



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Sunnydell Dryke Shooting Range

**292 Dryke Road
Sequim, WASHINGTON**

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INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan to promote meaningful community involvement during the investigation and cleanup of the Sunnyside Dryke Shooting Range site. Public involvement is a requirement of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), and an important part of the cleanup process. This plan outlines and describes the tools that Ecology uses to inform the public about site activities and identifies opportunities for the community to become involved.

Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs), Chuck Dryke and Rosemary Knotek, have signed a legal agreement called an Agreed Order that outlines the scope of work and sets a schedule for investigating the site. The Agreed Order requires the PLPs to complete a remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination at this site. It also requires that a feasibility study be completed to evaluate cleanup alternatives. Ecology will then develop a Cleanup Action Plan.

SITE LOCATION AND SITE BACKGROUND

Sunnyside Dryke Shooting Range is located at 292 Dryke Road in Sequim. In 2004, Ecology received a complaint from a neighboring property owner about pond water being dumped onto their property and their trees dying as a result. Clallam County Department of Health and Human Services collected water and sediment samples from the site and found lead levels above state standards. Lead is a common contaminant at shooting ranges, coming from shells and bullets.

Later in 2004, Ecology notified the property owners and put the site on the Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List (CSCSL). Clallam County did further investigation in 2005 and the site was placed on the state's Hazardous Sites List (HSL) in 2006. The owners must now investigate and clean up the site to meet state standards under the Model Toxics Control Act.

- CSCSL Web site: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/SiteLists_CSCSinstr.htm
- HSL Web site: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/mtca_gen/hazsites.html

SITE CLEANUP PROCESS

Toxic sites are cleaned up in stages, described below. Each stage has a related report or plan that the public is welcome to review and comment on.

Remedial Investigation & Feasibility Study (RI/FS) - The RI/FS looks at the extent and type of pollution on the site. It is used to evaluate possible human health and environmental impacts, and to find cleanup alternatives.

Interim Actions - Ecology may sometimes take Interim Actions to partially clean up a site before the final cleanup plan is complete. *If Ecology decides to do interim cleanup, those plans would be made available for public comment.*

Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) - The CAP describes the cleanup methods and how they will meet Ecology's cleanup standards. *The RI/FS report and a draft CAP for this site will be made available for public comment.*

Cleanup - Toxic substances are removed from the site, contained on the site, or treated to make them less toxic. Ecology will make sure that the CAP has been followed and can require that the site be monitored. Major changes to the CAP require a public notice before they can be finalized.

Delisting - Ecology keeps track of toxic cleanup sites on the Hazardous Sites List. Once the cleanup is complete, the public will have a chance to comment before the site is taken off the list.

More information about toxic cleanups is available at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cu_support/cu_process_steps_defns.htm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the cleanup of Sunnyside Dryke Shooting Range. This section of the plan addresses how Ecology will share information and receive public comments and community input on the site activities. Ecology uses several activities to increase public participation in the investigation and cleanup of MTCA sites—public comment periods, public meetings or hearings, and communications such as fact sheets and public notices.

Formal Public Comment Periods

Comment periods are the primary method Ecology uses to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup decisions. They usually last 30 days and are required at key points during the investigation and cleanup process before final decisions are made. During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. Verbal comments are taken if a public hearing is held. After comment periods, Ecology reviews all comments received and may respond in a document called a Responsiveness Summary. Ecology considers the need for changes or revisions to a document or decision based on input from the public. If significant changes are made, a second comment period may be held. If no significant changes are made, the draft document(s) will be finalized.

Public comment periods will be held for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Studies, the draft Cleanup Action Plan, and for any future legal agreements regarding this site.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings may be held at key points during the investigation and cleanup process. Ecology also may offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community, or when ten or more members of the public request one. These meetings will be held at locations convenient to the community.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are places where the public may read and review site information, including documents that are the subject of public comment. Ecology has two repositories for the Sunnyside Dryke Shooting Range cleanup project.

- Sequim Branch Library – 630 North Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382, (360) 683-1161.
- Washington State Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Dr., Lacey, WA 98516. Please call (360) 407-6045 for an appointment.

Some site information also will be posted on Ecology's Web site at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sunnyside/sunnyside_hp.html.

Site Register

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

Mailing List

Ecology has created a mailing list for the site. The list includes individuals, groups, public agencies, elected officials, private businesses, potentially affected parties, and other known interested parties. Residents and property owners within a quarter mile of the site were included. The list is maintained at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office and will be updated as needed.

Please contact Hannah Aoyagi at (360) 407-6790 or by e-mail at haoy461@ecy.wa.gov if you would like to be involved or have your address added to or deleted from this mailing list.

Fact Sheets

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

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology will place ads in the Peninsula Daily News and Sequim Gazette to announce public comment periods and public meetings or hearings for the site.

Plan Update

This public participation plan may be updated as the project moves forward. If an update is necessary, the revised plan will be submitted to the public for comment.

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PROPERTY BOUNDARY MAP



Sunnydell Dryke Shooting Range, 292 Dryke Road, Sequim, WA

GLOSSARY

Agreed Order: A legal agreement between Ecology and a potentially liable person to conduct work toward a cleanup.

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

Contaminant: Any hazardous substance that does not occur naturally or occurs at greater than natural background levels

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

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

Potentially Liable Person: Any individual(s) or company(s) potentially responsible for, or contributing to, the contamination problems at a site. Whenever possible, Ecology requires these PLPs, through administrative and legal actions, to clean up sites.

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

Responsiveness Summary: A summary of oral and/or written public comments received by Ecology during a comment period on key documents, and Ecology's responses to those comments. The responsiveness summary is especially valuable during the Cleanup Action Plan phase at a site when it highlights community concerns.

Risk: The probability that a hazardous substance, when released into the environment, will cause an adverse effect in the exposed humans or living organisms.

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

Toxicity: The degree to which a substance at a particular concentration is capable of causing harm to living organisms, including people, plants and animals.