

Agreed Order for Investigation of Contamination Available for Review and Public Comment

Department of Ecology is entering into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with Chevron U.S.A. Chevron is responsible for investigating and cleaning up the Bowman Oil & Propane site. Under this agreement, they will:

- Investigate the nature and extent of contamination;
- Evaluate the feasibility of cleanup options; and
- Draft a Cleanup Action Plan.

Ecology will then finalize the cleanup plan and draft a new legal agreement with the PLPs for cleanup. The Agreed Order and a Public Participation Plan are now available for you to review and comment on. The box to the right lists where to view the documents and how to submit your comments. Please submit comments from January 4 to February 3, 2010.

Site Background

Bowman Oil & Propane is located at 1656 East J Street, in the Tacoma Tideflats. Standard Oil Company (now Chevron) purchased the property around 1905 and used it as a bulk fuel plant until 1988. Bulk fuel plants receive and distribute petroleum products. The facility had a number of above and below ground storage tanks to hold these products.

In 1984, Standard Oil found petroleum hydrocarbons, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene in groundwater. Soil testing in 1992 showed lead and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbon contamination. In 2001, Chevron removed 58 tons of petroleum-contaminated soils, and has tried several cleanup methods for the remaining soils. However, the site is still contaminated and must be cleaned up under the Model Toxics Control Act.

What Happens Next

Your comments will be considered before finalizing the Agreed Order and starting the investigation. Ecology will respond to public comments in a responsiveness summary, which will be made available at the locations listed to the right. As cleanup moves forward, you will be invited to review and comment on the investigation results and draft Cleanup Action Plan.

Comments Accepted

January 4 through February 3, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

1102 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 100
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 383-2429

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:

Contact Debbie Nelson,
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(360) 407-6365

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/BowmanOil/BowmanOil_hp.html

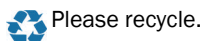
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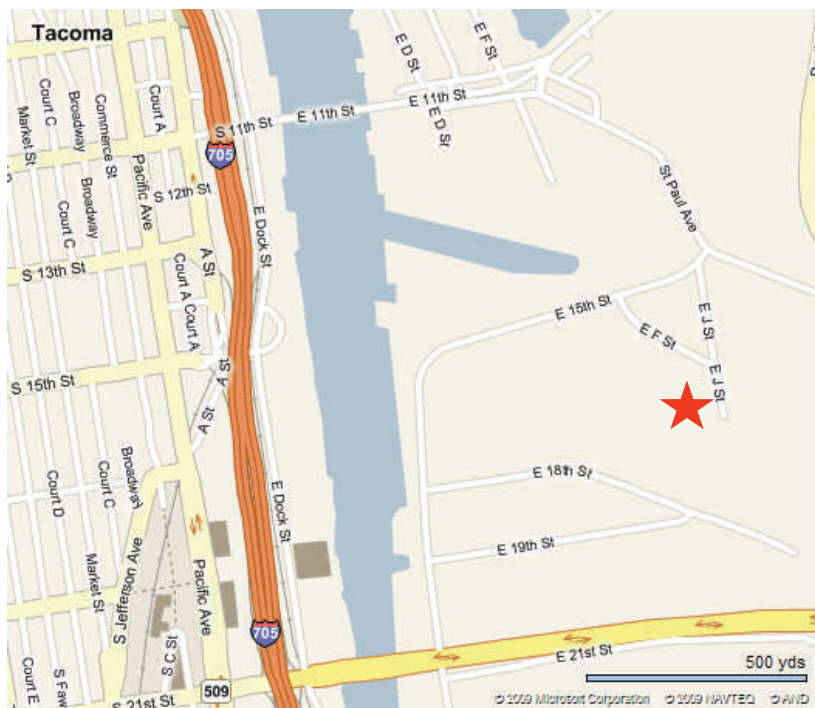
Bowman Oil & Propane (Chevron Bulk Plant #1328) Pierce County, WA

Ecology Seeks Public Comment on an Agreed Order for Cleanup

Public Comment Period:
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