



## **RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY**

**Jefferson Avenue Site**

**FSID #1277004**

**April 9 – May 8, 2014 Public Comment Period**

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***Removal from the Hazardous Sites List***

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**Comment #1, Sharon Bell, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department**

I just looked through the Site Register and noticed that there was arsenic in groundwater at the Jefferson Avenue Site. Was the source local to the site itself? I don't usually see much in the way of arsenic issues in downtown.

**Sharon Bell, R.S.**

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**Ecology Response**

There were no identifiable sources of arsenic at the site, even though it seemed pretty local to just the one on-site well. Since that part of town is typically not used as a drinking water source (particularly the shallow groundwater), and the city being amenable to placing a covenant on the property restricting groundwater use, Ecology was able to issue an NFA with institutional controls. Even though the site is being removed from the Hazardous Sites List, it will still be subject to a periodic review about every five years.

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