

Public Participation Plan

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Public Participation Plan has been prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the Supplemental Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Supplemental RI/FS) and subsequent cleanup actions at the Chelan Chevron Site, Chelan, Washington. This Public Participation Plan has been prepared in accordance with criteria set forth in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-600.

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to encourage a coordinated effort and effective public involvement tailored to the public's needs concerning Supplemental RI/FS and cleanup actions at the Chelan Chevron Site in Chelan, Washington. Appropriate governmental officials, persons residing in the potentially affected vicinity, interested persons visiting the potentially affected area, and other persons requesting information about the site, shall be kept informed. According to WAC 173-340-600(9)(g), the Public Participation Plan shall include the following:

- Applicable public notice requirements and how these will be met
- Information repositories
- Methods of identifying the public's concerns
- Methods of addressing the public's concerns and conveying information to the public
- Coordination of public participation requirements
- Amendments to the plan
- Citizen technical advisor (Ecology Site Manager)

1.1 Site Overview and History

The Chelan Chevron Site is located at 232 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan, Washington. Chevron U.S.A., Inc. (Chevron) owned and operated the service station in the mid-1980s, when the petroleum release is believed to have occurred. The site continues to operate as a service station and foodmart; however, Chevron has not owned or operated the facility since 1988, when the release was discovered.

To determine the extent and degree of contamination at the site, Chevron has installed more than 30 groundwater monitoring wells and collected numerous soil and groundwater samples. Laboratory analyses of these samples indicate contamination has migrated offsite to the west and southwest of the service station. Free petroleum product has been detected in monitoring wells on Woodin Avenue, Emerson Street, on the station's property, and to the southwest of the service station.

1.2 The Cleanup Process

Chevron has contracted with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to conduct a Supplemental RI/FS at the site to define the extent and type of contamination and the possible methods for cleaning up the site. The purpose of the Supplemental RI/FS is to collect, develop, and evaluate sufficient information regarding a site to select a cleanup action under WAC 173-340-390.

After completion of the Supplemental RI/FS, a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) will be prepared detailing the preferred cleanup option. The draft CAP will go out for public comment. Ecology may amend the draft CAP in response to comments received during the public comment period. Then, a final CAP will be issued and implemented.

2.0 Applicable Public Notice Requirements

WAC 173-340-600(5) lists methods Ecology may use to provide information to the public. For the Chelan Chevron Site, Ecology has chosen the following methods to provide information to the public.

2.1 Fact Sheets

Fact sheets are site-specific newsletter-like publications which are mailed to affected communities to inform them of comment periods and other important site activities. Fact sheets may also be used to informally update the community on the progress of the cleanup. They are sent to the persons and agencies listed on the site mailing lists, as well as the repositories and any other area where the public may benefit from having access to them. Fact sheets will be released by the Department of Ecology when it is deemed necessary to do so. Fact sheets will be prepared by Ecology.

2.2 Public Meetings

Public meetings or hearings are held during investigations and cleanups if: 1) During a comment period, ten or more people request one; 2) It is apparent that there is a high level of interest or concern about a site; 3) There is an immediate need for Ecology to communicate with the public directly.

2.3 Site Register

One of the Toxics Cleanup Program's primary communication tools is the Site Register. The Site Register is published by Ecology bi-monthly to inform the public of:

- Activities related to the study and cleanup of contaminated sites
- Public meetings/hearings and public comment periods
- Discussion or negotiations of legal agreements
- Availability of cleanup reports
- Hazard rankings of sites

If you would like to be placed on the Site Register's e-mailing list, complete the electronic form at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html.

2.4 Legal Ads/Display Ads

Legal and/or display advertisements will be placed in the Wenatchee World and the Lake Chelan Mirror to announce site specific formal comment periods and public meetings/ hearings.

3.0 Information Repositories

This is a convenient place where site related information is kept so that the community has access to it. Most often a local library is used as well as the more complete site files which are kept at Ecology's regional office in Yakima. During comment periods, all the documents that are available for review are compiled and kept at the repository. Documents remain at the repositories for the entire duration of public comment period. Ecology's Central Files can make copies of documents, but you may be charged for your copies.

For the Chelan Chevron site, the repositories will be:

North Central Regional Library
Chelan Branch
216 N Emerson Street
Chelan, WA 98816-0698
(509) 682-5131

Department of Ecology
15 W Yakima Ave, Suite 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3401
For an appointment to view files, please contact the Public Disclosure Coordinator at
(509) 454-7658.

Information on the Site will also be posted on the Ecology website at:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6660>

4.0 Identifying the Public's Concerns

Comment periods are the primary way Ecology gets feedback from the public on cleanup decisions. Comment periods are at least 30 days long and are required at key points during the cleanup process before final decisions are made. During comment periods, the public can comment in writing. If ten or more people request a public meeting or hearing, Ecology will conduct a meeting to receive comments.

Notices of the completion and the availability for review and comment of the following documents will be mailed and published:

- Supplemental RI/FS
- Cleanup Action Plan

5.0 Addressing the Public's Concerns

After every comment period, Ecology responds to all comments received, both oral and written, in a responsiveness summary. This summary is sent to all people who commented and is also

made available at Ecology's regional office in Yakima with the other pertinent site documents.

6.0 Coordination of Public Participation Requirements

The Public Involvement Coordinator and Site Manager will oversee coordination of public involvement requirements outlined in WAC 173-340-600, and with public involvement requirements outlined in other applicable federal, state, and local laws. Additional public involvement requirements are outlined in the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Rules (WAC 178-11) and the SEPA Handbook, Ecology publication 98-114. Public participation requirements of other federal, state, and local laws may be identified during the course of the investigatory and cleanup process.

7.0 Amendments to the Plan

Amendments to the Public Participation Plan shall be approved by Ecology.

8.0 Citizen Technical Advisor (Ecology Site Manager)

Citizens can receive technical assistance on issues related to the site investigation and cleanup from:

Site Manager – Laura Klasner
Ecology Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Avenue Suite 200
Yakima WA 98902-3452
(509) 454-7833
laura.klasner@ecy.wa.gov
FAX (509) 575-2809

Citizens can receive information on public involvement from:

Public Involvement – Frosti Smith
same address as above
frosti.smith@ecy.wa.gov
(509) 454-7841
FAX (509) 575-2809

If you need this document in a version for the visually impaired call the Toxics Cleanup Program at 509-454-7841. Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341. Para asistencia en español: 509-575-2490.

9.0 Mailing List

Ecology has compiled a mailing list for the Site. The list includes individuals, groups, public agencies, elected officials, private businesses, potentially affected parties, and other known

interested parties. The list is maintained at Ecology's Central Regional Office and will be updated as needed. Persons on this list will be sent fact sheets as appropriate during the project. Anyone interested in being added to the mailing list can contact Frosti Smith at the address or phone number listed above.