



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Hansville General Store Site

Hansville, Washington

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INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan in cooperation with Hansville General Store, pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) WAC 173-340-600 and Consent Decree. The intent is to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process at the Hansville General Store site in Hansville, Washington. This plan outlines and describes the tools that Ecology uses to inform the public about site activities and identifies opportunities for the community to become involved.

SITE BACKGROUND

Prior to 1934, the facility was operated as a farmer's store. Between 1934 and 1988, the facility operated as a general store and gas station. In 1988, the facility no longer operated as a gas station, but continued as a general store.

In 1990, an adjacent site, formerly Captains Landing, underwent an independent cleanup. During the cleanup, evidence was found that petroleum hydrocarbons originated from the Hansville General Store property. Two underground fuel storage tanks (USTs) on the store property were thought to be the source.

That same year Parametrix installed three ground water monitoring wells on the store property and five wells on Captains Landing property. These wells were sampled, and a tidal study was conducted to evaluate the influence of tide on ground water flow. In 1993, Welch Enterprises, drilled six hand auger borings and collected samples of soil and ground water for analysis. Data from the 1990 and 1993 explorations showed gasoline and diesel contamination in soil and ground water associated with the Hansville General Store property.

In 1994, the two USTs on store property were removed as part of an interim action by Ecology. Contaminated soil encountered during the excavation was partially removed. The source of the contamination appeared to be leaks and spills associated with a former fuel dispenser and the two USTs.

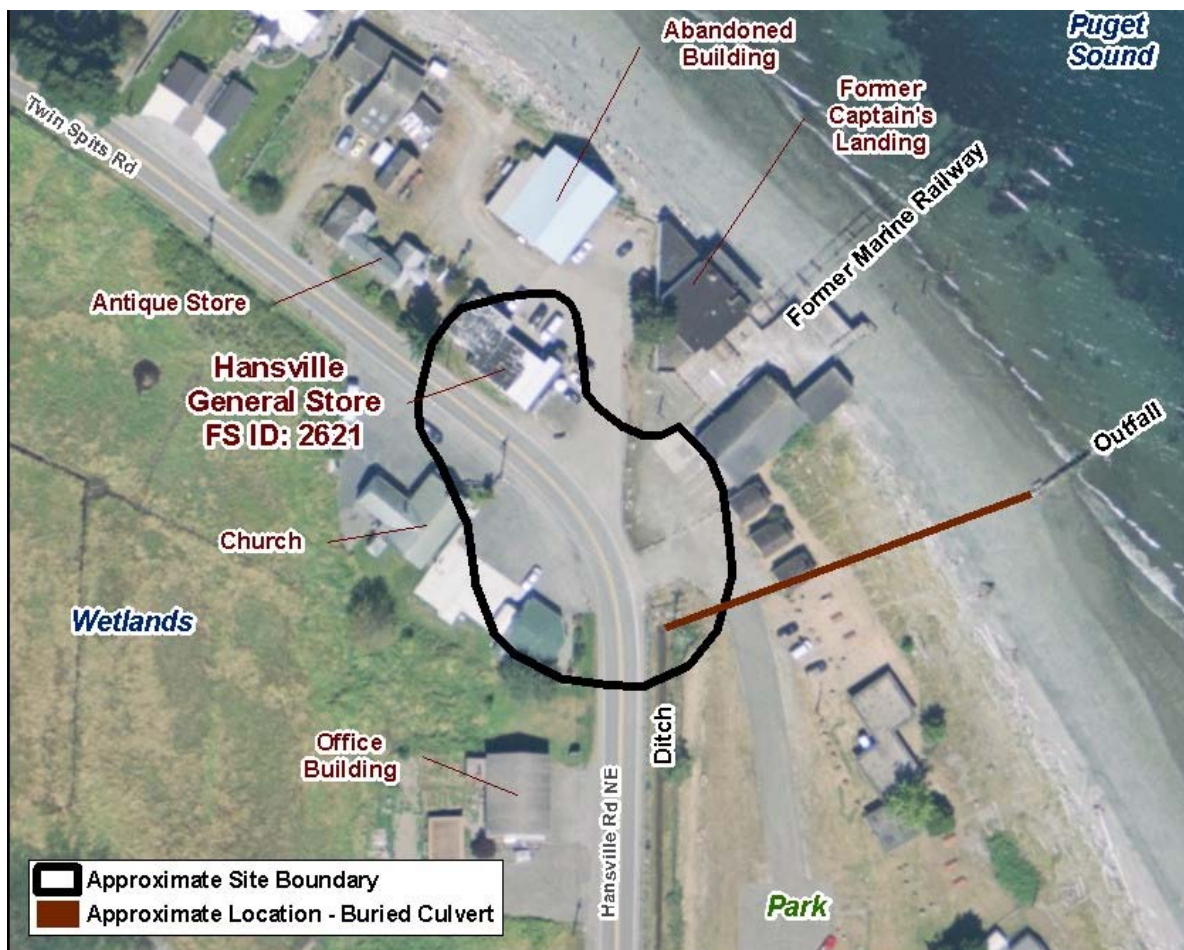
Also in 1994, the site was selected for a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) and subsequently ranked by the Washington Ranking Method (WARM). The site was ranked a "3" and placed on the Washington State Hazardous Sites List due to soil and ground water contamination from petroleum products. This ranking is based on a scale of 1 to 5 where "1" represents the highest relative risk, and "5" represents the lowest relative risk. This ranking is designed to estimate the potential threat to human health and the environment relative to all other sites in Washington State.

Various investigations occurred subsequent to the 1994 tank removals as follows:

- Multiple rounds of ground water samplings were conducted by Ecology in 1995 and 1996.
- Six new hand auger borings were drilled and soil and ground water samples were obtained for analysis in 2003. Additional ground water samples were obtained from four existing on -property wells and one off-property well.
- Seventeen new hand auger borings were drilled in 2005 to obtain more soil and ground water samples for analysis. In addition, four existing on -property wells and one off-property well were re-sampled.

In summary, gasoline and diesel have been detected in soil. Shallow ground water contamination was also detected at the site, mirroring the nature and extent of contamination in soil.

HANSVILLE GENERAL STORE SITE MAP



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup activities planned for this site. This section of the plan addresses how Ecology will share information and receive public comments and community input on the site activities.

Ecology urges the public to become involved in the remedial action process. Information will be provided regularly to provide many opportunities to review materials and provide comments. This plan is intended to be a flexible working document that will be updated as community concerns emerge and/or more information becomes available during the cleanup process. To arrange for a briefing with project staff, ask questions or provide comments on the plan or other aspects of the cleanup, please contact one of the persons listed below.

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Public Involvement Activities

Ecology uses a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of MTCA sites. Ecology will take into consideration input provided by the community.

This list details the public involvement activities that Ecology will use, their purposes, and descriptions of when and how they will be used during this site cleanup.

Formal Public Comment Periods

Comment periods are the primary method Ecology uses to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup decisions. Comment periods usually last 30 days and are required at key points during the investigation and evaluation of proposed cleanup process before final decisions are made.

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. After a comment period, Ecology reviews all comments and may respond in a document called a Responsiveness Summary.

Ecology will consider the need for changes or revisions based on input from the public. If significant changes are made, then a second comment period may be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings may be held at key points during the cleanup process. Ecology may also offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. Also, if ten or more people request a public meeting or hearing during the 30 day comment period, Ecology will hold a public meeting for the purpose of taking oral comments on draft documents.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are convenient places where the public can go to read and review site information. The information repositories are often at libraries or community sites to which the public has access. During the comment period, the site documents will be available for review at each repository that is listed below. For special accommodations or translation assistance, please contact Nancy Lui at nlui461@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117, please indicate you would like assistance with the “**Hansville General Store Site**”.

Ecology has established two repositories for the Hansville General Store Site.

- **Little Boston Library** – 31980 Little Boston Road NE, Kingston, WA 98346, (360) 297-2670.
- **Washington State Department of Ecology**, Northwest Regional Office – 3190 160th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98008, (425) 649-7190. Please call for an appointment.

Ecology's web site for the Hansville General Store:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/hansvilleStore/hansvilleStore_hp.html

Site Register

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses the 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

Fact Sheet

Ecology will mail fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Hansville General Store cleanup project to inform them of public meetings and comment opportunities and important site activities. Ecology also may mail fact sheets about the progress of site activities.

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled and maintained a list of interested parties, organizations and residents living near the cleanup site. This list will be used to disseminate information via mail (fact sheets, site updates, public notices, etc.). If you are not on the mailing list for this site and wish to be added, please contact Nancy Lui at nlui461@ecy.wa.gov or at 425-649-7117. In the subject line, please indicate "**Hansville General Store Site**" mailing list.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology will place ads in the North Kitsap Herald to announce public comment periods, public meetings or hearings for the site.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Additionally, citizen groups living near contaminated sites may apply for public participation grants during open application periods. These grants help citizens receive technical assistance in understanding the cleanup process and create additional public participation avenues. For more information about the public participation grant, please go to Ecology's website at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants/ppg.html>

Ecology currently does not have a citizen technical advisor for providing technical assistance to citizens on issues related to the investigation and cleanup of the Site.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Plan was developed by Ecology and complies with the MTCA regulations (Chapter 173-340 WAC). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended if necessary. Amendments may be submitted to Ecology's site manager, Mark Adams, for review and consideration.

GLOSSARY

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

Cleanup Action Plan (CAP): A document that explains which cleanup alternative(s) will be used at sites for the cleanup. The cleanup action plan is based on information and technical analysis generated during the remedial investigation/feasibility study and consideration of public comments and community concerns.

Comment Period: A time period during which the public can review and comment on various documents and proposed actions. For example, a comment period may be provided to allow community members to review and comment on proposed cleanup action alternatives and proposed plans.

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

Interim Action: Any remedial action that partially addresses the cleanup of a site.

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA): Refers to chapter 70.105D RCW, first approved by voters in the state of Washington in November 1988 general election as Initiative 97 and as since amended by the legislature.

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

Public Participation Plan: A plan prepared under the authority of WAC 173-340-600 to encourage coordinated and effective public involvement tailored to the public's needs at a particular site.

Responsiveness Summary: A summary of oral and/or written public comments received by Ecology during a comment period on key documents, and Ecology's responses to those comments.

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

Site Register: Publication issued every two weeks of major activities conducted statewide related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Model Toxics Control Act. To receive this publication, please call (360) 407-7200.