	Section 5	30 days following receipt of Ecology comments on draft
Draft Vapor Intrusion Inspection, Monitoring, and Maintenance Work Plan	Section 5	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on, or approval of, the draft RI Work Plan
Revised Vapor Intrusion Inspection, Monitoring, and Maintenance Work Plan (if needed)	Section 5	45 days following receipt of Ecology comments on draft

*Note: EO refers to the enforcement order  
O&M refers to operation and maintenance  
RI refers to remedial investigation*

EXHIBIT D

INTERIM VAPOR INTRUSION PLAN  
July 6, 2007

developed by Arrow Environmental for the West of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue PLP Group<sup>1</sup>

ECOLOGY'S APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM VAPOR INTRUSION PLAN  
July 25, 2007

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<sup>1</sup> which at that time included: Art Brass Plating, Blaser Die Casting, Capital Industries, and Philip Services Corporation



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Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail

Mr. Ed Jones  
Environmental Engineer  
Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction  
Washington Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
3190 - 160th Avenue Southeast  
Bellevue, Washington 98008

Re: West of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Investigation Area  
Draft Interim Vapor Intrusion Plan

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed please find one original and one copy of the revised Interim Vapor Intrusion Plan. The enclosed revised Interim Vapor Intrusion (VI) Plan (the "Plan") was prepared on behalf of the Philip Services Corporation (PSC), Art Brass Plating (ABP), Blaser Die Casting (Blaser) and Capital Industries (Capital) in response to the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) e-mail request dated March 9, 2007 and Ecology correspondence dated June 4, 2007.

Upon approval of the Interim VI Plan, the lead businesses for the locations identified in the Ecology e-mail dated March 9, 2007 will begin implementation. If you have questions or comments regarding this submittal please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*Doug Hillman (email authorization)*  
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Aspect Consulting, LLC for  
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**INTERIM VAPOR INTRUSION PLAN**  
**WEST OF 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE SOUTH INVESTIGATION AREA**  
**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

July 20, 2007

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## APPENDICES

Appendix A Summary of IPIM Approach

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The following Interim Vapor Intrusion (VI) Plan was prepared on behalf of Philip Services Corporation (PSC), Art Brass Plating (ABP), Blaser Die Casting (Blaser) and Capital Industries (Capital) in response to the Washington State Department of Ecology's (Ecology's) e-mail request dated March 9, 2007 and revised on the basis of comments from Ecology provided in correspondence dated June 4, 2007. The objective of this Interim VI Plan is to establish a consistent interim process for the West of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South (W4) Investigation Area to assess and mitigate potential VI of contaminants of potential concern (COPCs) at the locations identified by Ecology in e-mail correspondence dated March 9, 2007 and to present a framework for developing a comprehensive VI Assessment and Mitigation (VIAM) Plan for the W4 Investigation Area that will be incorporated as a component of the RI/FS Work Plan. In order to achieve this objective, this Interim VI Plan will:

- Summarize the interim VI measures implemented by PSC, ABP, Blaser and Capital in the W4 Investigation Area to date and the proposed source control measures that have the potential to influence VI in the area;
- Propose an interim approach for PSC, ABP, Blaser and Capital to independently implement VI measures at the locations identified by Ecology in a consistent fashion until the comprehensive VIAM Plan can be approved and implemented;
- Summarize the comprehensive VIAM Plan elements for inclusion in the RI/FS Work Plan.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

Subsurface investigation activities have identified areas where COPCs, primarily halogenated volatile organic compounds (HVOC), have affected shallow groundwater in the Water-table Zone<sup>1</sup> located within the W4 Investigation Area. The chemical properties of HVOCs and the geologic and hydrogeologic characteristics of the W4 Investigation Area are conducive to the volatilization of HVOCs from the Water-Table Zone groundwater into soil gas and migration of soil gas into indoor air. Laboratory analysis of indoor air samples collected inside several buildings in the W4 Investigation Area has detected concentrations of HVOCs in excess of indoor air screening levels established by Ecology for the PSC site and concurrently measured background (ambient) air samples. At these locations, Ecology has required the installation of interim measures to mitigate the potential for further VI.

### 2.1 INTERIM MEASURES

PSC, ABP, Blaser and Capital have conducted interim VI measures within the W4 Investigation Area on the basis of the elevated concentrations COPCs detected in groundwater and/or indoor air samples. A summary of the interim measures conducted by each PLP and recent requirements by Ecology is provided in the following sections.

#### 2.1.1 PSC

In 2002, PSC developed and began implementing an Inhalation Pathway Interim Measure (IPIM) Program to assess and mitigate VI of COPCs associated with releases at the former PSC Georgetown Facility, located at 734 S. Lucile Street, in accordance with the corrective action requirements of PSC's RCRA Permit. The PSC IPIM Program is presented in the Revised IPIM Work Plan dated August 12, 2002. A detailed summary of the IPIM Program prepared by Pioneer Technologies, Inc. (Pioneer) is provided in Appendix A and the key components of the IPIM Program are summarized below:

- Groundwater to Indoor Air Volatilization Factor (GIVF) Study – The GIVF Study resulted in development of groundwater and indoor air screening levels [Inhalation Pathway Interim Measure Action Levels (IPIMALs)] that could be used to evaluate investigation results and assess potential VI concerns at residential and commercial building locations.
- The PSC IPIM approach integrates evaluating laboratory analytical results of groundwater and indoor air samples to determine, through the use of a tiered decision process (IPIM Decision Tree), if a building warrants further investigation or action through an interim measure. The IPIM Decision Tree is organized into four tiers to allow progressive evaluation of groundwater data and incorporation of site-specific information. The tiered decision process is summarized below:

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of characterizing the concentrations of COPCs in affected groundwater, the shallow unconfined aquifer was partitioned into three separate zones in the PSC RI Report: the Water-Table Zone located between the first encountered groundwater and approximately 20-feet below ground surface (bgs); the Shallow Zone, located below the Water-Table Zone between 20-feet bgs and 40-ft bgs; and the Intermediate Zone, located below the Shallow Zone between 40-feet bgs and the top of the silt aquitard. Only VOCs at the top of the water table interval have the potential to migrate into the unsaturated soil gas and subsequently into indoor air. Therefore, VOC concentrations in the Shallow and Intermediate Zones are not evaluated against VI screening levels.

- Tier 1 and Tier 2 – Laboratory analytical results of groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells on a quarterly basis by PSC and from recent direct push borings completed by PSC are compared to residential-based groundwater IPIMALs (Tier 1) or commercial-based groundwater IPIMALs (Tier 2) on a well-by-well/point-by-point basis. Concentrations that exceed the risk benchmarks established by Ecology are contoured to show areas of potential VI concern. Residential and commercial locations that fall within the respective areas of potential VI concern are identified for further evaluation under Tier 3 of the IPIM Decision Tree.
- Tier 3 – The residential and commercial/industrial locations identified in Tier 1 or Tier 2 for review under Tier 3 are evaluated to determine if site-specific data collection (i.e., analyzing co-located indoor air, ambient air, sub-slab soil gas, and groundwater samples for VI COPCs) is warranted or if the location should move directly to Tier 4. The determination to move directly to Tier 4 may be based on a cost-benefit analysis of the relative costs for sampling vs. mitigation or another technical basis. If the location does not proceed directly to Tier 4, then Tier 3 samples are collected, analyzed, and the results evaluated. Upon completion of the Tier 3 activities, a report is developed summarizing the data, risks, and the recommended course of action (i.e., the building is recommended for Tier 4 if Ecology's cancer or non-cancer health benchmarks are exceeded. Otherwise, the site returns to Tier 1/Tier 2 monitoring process).
- Tier 4 – Residential and commercial/industrial locations that move to Tier 4 have interim measures installed in order to eliminate or mitigate the potential for VI from groundwater to indoor air.
- Long-Term Monitoring – Interim measures installed under Tier 4 are monitored to ensure that the measures function as designed. Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the interim measures are performed by conducting annual inspections, periodic verification of negative pressure field checks and, in some cases, analyzing co-located indoor air, ambient air, sub-slab soil gas, and groundwater for VI COPCs.

Between 2002 and 2006, PSC conducted the following activities in accordance with the IPIM Process:

- Tier 1 and Tier 2 analysis of area-wide groundwater data on a quarterly basis;
- Tier 3 sampling at 25 locations;
- Tier 3 resample or revisit sampling events,
- Installation and operation of subslab and/or submembrane depressurization (SSD or SMD) systems at 30 locations;
- Annual inspections at buildings with SSD or SMD systems; and,
- Long term monitoring activities at locations with existing SSD or SMD systems.

During the implementation of the IPIM Process and in order to finalize the PSC Georgetown Facility RI, PSC conducted subsurface investigation activities to characterize the nature and extent of groundwater with concentrations of COPCs associated with releases from the former PSC Georgetown Facility. The results of the investigation activities indicated the presence of at

least three non-PSC source areas located west of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. In 2004, PSC implemented a Hydraulic Control Interim Measure (HCIM) to minimize the potential for migration of groundwater with concentrations of COPCs beyond the PSC source areas.

#### **2.1.2 ABP Facility – 5516 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South**

In 2005 and 2006, ABP conducted subsurface investigation activities in accordance with the Model Toxics Control Act (WAC 173-340) regulations and under Ecology oversight within the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The results of the investigation activities identified source areas in the vicinity of former vapor degreasers where releases of TCE occurred and resulted in concentrations of COPCs in soil and groundwater in excess of potentially-applicable screening levels. On the basis of the results of the subsurface investigation activities, ABP replaced PSC as the lead business for interim VI measures for certain properties that are listed in Table 1. To date, ABP's interim VI measures have included: conducting location specific sampling at 215/217 S. Findlay St. and 220 S. Findlay St.; performing a facility evaluation at 301/313 S. Findlay St.; and, evaluating source control measures at their facility that are designed to reduce source area concentrations and mitigate the potential for VI impacts. ABP is currently proposing to install a soil vapor extraction and air sparging system at the ABP Facility and adjacent to the building at 220 S. Orcas St. as an interim source control measure.

#### **2.1.3 Blaser Die Casting – 5700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S**

In 2006, Blaser conducted subsurface investigation activities in accordance with the MTCA regulations as part of an independent cleanup action and submitted the results to Ecology. The results of the investigation activities identified a source area located near the southwest corner of the Blaser building where a release of chemicals occurred and resulted in concentrations of COPCs in soil and in groundwater in excess of the potentially-applicable cleanup screening levels. Blaser replaced PSC as the lead business for interim VI measures for certain properties that are listed in Table 1. The Blaser interim VI measures conducted to date have included: installing and operating a subslab depressurization VI mitigation system at their facility and collecting post-installation indoor air samples. Blaser submitted to Ecology a source control action plan utilizing soil source excavation.

#### **2.1.4 Capital Industries – 5801 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South**

The Capital Facility consists of several large industrial buildings located between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South and between S. Mead St. and S. Fidalgo St. In January 2004, a fire destroyed one of the Capital buildings (Plant #2). During the subsequent Plant #2 reconstruction activities, Capital collected soil samples and sub-slab soil gas samples for laboratory analysis of VOCs. Capital used the analytical results as the basis for determining that VI issues were not of concern at the new Plant #2 building. Between 2004 and 2006, Capital conducted subsurface investigation activities as part of an independent cleanup action in accordance with the MTCA regulations without direct Ecology oversight. The results of the investigation activities identified two source areas (one located at Plant #2 and one located at Plant #4) where releases occurred and resulted in concentrations of COPCs in soil and in the groundwater above potential applicable screening levels. Capital has replaced PSC as the lead business for interim VI measures for certain properties that are listed in Table 1.

### **2.1.5 Regulatory Agency Requirements**

On October 9, 2006 and March 1, 2007, Ecology sponsored meetings to initiate a process for addressing the W4 Investigation Area. The meetings included the representatives of ABP, Blaser, Capital, and PSC. During the meeting, VI issues were discussed and the principle that individual businesses would address VI issues within allocated sub-areas of the W4 Investigation Area was affirmed.

In correspondence from Ecology to PSC dated October 23, 2006 and in subsequent e-mail correspondence from Ecology to ABP, Blaser, Capital and PSC representatives dated March 9, 2007, Ecology identified approximately 24 locations in the W4 Investigation Area that require further monitoring of potential VI of COPCs or mitigation of previously identified VI impacts, and 7 locations that require performance monitoring for existing VI mitigation systems. The locations that Ecology identified are listed in Table 2 and illustrated on Figure 1. Differences in the lead businesses listed in Table 1 compared to Table 2 are the result of negotiations between the lead businesses after Ecology's e-mail correspondence dated March 9, 2007.

### 3.0 PROPOSED INTERIM VI APPROACH

ABP, Blaser, Capital and PSC have agreed that interim VI measures will be implemented by individual businesses for the Ecology-identified locations. The lead businesses for addressing the locations identified by Ecology and the proposed interim VI measures are summarized in Table 2. The basis for selecting the lead businesses for specific locations is the spatial correlation between the specific location and the location of elevated concentrations of COPCs in Water-Table Zone groundwater associated with releases at the respective businesses facility. The lead business for a location may change as new information becomes available or conditions in the subsurface change.

ABP, Blaser, Capital and PSC were unable to reach consensus selecting a lead business for 1 location identified by Ecology. The technical position of ABP, Blaser, Capital and PSC regarding the location is summarized in Table 3. The results of source control measure monitoring and further investigation activities proposed by ABP, Blaser, and Capital will be used during the interim period to further assess VI concerns and the results presented in the pre-RI/FS Scoping Document will be used to select a lead business for addressing VI concerns at disputed location.

The Ecology approved methodologies of PSC's IPIM Program (Attachment A) that apply<sup>2</sup> to the lead businesses will be adopted by the lead businesses within the W4 Investigation Area until a comprehensive VIAM Plan is approved by Ecology. The scope and schedule of activities conducted in accordance with this Interim VI Plan will be developed by the applicable lead business and submitted to Ecology within 60-day of approval of the Interim VI Plan. The comprehensive VIAM Plan will be formally described within the W4 Investigation Area RI/FS Work Plan.

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<sup>2</sup> Some elements of the PSC IPIM Program may not be applicable to the lead businesses because the Interim Plan will only be valid during the interim period of time before the comprehensive VI Plan is adopted during the W4 Remedial Investigation.



#### 4.0 COMPREHENSIVE VIAM PLAN COMPONENTS

Components of the comprehensive VIAM Plan that will be included in the W4 Investigation Area RI/FS Work Plan include:

- Identification of GIVFs to establish groundwater screening levels. Available data from the W4 Area will be evaluated to determine if GIVFs specific to the W4 Area should be developed or whether the GIVFs established by PSC are appropriate;
- Calculation of action levels based on GIVF data;
- Development of Level 1<sup>3</sup> and Level 2 methodologies to compare groundwater monitoring results to VI action levels and selection of decision points for implementation of further site-specific sampling and implementation of interim measures;
- Development of Level 3 QA/QC procedures and methodologies for indoor and ambient air, soil gas and groundwater sampling and for evaluating the results of site-specific sampling to assess the potential for VI; and,
- Development of Level 4 methodologies for designing, installing, operating, monitoring and shutting down VI interim measures.

The PSC IPIM approach will be used where applicable to minimize duplication of effort and to build upon a previously approved approach. Upon approval of the comprehensive VIAM Plan by Ecology, the Level 1 and Level 2 procedures will be implemented using the combined database of available groundwater analytical data collected from the W4 Investigation Area businesses and developed as part of the W4 Investigation Area Scoping Document.

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<sup>3</sup> Separate terminology for the individual tiers of the VI process has been used to differentiate the W4 Investigation Area interim VI activities from the PSC IPIM activities.

## **FIGURES**

### **INTERIM VAPOR INTRUSION PLAN WEST OF 4TH AVENUE SOUTH INVESTIGATION AREA**



Figure 1  
V4 Investigation Area  
Interim VI Measure



## **TABLES**

### **INTERIM VAPOR INTRUSION PLAN WEST OF 4TH AVENUE SOUTH INVESTIGATION AREA**

**Table 1**  
**W4 Investigation Area**  
**Background Lead Business Status**

Lead Business	Address
Art Brass Plating	ABP Facility at 5516 3rd Ave. S
	215/217 S. Findlay St.
	301/313 S. Findlay St.;
	220 S. Findlay St.
	5602 2nd Ave. S.
	5606 2nd Ave. S.
	5610 2nd Ave. S.
	222 S. Orcas St.
	226 S. Orcas St.
	214 S. Findlay St.
	218 S. Findlay St.
	317 S. Lucile St., and other houses on the south side of Lucile between 4th and 3rd
	218 ½ S. Findlay St
Blaser Die Casting	5700 3rd Ave. S.
	202 - 228 Mead
Capital Industries	5801 2nd Ave. S.
	5900 1st Ave. S. (Olympic Medical) <sup>1</sup>

Note: 1. In 2006, Capital Industries prepared a work plan for assessment and mitigation of vapor intrusion issues at Olympic Medical. See Table 3 for current status of this location

Table 2  
W4 Investigation Area  
Summary of Proposed Interim VI Measures at Ecology Identified Locations

Location ID	Address	Ecology Comments	Lead Business	VI Scope <sup>1</sup>
1	5516 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. (Art Brass Plating)	Industrial building in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. ABP has assumed responsibility for ensuring that indoor air is not being unacceptably impacted by VI.	Art Brass Plating (ABP)	SVE proposed as element of ICAP. Implementation of SVE at this location will result in subslab depressurization and mitigation of potential vapor intrusion. Further VI monitoring proposed in ABP ICAP.
2	320 S. Findlay St.	Commercial building in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. ABP has assumed responsibility for ensuring that indoor air is not being unacceptably impacted by VI.	ABP	SVE proposed as element of ICAP. Implementation of SVE at this location will result in subslab depressurization and mitigation of potential vapor intrusion. Further VI monitoring proposed in ABP ICAP.
3	215217 S. Findlay St.	Commercial/industrial building in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. ABP conducted a Tier 3 evaluation here during the late fall of 2003 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. If VOC concentrations at the WT continue to pose a potential VI threat, indoor air sampling should be conducted again in the future. Sampling should be scheduled during the heating season and be completed before the end of the heating season.	ABP	VIAI Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling, if necessary will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed prior to 2010 under the W4 VIAI Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
4	381013 S. Findlay St.	Industrial building in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. ABP met with the building owner and determined that TCE was being used in the manufacturing process. No indoor air sampling was conducted, and ABP does not intend to collect indoor samples as long as the tenant continues to use significant quantities of TCE.	ABP	TCE use at threat. Evaluation of VI is not feasible as long as TCE is used by the tenant. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
5	202-228 S. Mead St.	Commercial building in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC conducted a Tier 3 evaluation here during November 2003 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. However, soil gas concentrations were elevated. Ecology understands that the building owner wants a mitigation system, and the Department agrees that the pathway should either be mitigated or indoor air quality should be routinely monitored.	Blaser Die Casting (Blaser)	Blaser is implementing source control measures at their facility located up-gradient of the 202-228 Building. Blaser will collect additional groundwater monitoring data during implementation of source control actions. On the basis of the results of the additional monitoring, Blaser will evaluate the potential VI threat. If agreed to by the property owner Blaser will conduct further indoor air sampling in the 2007/2008 heating season (Fall 2007).
6	5801 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. (Capital Industries)	Industrial buildings in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. No Tier 3 evaluation has been conducted. CI collected soil gas samples in 2004 which indicated a low potential for unacceptable VI-caused indoor air impacts. CI will evaluate Plant 2 by using the JEM. If JEM results suggest the potential for unacceptable indoor impacts, air sampling will be proposed.	Capital Industries (CI)	In a letter dated December 2005, the Washington State Department of Ecology stated that no further assessment of vapor intrusion is necessary at Plant 4 based on the building's architecture, current use of the plant, and concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Based on conversations with Ecology, CI believes that no further assessment of vapor intrusion is necessary at Plant 2. CI has been conducting groundwater monitoring at Plant 2 for VOCs and vapor transport modeling using the Johnson-Ettinger Model for Subsurface Vapor Intrusion into Buildings.
7	5507 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Residence in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. No Tier 3 has been performed. Access has been an issue in the past.	Not Established	The Comprehensive VIAI Program will evaluate shallow groundwater monitoring data from all PLPs to assess potentially vulnerable buildings. The current groundwater monitoring data does not indicate that this building is located in an area where VOC concentrations pose a potential VI threat. If the monitoring results change to indicate a potential VI threat, a lead business will be selected according to the processes developed within the Comprehensive VIAI Program.
8	5500 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. S.	Industrial building in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC conducted Tier 3 evaluations here during the fall of 2004 and the summer of 2005. Indoor air quality was unacceptable in some building areas. Sub-slab and gas concentrations were low, however, and Ecology noted that the sampling be repeated. The building tenant wants a mitigation system. Ecology agrees that the pathway should be mitigated if soil gas TCE/VOC concentrations are found to be elevated.	See Table 3	See Table 3

Table 2  
W4 Investigation Area  
Summary of Proposed Interim VI Measures at Ecology Identified Locations

Location ID	Address	Ecology Comments	Lead Business	VI Status
9	5706 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.	Commercial building in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC performed a Tier 3 during the fall of 2003 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. If VOC concentrations at the WT continue to pose a potential VI threat, indoor air sampling should be conducted again. Sampling should be scheduled during the heating season and be completed before the end of Winter 2007/08.	Blaser	This property is not directly down-gradient of the Blaser source, but because of geographical proximity, Blaser will assume lead business for the interim VI measures at this property. VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed under the W4 VIAM Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
10	218 1/2 S. Findlay St.	Residence in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. This is a small house in the backyard of a larger home that has already been mitigated. The building has a scabbed exterior. Ecology agreed with PSC in 2003 that VI was unlikely to be a concern. However, at that time we did not realize there was a local source of TCE contamination. A Tier 3 evaluation is recommended here if VOC concentrations at the WT, beneath the house, pose a potential VI threat.	ABP	VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed under the W4 VIAM Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
11	317 S. Lucile St. and other houses 4 <sup>th</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Residence in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC offered the owner a mitigation system but he refused. He also refused to allow indoor air sampling. Three years have now passed. As long as VOC concentrations at the WT, beneath this house, pose a potential VI threat, permission should be solicited (at least bi-annually) for conducting indoor air sampling or installing a mitigation system. Besides the house at 317 Lucile there are two other older homes on this block. It is not clear if they are occupied. If they are, and if local VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat, permission should be solicited for either conducting indoor air sampling or installing mitigation systems. If VOC concentrations at the WT increase and pose a potential VI threat, a Tier 3 evaluation should be conducted again, this time during the heating season.	ABP	VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed under the W4 VIAM Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
12	5610 2nd Ave. S.	Residence in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC performed a Tier 3 evaluation here in May 2005 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. DP sampling during the Tier 3 detected TCE, but at a low level (0.2 ug/l). If VOC concentrations at the WT increase and pose a potential VI threat, a Tier 3 evaluation should be conducted again, this time during the heating season.	ABP	VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed under the W4 VIAM Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
13	5608 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.	Residence in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC performed a Tier 3 evaluation here in May 2005 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. DP sampling during the Tier 3 detected TCE, but at a low level (0.2 ug/l). If VOC concentrations at the WT increase and pose a potential VI threat, a Tier 3 evaluation should be conducted again, this time during the heating season.	ABP	VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed under the W4 VIAM Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
14	5602 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.	Residence used commercially, located in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC performed a Tier 3 evaluation here in May 2005 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. DP sampling during the Tier 3 was unable to detect TCE (DL = 0.02 ug/l). If VOC concentrations at the WT increase and pose a potential VI threat, a Tier 3 evaluation should be conducted again, this time during the heating season.	ABP	VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. Indoor air re-sampling will be assessed under the W4 VIAM Program. ABP's ICA activities include system performance monitoring to ensure that the AS/SVE system is not increasing the potential for off-site VI impacts.
15	203 S. Orca	Commercial building in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC performed a Tier 3 evaluation here in May 2005 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. DP sampling during the Tier 3 was unable to detect TCE (DL = 0.02 ug/l). If VOC concentrations at the WT increase and pose a potential VI threat, a Tier 3 evaluation should be conducted again, this time during the heating season.	Not Established	Comprehensive VIAM Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RIFS Workplan. ABP and Blaser have proposed installing additional monitoring wells up-gradient of the location to further characterize the extent of COCs in shallow groundwater. The results of this investigation will be assessed in the Comprehensive VIAM Program. If the monitoring results change to indicate a potential VI threat, a lead business will be selected according to the processes developed within the Comprehensive VIAM Program.

**Table 2**  
**W4 Investigation Area**  
**Summary of Proposed Interim VI Measures at Ecology Identified Locations**

Location ID	Address	Ecology Comments	Lead Business	VI Scope <sup>1</sup>
15	211 S. Orcas	Residence and shop in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC DP-sampling near the building in October 2004 detected very low VOC concentrations (TCE = 0.007; VC = 0.0121 ug/L). There is no need to sample indoor air quality as long as shallow groundwater VOC concentrations are monitored and remain low.	Blaser	VIA Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RI/FS Workplan. Blaser has proposed installing additional monitoring wells to further characterize the nature and extent of COCs in shallow groundwater. The results of the further investigation will be assessed in the VIA Program.
17	222 S. Orcas	Commercial/industrial building in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC DP-sampling near the building in October 2004 detected very low VOC concentrations (TCE = 0.094 ug/L). There is no need to sample indoor air quality as long as shallow groundwater VOC concentrations are monitored and remain low.	ABP	VIA Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RI/FS Workplan. ABP has proposed installing additional monitoring wells to further characterize the nature and extent of COCs in shallow groundwater. The results of the further investigation will be assessed in the VIA Program.
18	228 S. Orcas	Commercial/industrial building in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC DP-sampling near the building in October 2005 detected very low VOC concentrations (TCE = 0.043; VC = 0.016). There is no need to sample indoor air quality as long as shallow groundwater VOC concentrations are monitored and remain low.	ABP	VIA Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RI/FS Workplan. ABP and Blaser have proposed installing additional monitoring wells to further characterize the nature and extent of COCs in shallow groundwater. The results of the further investigation will be assessed in the VIA Program.
19	214 S. Findlay St.	Residence in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC DP-sampled the WT near the house in May 2005. No VOCs were detected. There is no need to sample indoor air quality here as long as shallow groundwater VOC concentrations are monitored and remain low.	ABP	VIA Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RI/FS Workplan. PSC has proposed installing additional monitoring wells to further characterize the nature and extent of COCs in shallow groundwater. The results of the further investigation will be assessed in the VIA Program.
20	308 S. Orcas	Commercial/industrial building in a general area where VOC concentrations at the WT pose a potential VI threat. PSC performed a Tier 3 in November 2003 and determined that indoor air was not being unacceptably impacted by VI. DP-sampling during the Tier 3 indicated that VOC concentrations in shallow groundwater were very low (TCE and VC were ND). There is no need to re-sample indoor air quality as long as shallow groundwater VOC concentrations are monitored and remain low.	Blaser	VIA Program consisting of ongoing monitoring and re-sampling. If necessary, will be incorporated into W4 RI/FS Workplan. Additional characterizations conducted since 2003 confirm that VOC concentrations in groundwater at the WT do not pose a VI threat. The results of further investigation activities by ABP, PSC and Blaser will be assessed in the VIA Program.
21	POTENTIAL T3 ADDRESSES Buildings between Mead and the confluence of 1 <sup>st</sup> and East Marginal Way S., from 1 <sup>st</sup> to EHW	Commercial buildings presently exist in this area (Jack-in-the-Box and a Chevron gas station). VOC concentrations at the WT are currently very low, and do not appear to pose a potential VI threat.	CI	Groundwater data from PSC direct-push borings advanced down-gradient of CI and along 1st Avenue South do not contain concentrations of COCs above laboratory reporting limits and/or applicable screening levels in the Water Table Zone. If additional groundwater investigation down-gradient of CI is necessary it will be conducted as part of the W4 RI/FS.
22	Buildings between Mead and Fiddlers along the west side of 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.	Commercial/industrial buildings presently exist in this area (a restaurant at 5801 4 <sup>th</sup> , Tim's Kitchen at 5807 4 <sup>th</sup> , several companies at 5815 4 <sup>th</sup> ). VOC concentrations at the WT do not currently appear to pose a potential VI threat to the northern-most buildings, but concentrations near 5815 may be problematic. No Tier 3 evaluations have been conducted.	CI	Groundwater data from PSC and CI direct-push borings advanced down-gradient of CI and along 4th Avenue South do not contain concentrations of COCs above laboratory reporting limits and/or applicable screening levels in the Water Table Zone. If additional groundwater investigation is necessary it will be conducted as part of the W4 RI/FS.
23	5801 East Marginal Way S. (St. Gobain Containers)	Buildings are in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT do not currently appear to pose a potential VI threat. No Tier 3 evaluation has been conducted.	To Be Determined	Assessment of VI at the St. Gobain Facility is beyond the scope of this Interim VI Plan.
24	5901 East Marginal Way S. (Longview Fibre)	Buildings are in an area where VOC concentrations at the WT do not currently appear to pose a potential VI threat. No Tier 3 evaluation has been conducted.	To Be Determined	Assessment of VI at the Longview Fibre Facility is beyond the scope of this Interim VI Plan.
A1	218 S. Findlay	Building with existing subsurface depressurization system (SSD). Scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007.	ABP	Negative pressure field testing only.
A2	122 S. Findlay	Building with existing submembrane (SMD) system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007.	ABP	Annual inspection by Lead Business selected in Pre-RI Scoping Document
A3	121 S. Findlay	Building with existing SMD system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007.	ABP	Annual inspection by Lead Business selected in Pre-RI Scoping Document
A4	123 S. Findlay	Building with existing SMD system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007.	ABP	Annual inspection by Lead Business selected in Pre-RI Scoping Document



Table 2  
W4 Investigation Area  
Summary of Proposed Interim VI Measures at Ecology Identified Locations

Location ID	Address	Ecology Comments	Lead Business	VI Scope <sup>1</sup>
A5	125 S. Findlay	Building with existing SMD system. Scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	ABP	Source control sampling and analysis for VI COPCs by Source Control Sampling Program (SCSP) during the heating season (Winter 2007)
A6	5601 2nd Ave. S.	Building with existing SMD system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	ABP	Annual inspection by Lead Business selected in Pre-RJ Scoping Document
A7	5607 2nd Ave. S.	Building with existing SMD system. Scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	ABP	Tier 3 sampling during the heating season (Winter 2007) by Lead Business Selected in Pre-RJ Scoping Document
A8	5607 1/2 2nd Ave. S.	Building with existing SMD system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	ABP	Annual inspection by Lead Business selected in Pre-RJ Scoping Document
A9	5609 2nd Ave. S.	Building with existing SMD system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	ABP	Annual inspection by Lead Business selected in Pre-RJ Scoping Document
B1	215 S. Orcas	Building with existing SSD system. Scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	Blaser	Negative pressure field testing
B2	217 S. Orcas	Building with existing subdiaphragm membrane depressurization system that is scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	Blaser	Negative pressure field testing and Tier 3 sampling during the heating season (Winter 2007)
B3	227 S. Orcas	Building with existing SSD system that is scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	Blaser	Negative pressure field testing
B4	5700 3rd Ave. S.	Blaser Facility with SSD system installed to address office area.	Blaser	Source control measures proposed near southwest corner of building that includes excavation and ISCO.
B5	128 S. Mead	Building with existing SMD system. Scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007	Blaser	This property is not directly down-gradient of the Blaser source area, but because of geographical proximity, Blaser will assume lead business for the interim VI measures at this property. If long-term monitoring or inspections indicate no VI threat to the property, VI measures will be discontinued in accordance with the W4 VIAM Program Level 4 shutdown procedures. If long-term monitoring or inspections indicate that Blaser is not the source of the VI threat, lead business status for this property will be re-assigned to the appropriate lead business in accordance with the W4 VIAM Program procedures.
B6	134 S. Mead	Building with existing SMD system. Not scheduled for long term monitoring in 2007.	Blaser	This property is not directly down-gradient of the Blaser source area, but because of geographical proximity, Blaser will assume lead business for the interim VI measures at this property. If long-term monitoring or inspections indicate no VI threat to the property, VI measures will be discontinued in accordance with the W4 VIAM Program Level 4 shutdown procedures. If long-term monitoring or inspections indicate that Blaser is not the source of the VI threat, lead business status for this property will be re-assigned to the appropriate lead business in accordance with the W4 VIAM Program procedures.
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Note:  
1. The scope of VI activities is based on the PSC (PIH) Process and may change on the basis of specific workplans submitted by the lead business



## **APPENDIX A**

### **SUMMARY OF IPIM APPROACH**

#### **INTERIM VAPOR INTRUSION PLAN WEST OF 4TH AVENUE SOUTH INVESTIGATION AREA**

## **SUMMARY OF IPIM APPROACH**

### **Summary of the IPIM Approach**

This section summarizes the IPIM approach that PSC has used in the Georgetown Community proximate to the Facility since 2002 to assess the potential for VI at commercial and residential buildings to determine whether or not installations of VI mitigation systems are required. This section also summarizes the technical basis for developing groundwater-to-indoor-air volatilization factors (GIVFs) and constituent specific IPIM actions levels (IPIMALs) for groundwater and indoor air. The IPIM approach is an integrated approach for evaluating groundwater and indoor air data to determine, through the use of the IPIM Decision Tree, if a building warrants further investigation or action through an IM. The IPIM Decision Tree (see Figure 2-1) is organized into four tiers to allow progressive evaluation of groundwater data and incorporation of site-specific information. The IPIM Decision Tree (described in the Revised IPIM Work Plan [PSC, 2002]) is also intended to be flexible so that at any time a decision can be made to proceed directly to consult with the Ecology regarding the need to implement an IM. The technical basis for developing IPIMALs and the IPIM Decision Tree is described below.

### **Technical Basis for Developing IPIMALs**

#### **Migration of Soil Gas from Groundwater to Indoor Air**

Groundwater in the shallow aquifer in the area of the Georgetown facility is primarily migrating in a west-southwest direction. Under some conditions, VOCs dissolved in the groundwater may partition into soil gas and migrate with soil gas through the soil into nearby basements, buildings, and other enclosed spaces<sup>4</sup>. The basic factors that influence the amount of VOCs that migrate from groundwater into soil gas and then into indoor air include the following:

- Volatilization from groundwater to soil gas at the water table (i.e., at the groundwater/soil interface).
- Migration of the soil gas via diffusion upward toward buildings and ground surface through the partially saturated soils directly above the water table and through the unsaturated zone (vadose zone).
- Attenuation of constituents of potential concern (COPCs) in soil gas within the vadose zone due to abiotic, aerobic or anaerobic degradation.
- Migration of soil gas vertically through the building foundation via diffusion and advection through cracks or other openings that may serve as entry points for soil gas. The degree of migration through the foundation depends on many factors, including soil type and moisture content directly beneath the structure, building construction type (e.g., basement or slab-on-grade), structural integrity of the building, pressure gradients associated with seasonal effects, the building ventilation system, and the operation of

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<sup>4</sup> People may also be exposed to contaminated soil gases if they are excavating soils in areas where the groundwater is contaminated with VOCs.

household appliances. Advection is made possible by continuous airflow paths associated with open or incompletely sealed doors and windows, chimneys and other intake/exhaust ports.

- Mixing of indoor air inside the enclosed space with ambient air that is drawn into the building. The degree of mixing depends on the amount of mechanical or forced ventilation, natural ventilation, and infiltration from ambient air.

#### **Development of GIVFs and Groundwater IPIMALs**

PSC developed GIVFs and IPIMALs in order to evaluate the inhalation pathway following the procedures outlined in the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002), which are presented on Figure 2-2.

#### **Development of GIVFs**

The GIVFs were developed in August 2002 based on multi-media sampling performed by PSC at 10 building locations within a mixed residential/industrial neighborhood that is hydraulically downgradient of the Georgetown facility and is most likely impacted by facility-related COPCs<sup>5</sup>. Samples were collected in accordance with the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002). Building-specific GIVFs were developed using sets of data collected from multiple locations using the approach outlined in the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002) and IPIM Tech Memo 1 (PSC, 2003a).

#### **Development of Groundwater IPIMALs**

The IPIMALs for groundwater were calculated using conservative risk-based indoor air action levels and the COPC-specific GIVFs.

The IPIMALs are based on the action levels for indoor air developed in the Draft HHERA (PSC, 2001). Exposure parameters used to develop these IPIMALs are presented in Table 2-1 for restricted (commercial/industrial) and unrestricted (residential) scenarios. These action levels were developed such that the maximum indoor air concentrations of each COPC are health protective action levels based on a COPC-specific carcinogenic risk goal of 1E-06 and a hazard quotient of 0.1 for noncarcinogens for both residential and commercial/industrial workers. Table 2-2 presents the indoor air action levels for residential and commercial receptors and the specific exposure assumptions on which these action levels are based. IPIMALs for indoor air were calculated by using the final toxicity values approved by Ecology for use in the RI (PIONEER, 2005).

IPIMALs for groundwater were calculated using the IPIMALs for indoor air and the GIVFs, using the following equation:

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<sup>5</sup> The COPCs for the site were identified in the Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (Draft HHERA) (PSC, 2001).

$$IPIMAL\ Groundwater\ (\mu g / L) = \frac{IPIMAL\ IndoorAir\ (\mu g / m^3)}{GIVF\ \frac{(\mu g / m^3)}{(\mu g / L)}}$$

Table 2-2 also shows the residential and commercial groundwater IPIMALs for each COPC that are used to evaluate quarterly groundwater monitoring results by following the IPIM Decision Tree.

### **Pre-Corrective Action Groundwater Monitoring**

PSC conducts routine groundwater monitoring on a quarterly basis to assess trends in the groundwater flow direction and gradient and to assess fluctuations in the concentrations of the COPCs detected in groundwater samples collected from the network of wells installed between Airport Way (located east of the Facility) and the Duwamish Waterway. The groundwater monitoring activities include measuring the depth to groundwater, monitoring groundwater stabilization parameters during low-flow well purging activities, collecting groundwater samples for laboratory analysis and documenting the groundwater monitoring activities and results in quarterly progress reports that are submitted to Ecology. The groundwater monitoring activities are conducted in accordance with the Pre-Corrective Action Monitoring Plan (PCAMP) (PSC, 2004).

### **IPIM Decision Tree**

The IPIM Decision Tree (see Figure 2-1) is organized into four tiers to allow progressive evaluation of groundwater data and incorporation of site-specific information. Validated data from each quarterly groundwater monitoring event are compiled and evaluated for purposes of calculating IM cancer cumulative exceedance factors (CCEFs) and noncancer cumulative exceedance factors (NCCEFs) as follows:

- All groundwater data collected by PSC from the areas identified in Figure 2-3 are included in the evaluation; and
- Censored data (i.e., non-detected results) are assigned one-half the reporting limit for comparison purposes, in accordance with the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002).

Residential buildings are evaluated in Tier 1. Commercial/industrial locations are evaluated in Tier 2. The determination of whether or not a building is a residential use-type versus commercial use-type is based on preliminary field verifications by PSC and PIONEER personnel. Additional field verifications may be conducted prior to making a final determination of building use-types and follow-up actions.

### **Tier 1 – Determination of Potential Impacts to Residential Buildings**

The first tier in the IPIM Decision Tree is to compare groundwater monitoring data to residential-based groundwater IPIMALs on a well-by-well basis.

Residential-based and commercial-based groundwater IPIMALs developed in IPIM Tech Memo 1 are presented in Table 2-2. COPC-specific exceedance factors (EFs) for each location are calculated using the following equation:

$$EF = \frac{C_{\text{groundwater}}}{\text{Residential}_{\text{IPIMAL}}}$$

where:

Parameter	Description
$C_{\text{groundwater}}$	Concentration in each groundwater well (ug/L).
$\text{Residential}_{\text{IPIMAL}}$	Residential-based IPIMAL for groundwater (ug/L), based on a carcinogenic risk of 1E-06 and a hazard quotient (HQ) of 0.1.
EF	Exceedance Factor.

Under Tier 1, residential CCEFs and NCCEFs for each monitoring well in the IPIM area are calculated by summing the EFs for individual cancer and noncancer COPCs, respectively. A CCEF and NCCEF of 10 indicate that exposure to indoor air concentrations associated with volatilization from groundwater near the sample station could potentially result in a cumulative risk of 1E-05 or a hazard index (HI) of 1<sup>6</sup>, respectively.

Residential CCEFs and NCCEFs for COPCs detected at each monitoring well or direct push station are contoured using the Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW) interpolation method. IDW is used to create a grid of nodes (250-foot radius upgradient/downgradient of each well and 100-foot cross gradient from each well) where the value of each node is determined by interpolating values from known sample results. With IDW, data are weighted during interpolation such that the influence of one point relative to another declines with distance from the grid node. For example, areas closer to the measured data point are given more weight than more distant areas. As a result, there is much more confidence in contours generated for areas with higher sample density versus areas (e.g., west of 6th Avenue) where there are fewer samples. The IDW input parameters are summarized in Table 2-3.

A key advantage of applying the IDW is the ability to incorporate anisotropy into the interpolation. Many physical processes, such as groundwater flow, have preferred orientations (i.e., anisotropy). For example, groundwater in the PSC Area presented in Figure 2-3 generally flows in a west-southwest direction. This preferred flow direction is incorporated into the IDW model by setting an appropriate anisotropy angle. During the gridding process, points oriented in the direction of flow are weighted more heavily than other points, thus reducing the uncertainty associated with the interpolation algorithm used to estimate the area of influence.

<sup>6</sup> Per WAC 173-340-700(5)(b)(c), PSC may elect to evaluate the COPC-specific toxicity information to determine if it is appropriate to segregate the hazard quotients (HQs) (if the CEF for noncarcinogens is greater than 10). If the toxicity information indicates that it is appropriate to segregate the HQs, the decision rules for evaluating the segregated HIs are as follows: If any of the segregated HIs are greater than 1, the building will be proposed for Tier 4. If all of the segregated HIs are less than 1, the building will not be evaluated further until the next round of groundwater sampling. Segregation of HIs will be done with the COPC-specific prior approval of Ecology.

Residential locations that fall within the contours representing CCEFs or NCCEFs for COPCs detected in groundwater exceeding 10 are proposed for further evaluation under Tier 3 of the IPIM Decision Tree (see Figure 2-1). These locations have a potential cumulative inhalation cancer risk due to VI of  $1E-05$  or greater and/or a HI of 1 or greater. All locations are re-evaluated after the next quarterly groundwater monitoring event.

## **Tier 2 – Determination of Potential Impacts to Commercial Buildings**

The approach for developing commercial-based IPIMALs is identical to the approach used to develop the residential-based IPIMALs except that the commercial exposure assumptions are used instead of residential exposure assumptions. Commercial/industrial locations are evaluated under Tier 2 by comparing COPCs detected in groundwater to commercial-based IPIMALs as presented in Table 2-2. Commercial/industrial locations that fall within the contours representing CCEFs or NCCEFs for COPCs detected in groundwater exceeding 10 are proposed for further evaluation under Tier 3 of the IPIM Decision Tree (see Figure 2-1). These locations have a potential cumulative inhalation cancer risk due to VI of  $1E-05$  or greater and/or a HI of 1 or greater. All locations are re-evaluated after the next quarterly groundwater monitoring event.

## **Tier 3 – Site-Specific Sampling**

Residential and commercial/industrial locations identified in Tier 1 or Tier 2 for review under Tier 3 are evaluated to determine if site-specific data collection is warranted or if the location should move directly to Tier 4. Each location is evaluated independently. Site-specific, co-located, and contemporaneous groundwater, sub-slab, soil gas, indoor air, and ambient air samples are collected at buildings identified as Tier 3 locations in Tier 1 and Tier 2.

All sampling and analysis should be conducted in accordance with the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002). The data are then compiled and evaluated to determine if the location should proceed to Tier 4, as follows:

1. One-half of the reporting limit is assumed for non-detected results in indoor air. For comparison purposes, all data are presented in three ways: CCEFs and NCCEFs calculated for all data, CCEFs and NCCEFs calculated using just non-detected data, and CCEFs and NCCEFs calculated using just detected data.
2. Per the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002), indoor air concentrations are corrected by subtracting the maximum detected ambient air concentration from the maximum detected indoor air concentration, to account for the contribution of ambient air to the measured indoor air concentrations<sup>7</sup>.

Noncancer exceedance factors (NCEFs) are calculated by dividing the corrected indoor air concentrations by noncancer-based indoor air IPIMALs. Cancer exceedance factors (CEFs) are calculated by dividing the corrected indoor air concentrations by cancer-based indoor air

<sup>7</sup> Literature values for background indoor air sources (i.e., potential contributions from non-VI related indoor air sources) were originally proposed to be used to "correct" measured indoor air concentrations in addition to ambient air. However, Ecology ultimately did not agree to this adjustment (see March 3, 2003 letter from Ed Jones [Ecology] to Carolyn Mayer [PSC]) (Ecology, 2003).



IPIMALs. The individual NCEFs and CEFs are summed to provide the NCCEF and CCEF. CEFs are calculated using the same relationship as used for Tier 1 and Tier 2, but indoor air data are compared to indoor air IPIMALs, as follows:

$$EF = \frac{C_{\text{Indoor air}_{\text{Corr}}}}{\text{Residential or Commercial IPIMAL}}$$

where:

Parameter	Description
$C_{\text{Indoor air}_{\text{Corr}}}$	Corrected maximum indoor air at location ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). These concentrations are determined by subtracting the maximum measured ambient (outdoor) air concentration from the maximum indoor air concentration.
Residential or Commercial IPIMAL	Residential-based or commercial-based IPIMAL for indoor air ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), based on a carcinogenic risk of $1\text{E-}06$ and HQ of 0.1.
EF	Exceedance Factor.

The CCEFs and NCCEFs for each location are calculated by summing the EFs for individual cancer and noncancer COPCs. A CCEF/NCCEF of 10 indicates that exposure to indoor air concentrations could potentially lead to a cumulative risk of  $1\text{E-}05$  or an HI of 1.

The NCCEF and CCEF for each location is compared to Ecology's noncancer and cancer benchmark of 10. Locations with a NCCEF and/or CCEF greater than 10 are recommended for further evaluation to determine if the location should proceed to Tier 4. All other buildings are re-evaluated when the next round of groundwater sampling is performed.

#### Tier 4 – Inhalation Pathway Interim Measures

Locations proposed for evaluation under Tier 4 of the IPIM Decision Tree are selected based on the results of the Tier 3 analysis and discussions with Ecology<sup>6</sup>. Tier 3 sampling is conducted on a subset of buildings having exceedances of groundwater CCEFs and NCCEFs. When Tier 3 sampling indicates that a Tier 4 IPIM is warranted, those buildings in close proximity (where Tier 3 sampling was not conducted) are also identified for Tier 4 IPIM installations.

Prior to installation of a Tier 4 VI mitigation system, PSC has negotiated access agreements with the property owners at each location. These access agreements define the responsibilities of PSC and the property owners as follows:

- PSC:
  - o Install and provide maintenance of the system; and
  - o Monitor the performance of the system.
- Property Owner:
  - o Allow PSC and its contractors access to the property to perform maintenance of the systems;

<sup>6</sup> It may be decided that some buildings should proceed directly to Tier 4 following the Tier 1 or Tier 2 evaluation.

- o Receive instruction on how to monitor the system to ensure it is operating properly; and
- o Contact PSC if the system is not operating properly.

The notification and coordination process implemented between PSC and the property owners is a critical component of the effective operation of the Tier 4 systems.

#### Depressurization System Installation

The *Depressurization Design Document: A Supplemental Inhalation Pathway Interim Measures Work Plan* (Depressurization Design Document) was submitted to Ecology in May 2003 (PSC, 2003b). This document describes how IPIMs are implemented at buildings that have moved to Tier 4. The IPIMs implemented at each property consist of either a sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) and/or a sub-membrane depressurization system (SMDS), which are designed to be consistent with the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) E2121 (ASTM, 2003) and the USEPA's Radon Mitigation Standards (USEPA, 1993; USEPA, 1994).

The purpose of subsurface ventilation is to depressurize the ground immediately below the slab, which is achieved by using exhaust fans designed to generate sufficient pressure to prevent the flux of air from the soil, through the slab, and into the building. This type of system has been designed for a wide variety of VOCs that migrate through soil, largely through diffusion.

The SSDS decreases the pressure below the building slab so that pressure inside the building is higher, thus, any flow of air and any VOCs between the building and the slab are forced downward out of the building and into the slab. A fan pulls the air/VOCs from the subsurface, and vents them to the ambient air.

For buildings with crawl spaces, VOCs are removed as air is drawn into perforated pipe positioned beneath a vapor barrier (i.e., SMDS). The perforated pipe is attached to an exhaust fan that creates a pressure differential sufficient to direct air into the pipe, where it is eventually vented to the ambient air.

Prior to installation, diagnostic testing is performed to determine the size of the depressurization system (i.e., how many fans and associated exhaust systems) that is required for each building. Once complete, a site-specific design document is developed according to the *Supplemental IPIM Work Plan Depressurization System Design Document* (PSC, 2003c).

#### Confirmation of VI Mitigation System Effectiveness

System verification is performed in accordance with the Depressurization Design Document and the Verification of Depressurization System Effectiveness and Long Term Operations and Maintenance Plan for Inhalation Pathway Interim Measure (Long-Term O&M Plan), submitted to Ecology in April 2005 (PSC, 2003b, 2005). System verification is performed after installation of the SSDS at the locations with basements or slab-on-grade construction to ensure that a negative pressure differential of at least one Pascal (Pa) is achieved across the extent of the

slab<sup>9</sup>. Once the pressure field is confirmed following system start-up, monitoring of the in-line pressure gauge (manometer) is considered an adequate indicator of satisfactory system operation (MADEP, 1995).

For crawl space SMDS, it is not possible to measure the extent of the negative-pressure field. However, additional perforated pipe beneath the membrane serves to extend the suction field beneath the liner, and to increase airflow and movement of VOCs into the pipes and out of the subsurface. The primary way to measure the effectiveness of an SMDS is through inspection of the manometer installed on the exhaust pipe. At installation, manometer readings taken right above the sub-membrane systems should range from 220 to 360 Pa, which is within the guidelines for radon mitigation (USEPA, 1993). The large volume of air being exhausted from under the membranes (110 to 180 cubic feet per minute [cfm]) provides further indication that crawl space areas are being sufficiently ventilated.

To provide additional verification that the established pressure differential is adequate for VOC mitigation, VOC sampling is performed in representative buildings with basement/slab-on-grade construction. At each building, one basement or ground floor indoor air, ambient air and groundwater sample is collected to compare post-installation VOC concentrations with pre-SSDS installation concentrations. Samples are collected according to the methodology specified in the Revised IPIM Work Plan (PSC, 2002) and site-specific Tier 3 Sampling and Analysis Plans.

Note: Pre- and post-mitigation sampling of VOCs is limited by the influence of background/ambient air concentrations that may mask concentrations of VOCs emanating from soil gas and make it difficult to show decreasing trends in response to the IPIM. Therefore, no specific analytical "criteria" are presented in the Long-Term O & M Plan (PSC, 2005) to assess the effectiveness of the depressurization systems.

### **Long-Term O & M Plan**

The purpose of Long-Term O & M Plan (PSC, 2005) is to determine whether or not the IPIM depressurization systems are still functioning as designed. Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the IPIMs are performed using annual inspections and a long-term monitoring program including periodic pressure field checks and/or VOC sampling. Additional evaluations may be performed if a substantial change in conditions indicates a potential impact to system performance.

### **Annual Inspections**

Annual inspections take place during the second quarter and fourth quarter of each year, depending on the accessibility of each building. If the annual inspection indicates that a change in conditions has occurred, additional steps may be performed to determine whether or not the IPIM is still working effectively or is in need of modifications. The criteria for determining

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<sup>9</sup> This pressure differential has been shown to be effective in radon mitigation projects, and is below the five Pa pressure differential that, according to EPA (USEPA, 1994), can lead to backdrafting.

whether or not an SSDS or SMDS needs to be re-evaluated to confirm system effectiveness, includes the following:

- A significant structural change in the building (e.g., remodeling that can introduce additional pathways of vapor migration);
- A significant increase in groundwater concentrations (e.g., 10 fold increase in the cumulative inhalation risk/hazard) in the vicinity of the building as indicated by the quarterly groundwater sampling performed by PSC;
- Changes in the mitigation system from the previous reporting period; and/or
- Problems associated with a system's operation and maintenance.

Additional steps that may be taken to evaluate the impact of a change in conditions are discussed in the Long-Term O & M Plan (PSC, 2005) and may include:

- Pressure field extension measurements for SSDS to confirm whether or not a negative pressure field still extends under the entire slab and meets the minimum performance standards at the most distal points (at least one Pa). Results are compared with post-installation IPIM measurements. Results that are within  $\pm 20$  percent of the post-installation measurements indicate that the system is working effectively (PIONEER, 2004);
- Smoke flow visualization tests to qualitatively establish that an adequate suction field has been established at the perimeter of the slab; and/or
- Crawl space or basement/ground floor indoor air and ambient air sampling to compare VOC concentrations with pre- and/or post-IPIM concentrations.

### **Long-Term Monitoring Program**

The long-term monitoring program consists of periodic measurements of the negative pressure field extension and/or VOC sampling. The IPIM sampling groups, proposed sampling locations, sampling timeframe, and type of sampling to be conducted are presented in the Long-Term O & M Plan (PSC, 2005). The general sampling approach is the following:

- Collect IPIM VOC samples annually at locations in close proximity and downgradient of the Georgetown facility.
- Collect negative pressure-field extension readings biennially at all SSDS locations.
- Collect VOC samples periodically at SMDS locations<sup>10</sup>.

VOC sampling may be conducted as part of annual inspections or as part of long-term monitoring. The data obtained during the annual inspections or long-term monitoring are compared with pre- and post-IPIM SSDS/SMDS installation VOC sampling results and IPIMALs.

<sup>10</sup> In lieu of sampling crawl space air for VOCs at some SMDS locations, the PLP may instead collect a direct push groundwater sample in the immediate vicinity of the building.

If the resulting cumulative inhalation risk/hazard is greater than 10 times the previous SSDS/SMDS VOC sampling results, or the IPIM risk/hazard threshold is exceeded, then the PLP makes a preliminary determination as to whether or not the SSDS/SMDS installation needs to be modified (e.g., installing additional fan(s), sealing cracks in the slab, et cetera) to ensure that it is reducing indoor air concentrations of VOCs associated with VI from groundwater below Ecology's health risk benchmarks. Results of VOC sampling and a draft determination will be presented in a brief technical memo to Ecology for review prior to finalizing a follow up course of action. This memo is provided to Ecology within 30 days of receiving the validated analytical results.

The results of each annual inspection are presented in the second and fourth Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Reports for that year.

### **IPIM Implementation Program Results**

The results of implementation of the IPIM are presented below:

- **Tier 1 and Tier 2** – Every quarter, CCEFs and NCCEFs are calculated for each well<sup>11</sup>. The results for each well are presented in a table format and compared to Tier 1 (residential) and Tier 2 (commercial/industrial) screening levels. Figures illustrate contours of the CCEF and NCCEF values and provide a comparison of residential and commercial CCEFs >10 for recent monitoring results with previous monitoring results.
- **Tier 3 and Tier 4** – Buildings that fall within the contours illustrated on the figures developed in Tier 1 and Tier 2 are considered to be of potential concern and move into the Tier 3 evaluation. In the Tier 3 evaluation, a subset of the buildings of concern is sampled for groundwater, sub-slab and/or soil gas, indoor air, and ambient (outdoor) air. Results of this evaluation are used to identify those buildings requiring installation of a VI mitigation system under Tier 4 of the IPIM program. Because many of the residences are in close proximity to each other and are represented by the same groundwater monitoring well(s), Tier 3 results from a few representative locations are used to identify the broader range of buildings that require installation of a VI mitigation system. VI mitigation system installation has been completed in those buildings where groundwater and/or indoor air IPIMALS were exceeded, or based on the results of Tier 3 sampling in adjacent buildings. Those buildings where VI mitigation systems have been installed are included in the Long-Term O & M Plan, and are inspected annually, which includes periodic air sampling at some locations.

### **IPIM Program Summary**

The key components of the IPIM Program are summarized below:

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<sup>11</sup> For the monitoring wells not sampled during a quarterly monitoring event, groundwater monitoring results are used from the most recent round of sampling at each of these wells for the interpolation.

- **GIVF Study** – The GIVF study resulted in development of groundwater and indoor air concentrations (IPIMALs) that could be used to screen for locations of potential concern for VI.
- **Tier 1** – Quarterly monitoring well and recent direct push sample groundwater monitoring data are compared to residential-based groundwater IPIMALs on a well-by-well/point-by-point basis. Concentrations that exceed risk benchmarks established by Ecology are contoured to show areas of impact. Residential locations that fall within the areas of impact are identified for further evaluation under Tier 3 of the IPIM Decision Tree.
- **Tier 2** – Commercial/industrial locations are evaluated further under Tier 2 by comparing groundwater monitoring data to commercial-based groundwater IPIMALs on a well-by-well basis. Concentrations that exceed risk benchmarks established by Ecology are contoured to show areas of impact. Commercial/industrial locations that fall within the areas of impact are identified for further evaluation under Tier 3 of the IPIM Decision Tree
- **Tier 3** – Residential and commercial/industrial locations identified in Tier 1 or Tier 2 for review under Tier 3 are evaluated to determine if site-specific data collection (i.e., co-located indoor air, ambient air, sub-slab soil gas, and groundwater) is warranted or if the location should move directly to Tier 4. If the site does not proceed directly to Tier 4, then Tier 3 samples are collected and evaluated, and a Tier 3 Report is developed summarizing the data, risks, and the recommended course of action (i.e., the site is recommended for Tier 4 if Ecology's cancer or noncancer health benchmarks are exceeded. Otherwise, the site returns to Tier 1/Tier 2).
- **Tier 4** – Residential and commercial/industrial locations that move to Tier 4 have VI mitigation systems installed in order to eliminate or mitigate VI from groundwater and/or soil.
- **Long-Term Monitoring** – Long-term monitoring is performed ensure that depressurization systems are still functioning as designed. Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the IPIMs are performed using annual inspections and a long-term monitoring program including periodic pressure field checks and, in some cases, VOC sampling.

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Table 2-1 – Exposure Parameters Used to Calculate IPIMALS

Parameter	Abbreviation	Units	Restricted – Industrial/Commercial Scenario <sup>1</sup>				Unrestricted – Residential Scenario <sup>1</sup>					
			NonCarcinogen		Carcinogen		NonCarcinogen		Carcinogen			
			Value	Source	Value	Source	Value	Source	Child Value	Source	Adult Value	Source
Air inhalation intake rate	BR	m <sup>3</sup> /hr	1.5	USEPA	1.5	USEPA	0.417	Eq. 750-1	0.417	Eq. 750-1	0.833	Eq. 750-2
Exposure time	ET	hr/day	10	USEPA	10	USEPA	24	Eq. 750-1	24	Eq. 750-1	24	Eq. 750-2
Exposure frequency	EXF	day/yr	250	USEPA	250	USEPA	365	Eq. 750-1	365	Eq. 750-2	365	Eq. 750-2
Exposure duration	ED	yr	25	Eq. 745-1	25	Eq. 745-2	6	Eq. 750-1	6	USEPA	24	USEPA
Average body weight	ABW	kg	70	Eq. 745-1	70	Eq. 745-2	16	Eq. 750-1	16	Eq. 750-1	70	Eq. 750-2
Averaging time	AT	day	9125	Eq. 745-1	27375	Eq. 745-2	2190	Eq. 750-1	27375	Eq. 750-2	27375	Eq. 750-2
Unit conversion factor	UCF	ug/mg	1000	–	1000	USEPA	1000	–	1000	–	1000	–
Target risk <sup>2</sup>	Risk	unitless	–	–	1.00E-06	SSRLG	n/a	–	1.00E-06	SSRLG	1.00E-06	SSRLG
Target hazard quotient <sup>2</sup>	THQ	unitless	0.1	SSRLG	–	–	0.1	SSRLG	0.1	–	0.1	–

Notes:

– = Not applicable.

USEPA = USEPA, 1991. Use of standard default exposure factors. Memo from P. Chiono to Risk Assessors. EPA Region 10, Seattle, WA, April 18, 1991. Eq. 745-1, Eq. 745-2, Eq. 750-1, and Eq. 750-2 are Equations and Input Parameters defined in MTCA.

MTCA = Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation Chapter 173-340 WAC Amended February 12, 2001.

SSRLG = Site-Specific Remediation Level Goal.

<sup>1</sup> Exposure parameters defined in Draft HHERA (PSC, 2001). Residential cancer-based IPIMALS were calculated for a child and adult using the following age-integrated equation:IPIMAL (ug/m<sup>3</sup>) = (Risk((((adulIBR\*childIBR\*childED)/AT\*UCF)/Cancer Scope Factor<sup>2</sup> Target hazard quotient of 0.1 and target risk of 1E-06 used for both scenarios in developing IPIMALS.

Table 2-2 – Indoor Air and Groundwater IPIMALs for Residential and Commercial Scenarios

COPC	Residential Air IPIMAL (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )		Commercial Air IPIMAL (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )		Residential Groundwater <sup>1</sup> IPIMAL (ug/L)		Commercial Groundwater <sup>1</sup> IPIMAL (ug/L)		Inhalation Reference Dose (mg/kg-day)	Inhalation Slope Factor (mg/kg-day) <sup>4</sup>
	Cancer	Noncancer	Cancer	Noncancer	Cancer	Noncancer	Cancer	Noncancer		
1,1,1-trichloroethane	–	1.0E+02	–	4.3E+02	–	1.1E+03	–	4.7E+03	6.3E-01	4
1,1-dichloroethane	–	2.3E+01	–	9.7E+01	–	7.5E+02	–	3.2E+03	1.4E-01	2
1,1-dichloroethylene	–	9.1E+00	–	3.9E+01	–	5.3E+01	–	2.3E+02	5.7E-02	3
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	–	2.7E-01	–	1.2E+00	–	1.3E+01	–	5.5E+01	1.7E-03	4
1,2-dichloroethane	7.8E-02	2.2E-01	2.2E-01	9.5E-01	1.0E+01	3.0E+01	3.0E+01	1.3E+02	1.4E-03	4
1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	–	2.7E-01	–	1.2E+00	–	9.8E+00	–	4.2E+01	1.7E-03	4
2-hexanone	–	8.0E-01	–	3.4E+00	–	6.1E+02	–	2.6E+03	5.0E-03	4
Benzene	2.6E-01	1.4E+00	7.5E-01	5.8E+00	7.8E+00	4.1E+01	2.2E+01	1.7E+02	8.6E-03	3
Chloroethane	–	4.6E+02	–	1.9E+03	–	5.4E+03	–	2.3E+04	2.9E+00	3
Chloroform	8.8E-02	2.2E+00	2.5E-01	9.5E+00	3.3E+00	8.5E+01	9.6E+00	3.6E+02	1.4E-02	5
Cis-1,2-dichloroethylene	–	1.6E+00	–	6.8E+00	–	7.3E+01	–	3.1E+02	1.0E-02	6
Ethylbenzene	–	4.6E+01	–	1.9E+02	–	1.3E+03	–	5.4E+03	2.9E-01	3
Napthalene	–	1.4E-01	–	5.8E-01	–	5.9E+01	–	2.5E+02	8.6E-04	3
p-Isopropyltoluene	–	1.8E+01	–	7.8E+01	–	7.5E+01	–	3.2E+02	1.1E-01	5
Propylbenzene	–	1.6E+00	–	6.8E+00	–	2.7E+01	–	1.1E+02	1.0E-02	5
Sec-butylbenzene	–	1.6E+00	–	6.8E+00	–	2.3E+01	–	9.9E+01	1.0E-02	5
Tetrachloroethylene	3.4E-01	2.7E+01	9.7E-01	1.2E+02	4.0E+00	3.3E+02	1.2E+01	1.4E+03	1.7E-01	4
Toluene	–	1.8E+01	–	7.8E+01	–	5.0E+02	–	2.1E+03	1.1E-01	3
Trans-1,2-dichloroethylene	–	3.2E+00	–	1.4E+01	–	6.5E+01	–	2.8E+02	2.0E-02	5
Trichloroethylene	2.0E-02	1.6E+00	5.0E-02	6.8E+00	4.0E-01	3.0E+01	9.0E-01	1.3E+02	1.0E-02	4
Vinyl Chloride	2.3E-01	4.6E+00	6.6E-01	1.9E+01	1.0E+00	2.1E+01	3.0E+00	8.8E+01	2.9E-02	3

Notes:

– = No toxicity value was available. Therefore, an IPIMAL could not be calculated.

The IPIMALs presented in this table are based on the Preliminary Remedial Action Levels (PRALs) presented in the HHERRA (PSC, 2007) and do not take into account multipathway or multiconstituent exposures, impacts to ecological receptors, migration from soil to groundwater, or background concentrations of COPCs.

The HHERRA PRALs were developed using the following target risk goals for individual COPCs:

Cancer Risk (CR) = 1E-06

Hazard Quotient (HQ) = 0.1

COPC – Constituent of Potential Concern

IPIMAL – Inhalation Pathway Interim Measure Action Level

<sup>1</sup> Calculated using the Maximum GIVF for 1,1-DCE per PIM Tech Memo 1.<sup>2</sup> HEAST2 (Table 2), 1997.<sup>3</sup> IRIS (1st Quarter), 2005.<sup>4</sup> NCEA.<sup>5</sup> NCEA value provided by Marcia Bailey.<sup>6</sup> NTV – IPIMAL Surrogate Toxicity Value.<sup>7</sup> Email from M. Bailey of USEPA 06/17/03.<sup>8</sup> Email from M. Bailey of USEPA 09/18/02.<sup>9</sup> No value on IRIS 05; HEAST 97, or NCEA.

Table 2-3 – IDW Input Parameters

IDW Parameter	Parameters Used in Interpolation of CEFs	Description
Power	4	As the power increases, the grid node being interpolated is influenced more by points located closer than points located further away. The default value in many software applications (e.g., Surfer) is 2. For this analysis, a power of 4 was assumed which results in contours that are less smooth but are heavily influenced by points located closer to the grid node being interpolated. The power parameter must be greater than 0 and less than 20.
Smoothing	0	Smoothing was not incorporated into the contours. Normally, IDW behaves as an exact interpolator. When calculating a grid node, the weights assigned to the data points are fractions, and the sums of all the weights are equal to 1.0. When a particular observation is coincident with a grid node, the distance between that observation and the grid node is 0.0, and that observation is given a weight of 1.0, while all other observations are given weights of 0.0. Thus, the grid node is assigned the value of the coincident observation. The smoothing parameter buffers this behavior. If a non-zero smoothing parameter is used, no point is given an overwhelming weight (i.e., no point is given a weighting factor equal to 1.0).
Radius 1	250 <sup>a</sup> feet	The radius of the search ellipse in the X direction (east-west: parallel to groundwater flow).
Radius 2	100 <sup>a</sup> feet	The radius of the search ellipse in the Y direction (north-south: perpendicular to groundwater flow).
Search Sectors	4	The search ellipse was divided into 4 search sectors of equal size.
Anisotropy Angle	5°	The anisotropy angle is the offset of the search ellipse in the X direction. An anisotropy angle of 5° results in an orientation of the X coordinate of the search ellipse parallel to the groundwater flow located hydraulically down gradient of the Georgetown Facility.
Cell Spacing	2 feet	The cell spacing is the size of the node that will be assigned the interpolated value. Smaller cell spacing results in a smoother interpolation because more nodes are interpolated.

Figure 2-1 – IPIM Decision Tree

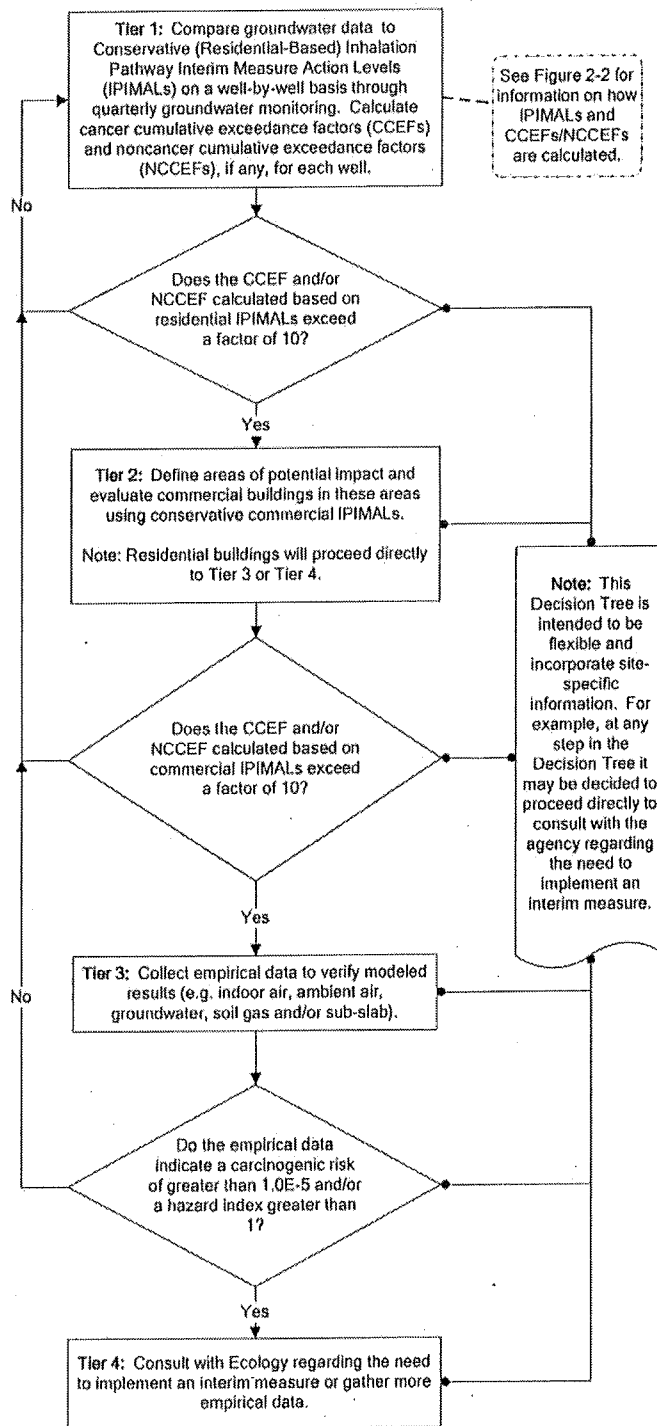
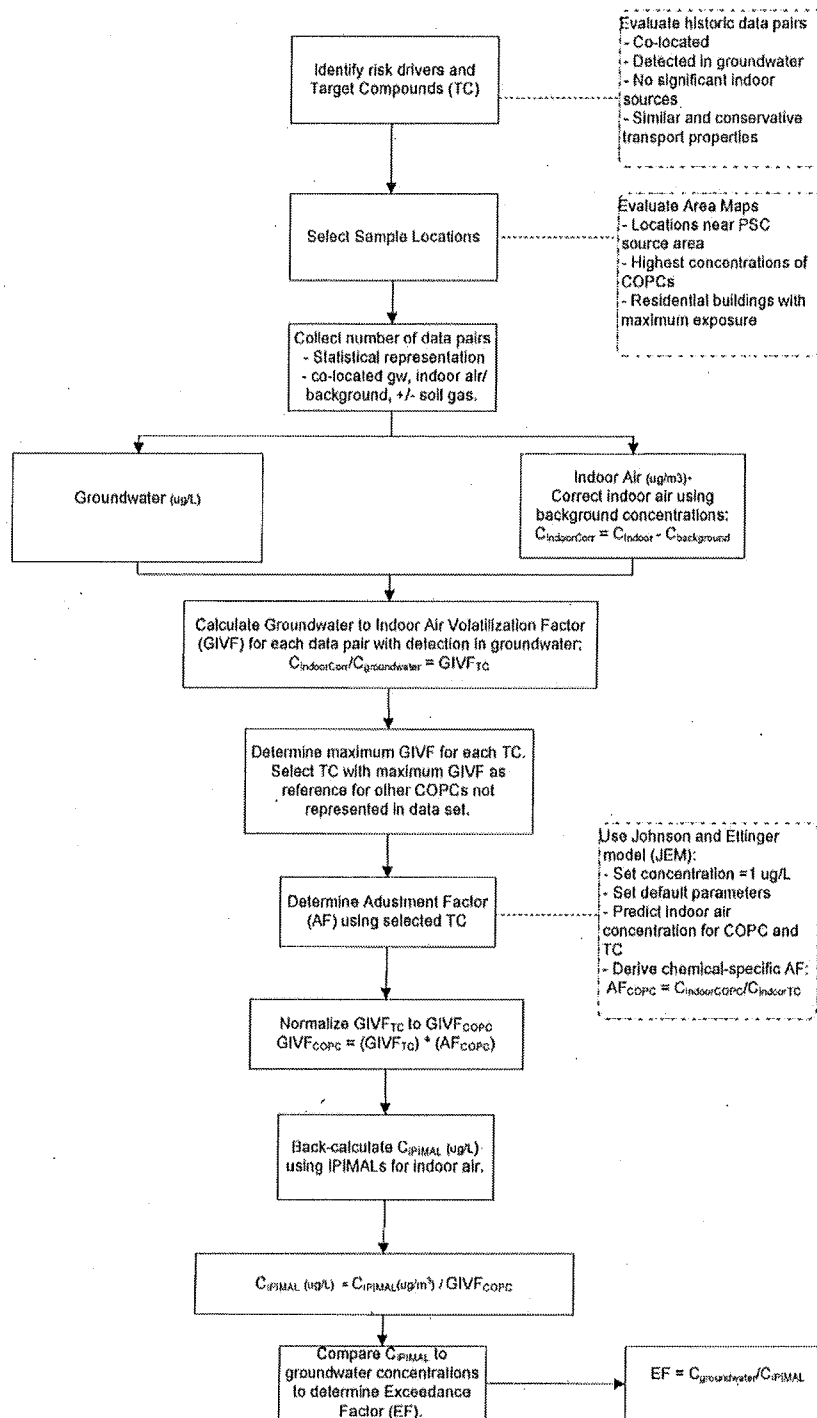


Figure 2-2 – Approach for Developing GIVFs and Groundwater IPIMALs







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Dear Messrs. Merryfield, Callan, Taylor, and Maloy:

**Re: Groundwater Contamination West of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Georgetown  
Revised *Interim Vapor Intrusion Plan***

On July 20, 2007, the Washington State Department of Ecology received an electronic copy of the revised *Interim Vapor Intrusion Plan*, prepared by consultants for Philip Services (PSC), Art Brass Plating (ABP), Blaser Die Casting (BDC), and Capital Industries (CI). The Plan was prepared in response to recent discussions and emails between Ecology and the four companies (PLPs), including comments prepared by Ecology on a draft Plan<sup>1</sup>.

With four companies being involved in the document's preparation, there was considerable potential for difficulties in arriving at a consensus Plan. Nevertheless, the July 20 Plan provides the information Ecology requested and we appreciate the work that went into your preparation and submittal of the document. No further revisions are requested. Please proceed to implement the Plan for the interim period preliminary to submittal of the draft "West-of-4<sup>th</sup>" Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work Plan.

<sup>1</sup> in a letter dated June 4, 2007.

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While Ecology is not requesting revision of the Plan, we wish to communicate several remarks to the PLPs concerning Table 2:

#### 4<sup>th</sup> and Fidalgo

Ecology noted previously that we were concerned about shallow groundwater trichloroethene (TCE) concentrations in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> and Fidalgo (and particularly, near 5815 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.). We therefore asked that the revised Plan note that estimates of shallow groundwater TCE levels in this area would be included in the draft West-of-4<sup>th</sup> Scoping Document. Revised Table 2 includes no such notation.

Ecology expects estimates of shallow groundwater TCE levels for this area to be included in the draft West-of-4<sup>th</sup> Scoping Document. Waiting until the RI/FS Work Plan for this information is not acceptable. The estimates may be based on the data referred to in the "VI Scope" column of Table 2.

#### Capital Industries

In our June comments on the draft Plan Ecology requested that the revised Plan state that Johnson-Ettinger model spreadsheets for Capital Industries' Plant 2 would be included in the draft West-of-4<sup>th</sup> Scoping Document. Revised Table 2, however, does not include this statement. Ecology continues to expect that modeling documentation for the building will be included in the draft West-of-4<sup>th</sup> Scoping Document. That way we can review the inputs and outputs and determine if further sampling or other measurements are needed to adequately assess the vapor intrusion pathway. Waiting until the RI/FS Work Plan for this information is not acceptable.

#### Blaser Die Casting

Table 2 of the revised Plan is correct that "[s]ource control measures proposed near the southwest corner of the..." Blaser Die Casting building at 5700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S. "...include excavation..." They no longer, however, include "ISCO." Furthermore, although the building's office area has been mitigated, post-mitigation sampling of indoor air indicates that relatively high levels of TCE are present. Until the source of this TCE has been located, and actions taken to reduce the concentrations in the office area (assuming the elevated TCE is due to a subsurface source), the PLPs should consider the Blaser building's indoor air quality a high priority concern<sup>2</sup>.

#### 128 S. Mead St.

Table 2 of the revised Plan assigns *lead* status to BDC and states that "if long-term monitoring or inspections indicate no VI threat to the property, VI measures will be discontinued..." The property, according to column 3, is due for long-term monitoring in 2007.

It is unclear how the long-term monitoring, scheduled for this year, will be conducted (or whether it has already been conducted). Ecology anticipated that the PLPs would simply sample

<sup>2</sup> Likewise, until soil vapor extraction actions have been implemented to depressurize the subsurface beneath the Art Brass building, the PLPs should also consider this building's indoor air quality a high priority concern. Even though indoor air here has not been sampled yet, subsurface concentrations of TCE presently pose an unacceptable vapor intrusion threat.



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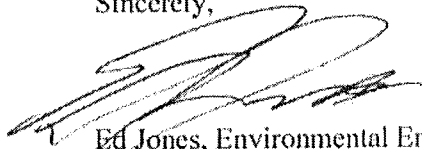
shallow groundwater near this address in an attempt to confirm an assumption that current groundwater volatile organic compound (VOC) concentrations are not high enough to pose a vapor intrusion threat (even though the building is already mitigated). But there are other viable approaches to verifying that indoor air is not being unacceptably impacted, and BDC is not limited to implementing a phased approach (sampling groundwater first). In a separate correspondence (email is acceptable) the PLPs or BDC should describe how you intend to perform 2007 long-term monitoring at this address.

With respect to Table 3:

The Olympic Medical building is located at 5900 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. No *lead* business is assigned in the fourth column. Following review of the draft Plan, Ecology told the PLPs that: "if CI is unwilling at this point to assume *lead* status for this building (regardless of the contributions to groundwater contamination made by other parties), Ecology expects the PLP Group to use the Scoping Document to either assign a *lead*, "joint" *leads*, or assume responsibility as a group. We need to move forward and take those actions that assure protection for the workers in the building." This remains Ecology's position.

If you or your Project Coordinators have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (425) 649-4449 or email me at [ejon461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:ejon461@ecy.wa.gov).

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