

# Responsiveness Summary

## Ultra Corporation Former Pace National Site 500 Seventh Avenue South, Kirkland, Washington

Public Comment Period: Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan for the Ultra Corporation, aka CamWest and former Pace National Site in Kirkland, Washington

Documents for Review: Proposed Agreed Order No. 6221 and Public Participation Plan

Public Comment Period: December 19, 2008 through January 20, 2009

Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) conducted a public comment period for the Ultra Corporation, aka CamWest and former Pace National Site (Pace Site) located at 500 Seventh Avenue South, Kirkland, King County, Washington. The Facility Site identification number is 2159, and the site is located in a mixed commercial and residential area one-half mile south of downtown Kirkland, as shown on the site map in Appendix A. This public comment period was to encourage public review and comments for the proposed legal agreement called an Agreed Order (AO) for proposed cleanup action tasks at the Pace Site, and the Public Participation Plan.

The public involvement process is pursuant to the Washington State site cleanup regulations called the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The process is to promote meaningful community involvement prior to implementing a remedial action, also called a cleanup action. The process is to inform the public about site activities and to identify opportunities for the community to become involved. Ecology is committed to an open dialogue with the community to ensure that interested parties receive information as well as provide input during the decision making process.

Public involvement for the Pace Site included a 32-day public comment period from December 19, 2008 through January 20, 2009. Documents were available for public review at the King County Library - Kirkland at 308 Kirkland Avenue in Kirkland, and at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue, in addition to the internet via Ecology's website. The two documents open for public review and comment are:

1. Proposed legal agreement, called a Draft Agreed Order #6221
2. Public Participation Plan for the Pace Site

The Pace Site Fact Sheet gives an overview of the Site including a description of the site background and documents for public review and site map (**Appendix A**). The Fact Sheet describes previous cleanup work, chemicals of concern, and what happens next. It was mailed to neighboring citizens and businesses, Native Tribes, and government agencies in addition to those persons who have asked to be on Ecology's mailing list. The mailing list included approximately 1600 addressees.

Ecology published a display ad in the Kirkland Reporter as well as in the Washington State Site Register on December 16, 2008.

## Results from the Public Comment Period - Summary

In summary, five persons or businesses sent comments for the Pace Site during this public comment period. The comments focused on the need for more information, site status and the proposed cleanup tasks. The comments did not alter or propose changes to the Agreed Order nor the Public Participation Plan. The Agreed Order and the Public Participation Plan are final.

In general, the comments stated that more information was needed for the Pace Site. The comments asked for additional work at the Site for completion of the Remedial Investigation, to address any data gaps if identified and to prepare the Cleanup Action Plan. These tasks are standard under the state cleanup process that is specified in the Model Toxics Cleanup Act (MTCA).

## Results from the Public Comment Period - Specific Public Comments

The public comments received for the proposed Pace Site Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan are listed in the order received at Department of Ecology:

- I. **Public Comment** - Telephone inquiry January 7, 2009 from Anne Tagland, neighbor asking about the proposed cleanup action at the former Pace National Site and if a public meeting was scheduled and requested her name to be placed on the list requesting a public meeting.

**Ecology Reply** - This was the first call (first contact) about the Pace Site and yes, I will place your name on the list requesting a public meeting. I asked if she had specific questions about the site or the proposed cleanup action. Ms. Tagland said did not have specific questions at that time and offered to call Ecology when she had questions.

- II. **Public Comment** - Email inquiry January 8, 2009 from Margaret Bull, neighbor stating her concern about the Pace Site cleanup, requesting to be informed and requesting a public meeting, and concern about future development at the site once cleanup was completed. Full message below:

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**From:** Margaret Bull [mailto:ladywisteria@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thu 1/8/2009 4:35 PM  
**To:** O'Brien, Maura (ECY)  
**Subject:** PACE

Dear Maura,

I am concerned about the PACE site clean-up. I'd like to see some public meetings about what will be happening at this location. I belong to the Central Houghton Neighborhood Association and feel that we should be kept in the loop since we live in the general area of the clean-up site. I am also concerned about what type of development will eventually go on the property once the clean-up is completed.

Margaret Bull  
6225 108th Place NE  
Kirkland WA 98033  
[ladywisteria@verizon.net](mailto:ladywisteria@verizon.net)

**Ecology Reply** - Hello, The Fact Sheet that was mailed to you describes the proposed tasks to complete the site remedial investigation and to prepare a cleanup plan. If you or your neighborhood association has any questions, I will do my best to answer these questions, and just let me know.

To date there are no plans to hold a public meeting, and if you like I will place your name on the list requesting a public meeting. Note, that there will be another public comment period when the proposed cleanup plan is complete and prior to its implementation. Do you have any specific questions about the site and this proposed work?

The proposed environmental work at this Site at this time is to complete the remedial investigation, conduct a pilot test for two cleanup alternative methods, and to prepare a proposed cleanup plan. This work will be done under the state environmental cleanup regulations called the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

I do not have information about future type or types of development and suggest that you contact the City of Kirkland Planning Department as they oversee any proposed development.

If you have questions about the environmental cleanup work, then please contact me, Maura O'Brien, Site Manager, Toxics Cleanup Program at Department of Ecology (telephone, address and email listed).

**III. Public Comment** - Email from Don Winters and the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association on January 13, 2009 followed by Ecology's email reply on January 15 and earlier emails from Don Winters and the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association.

Hi, Maura. I contacted Moss Bay members and we came up with a few questions that you might be able to answer for us. We can present the information you give us to our membership on Jan 19.

- Cleanup efforts have been underway at the Pace site for several years, including the removal of a large amount of soil. What is the difference between the efforts so far and the process which is starting now?
- We have been told that the groundwater is contaminated with vinyl chloride. What other contaminants have been found on the site and at what level?
- By how much does the contamination exceed the permitted levels? Is it only slightly above the threshold or is it a major issue?
- What is the name of the company that Pace has hired to clean up the site? What cleanup process are they proposing? Please be specific. Will they be removing more soil?
- There have been several environmental firms working on the site over the years. They have drilled monitoring wells and removed lots of soil. Have they made progress or are we about where we started?
- Has the company estimated how long the process will take?
- How will the State determine when the site is clean enough to require no further action?

Thank you for answering the neighborhood's questions!

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**Ecology Reply** - from Maura S. O'Brien, Site Manager on January 15, 2009 via email replying to each point.

Hello Mr. Winters and Moss Bay Neighborhood Association,

I am the site manager for the former Pace National Site in Kirkland and will do my best to answer your questions. I appreciate your efforts to become informed about the proposed investigation and cleanup actions at this neighborhood site located at 500 Seventh Avenue South in Kirkland. Ecology follows our state cleanup process and this is described in the Model Toxics Cleanup Act also called MTCA.

Currently I am out of town and will be happy to meet with you later after I return if you have more questions. I will answer each question below your question, signed Maura O'Brien, Site Manager, Toxics Cleanup Program at Washington Department of Ecology (telephone, address and email listed).

**Winter and Moss Bay Neighborhood Association (MBNA) Comment #1** - Cleanup efforts have been underway at the Pace site for several years, including the removal of a large amount of soil. What is the difference between the efforts so far and the process which is starting now?

**Ecology reply:** Yes this is correct. There have been four phases of investigation and soil removal in addition to soil and groundwater sampling. These phases have been successful in removing significant amounts of contamination. However, some contamination remains on site. Sound Environmental Strategies (SES), the current consultants at the Pace Site propose to complete the investigation, and prepare a Feasibility Study and Cleanup Action Plan, and to conduct two pilot tests. The two pilot tests are to evaluate two new methods for cleanup of one specific chemical of concern (contaminant called vinyl chloride) at this Site. These two methods are proven successful at other sites. The pilot tests are to evaluate how effective each of these methods will be here at this Site under these soil and site conditions. I am optimistic that these methods will be effective in removing the remaining contamination of the vinyl chloride. If not, then Ecology will require other cleanup methods.

**MBNA Comment #2.** We have been told that the groundwater is contaminated with vinyl chloride. What other contaminants have been found on the site and at what level?

**Ecology reply:** I do not have the Site file with me. My memory is that the chemicals of concern (contaminants) are primarily vinyl chloride and dichloroethenes and petroleum. There may be other chemicals associated with vinyl chloride (VC) such as tetrachloroethene or perchloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and dichloroethenes (DCE) in addition to petroleum substances such as diesel and volatile organic compounds such as benzene. During the earlier investigations there have been a lot of sampling and chemical laboratory analyses. During earlier work, much of the contamination that was found has been excavated and removed from the Site.

One of the tasks of the new proposed work to complete the Remedial Investigation is to review all the past work and to make sure there are not data gaps and no chemicals of concern remaining at the Site. If data gaps are identified, then Ecology will require more investigation to identify the extent of the chemicals of concern in soil and groundwater, and then to evaluate cleanup tasks. So the proposed work includes completing the Remedial Investigation, addressing any data gaps and chemicals of concern at this Site, and then to prepare a feasibility study and site cleanup plan.

**MBNA Comment #3.** By how much does the contamination exceed the permitted levels? Is it only slightly above the threshold or is it a major issue?

**Ecology reply:** Compared to other sites, I estimate that this site is above cleanup level for vinyl chloride greater than slightly and less than a major or a significant concern. Yes it will require cleanup. A site hazard assessment is currently being completed and this will rank this site relative to other known hazardous sites within state. When this work is completed I will forward a copy to you.

**MBNA Comment #4.** What is the name of the company that Pace has hired to clean up the Site? What cleanup process are they proposing? Please be specific. Will they be removing more soil?

**Ecology reply -** Currently, Sound Environmental Strategies (SES), a Seattle consulting firm is working at the Pace Site in addition to Hart Crowser, Inc. another Seattle consulting firm. SES has proposed to conduct two pilot tests. One involves zero valent iron injection to address the vinyl chloride in situ, meaning within the soil and groundwater in the substrate below the surface located in the northwest area of the property. The second pilot test is a biodegradation process using microbes to assist in breaking down vinyl chloride into neutral chemical subparts at the north-central part of the property. If you like I will be happy to send you a copy of the proposed pilot test work plan. The Pilot Test Work Plan is currently available for review at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue and you need to make an appointment by calling Sally Alexander at 425-649-7239. Note, Ecology will observe the pilot testing and review the results, and then we will have information if one or both of these methods are successful at this Site. Then we will be able to prepare a feasibility study and the cleanup action plan.

In regard to removing more soil, we need to complete these pilot tests, complete the Remedial Investigation first to confirm the extent of contamination. Then we need to evaluate what are the best methods for the remainder cleanup that needs to be implemented at the Pace Site. The question if more soil needs to be excavated, my answer at this time is I do not think so. However, I and we all need to wait until the Site investigation and pilot tests are completed.

**MBNA Comment #5.** There have been several environmental firms working on the site over the years. They have drilled monitoring wells and removed lots of soil. Have they made progress or are we about where we started?

**Ecology reply:** Significant progress has been achieved at this Site, however, pockets of contamination still remain at the Site. The proposed work outlined in the Pace Site fact sheet and the Agreed Order describes the work to be conducted to address the remaining contamination at this Site to complete the Remedial Investigation and prepare a Feasibility Study and Cleanup Action Plan.

**MBNA Comment # 6.** Has the company estimated how long the process will take?

**Ecology reply:** The pilot tests will assist us to make an estimate for the proposed cleanup. Based on other sites, I would make a guess-estimate of one to two years plus compliance monitoring to confirm that the cleanup is completed.

**MBNA Comment #7.** How will the State determine when the site is clean enough to require no further action?

**Ecology reply** - Washington state uses the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), our state cleanup process to set cleanup levels for each media (soil, groundwater, air, surface water or wetlands whatever applies to a site) and to set points of compliance to determine that cleanup is completed for each and all media and that the cleanup process has achieved the requirements. The MTCA process includes all state and federal regulations that apply to this site. The last step of the MTCA process is compliance monitoring and this is to confirm that cleanup levels are achieved and sustained. For example for ground water, cleanup levels need to be achieved for four consecutive quarters minimum, then Ecology confirms the site groundwater is cleaned up.

I appreciate your questions and if you would like to discuss these points further, please let me know. Thank you for the invitation to your January meeting and my regrets that I am out of town. Possibly I could come to your February or the next regularly scheduled meeting for the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association.

**MBNA reply** - Thank you for answering the neighborhood's questions!

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#### **Earlier Emails Exchanged with Ecology and Winters and Moss Bay Neighborhood Association**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** O'Brien, Maura (ECY)  
**To:** [Moss Bay Neighborhood Association](mailto:Moss Bay Neighborhood Association) ; [Lui, Nancy \(ECY\)](mailto:Lui, Nancy (ECY))  
**Cc:** [m.eliasen@verizon.net](mailto:m.eliasen@verizon.net)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2009 1:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Pace National Clean Up

Hello,

Yes I would be happy to talk with you about the former Pace National site located at 500 Seventh Avenue South in Kirkland. My regrets that I am out of town on Jan 19 and unable to attend the Association meeting. Let's talk via telephone or exchange email to answer your questions.

Maura O'Brien  
Geologist/Hydrogeologist and Site Manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
Department of Ecology - Northwest Office  
425-649-7249

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**From:** Moss Bay Neighborhood Association [<mailto:donw@mossbay.org>]  
**Sent:** Sun 1/11/2009 5:00 PM  
**To:** O'Brien, Maura (ECY); Lui, Nancy (ECY)  
**Cc:** [m.eliasen@verizon.net](mailto:m.eliasen@verizon.net)  
**Subject:** Pace National Clean Up

Maura and Nancy -- I am the co-chair of the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association. We were recently informed of the cleanup program for the Pace National Chemical site in our neighborhood. We are holding our regular association meeting Monday, Jan 19, 7PM. Would someone from the Department of Ecology be interested in briefing our group on the cleanup and possibly answering a few questions from our members? Let me know and we will put you on the agenda.

Don Winters  
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**From:** O'Brien, Maura (ECY)  
**To:** Moss Bay Neighborhood Association ; Lui, Nancy (ECY)  
**Cc:** [m.eliasen@verizon.net](mailto:m.eliasen@verizon.net)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2009 1:33 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Pace National Clean Up

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Yes I would be happy to talk with you about the former Pace National site located at 500 South Seventh in Kirkland. My regrets that I am out of town on Jan 19 and unable to attend the Association meeting. Let's talk via telephone or exchange email to answer your questions.

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**IV. Public Comment** - Telephone inquiry from Kendall Watson, a reporter for the Kirkland Reporter called Ecology's Public Information Officer, Mr. Larry Altose, who forwarded the message to the site manager, Maura O'Brien. Mr. Watson called to find out:

1. Will there be a public meeting?
2. Have 10 or more people asked for a meeting?
3. Have there been any comments received.

Please let me know and I will call him back. If it is more efficient for you to call him, then please do and let me know that you will be calling Kendall. His number is 425.822.9166, ext 5052.

**Ecology Reply** – Ecology will organize a public meeting if 10 or more persons request a public meeting. At this time, there has not been much interest in a public meeting (you are the fourth inquiry and two persons requested a public meeting to date). The comment period is almost finished and ends in 8 days. To date, two people have requested a public meeting and if you like I will add your name to the list requesting a public meeting. To date there have been three comments from the public. They are the two neighbors to the proposed site and the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association. The Moss Bay Neighborhood Association sent several questions via email and invited me to their next meeting. If you like I will be happy to cc an email copy to you.

**V. Public Comment** - Letter Memorandum inquiry from City of Kirkland Department of Public Works, from Bobbi Wallace, Surface and Waste Water Manager received on January 20, 2009. Below is the letter followed by Ecology email acknowledging the letter, followed by Ecology's reply to each comment.



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Department of Public Works  
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Maura O'Brien - Washington State Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office-Toxics Cleanup Program

**From:** Bobbi Wallace, Surface and Waste Water Manager

**Date:** January 20, 2009

**Subject:** General Comments for Your Review and Consideration

Please accept these comments from the City of Kirkland, Public Works Departments, Surface and Wastewater Division. I can be reached at 425-587-3909.

1. The description of the "Potential Contaminants of Concern" is different in the PPP than what is described in the Agreed Order. Specifically, the Agreed Order seems to only be focused toward the remaining presence of chlorinated solvents, while the PPP states that petroleum products and semivolatiles also are of concern. There is no mention in either document about testing for the presence of pentachlorophenol or pesticides. I would like to see that the planned site-exploration work include (at a minimum) the assessment for volatiles, semivolatiles, pesticides, and pentachlorophenol (as is reasonable).
2. The Agreed Order briefly describes completed exploration and cleanup work at this property, but additional background information should be presented to the City. For example, pentachlorophenol was detected in 1999, but is not included in the planned exploration work. Was it all removed at that time (see comment number 1)? Additionally the locations where hydrogen reducing compound (HRC) and oxygen release compound (ORC) have been used should be identified, as correct contact with these compounds can result in chemical burns (white powder). Furthermore, the Agreed Order states that several contaminants were found in the northeast corner of the property "particularly near sewer lines located adjacent to the Pace building." All of these details should be clarified to the City and sufficient explorations conducted in these areas to assess current contaminate concentrations and media.
3. The planned exploration work should include assessment of subsurface utility corridors near this site to evaluate if contaminant migration along bedding material (or inside piping) is occurring.
4. The planned work does not include a review and/or assessment of other possible sources of subsurface contamination originating on adjacent/nearby properties. Accordingly, the workplan should be modified to include consideration of off-site sources of contaminants and their impact to site characterization and cleanup.
5. The Ecology web link for their information repository is incorrectly identified in the Agreed Order. The link is correctly identified in the PPP.
6. The Kirkland Library will be closing next week for remodeling. As such, another local document repository should be selected (City Hall?).



Thank you for your review of these comments.

cc: Daryl Grigsby, Director of Public Works, City of Kirkland

### **Ecology Reply Acknowledging City of Kirkland Letter Memorandum**

**To:** Bobbi Wallace, City of Kirkland  
**Cc:** Daryl Grigsby; Rob Jammerman; Ray Steiger, City of Kirkland  
**From:** Maura S O'Brien, Toxics Cleanup Program at Ecology  
**Subject:** RE: Public Comment - PACE property in Kirkland  
**Date:** January 21, 2009

Thank you for your comments about the proposed Agreed Order and work at the former Pace National Site at 500 Seventh Avenue South, in Kirkland. I will be answering your comments about this Site along with other comments in the Responsiveness Summary for this public comment period. Note, this proposed work is to complete the Remedial Investigation including evaluating all past investigations and identifying data gaps such as need for additional investigation for soil and groundwater sampling for chemicals of concern at this site. The proposed work includes completing the Remedial Investigation, and preparing a Feasibility Study and Cleanup Action Plan for the Site.

I appreciate your comments and I will be sending you the Responsiveness Summary and if you have more questions, please let me know.

Maura  
Maura S O'Brien, PG/HG #869  
Professional Geologist/Hydrogeologist and site manager  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
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Bellevue, WA 98008

### **City of Kirkland Comment and Ecology Reply – Specific reply to each comment.**

**City of Kirkland Comment #1** - The description of the "Potential Contaminants of Concern" is different in the PPP than what is described in the Agreed Order. Specifically, the Agreed Order seems to only be focused toward the remaining presence of chlorinated solvents, while the PPP states that petroleum products and semivolatiles also are of concern. There is no mention in either document about testing for the presence of pentachlorophenol or pesticides. I would like to see that the planned site-exploration work include (at a minimum) the assessment for volatiles, semivolatiles, pesticides, and pentachlorophenol (as is reasonable).

**Ecology Reply** - In the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan (PPP) Ecology states that the Remedial Investigation is not complete. The Agreed Order requires the completion of the Remedial Investigation, in addition to preparing a Feasibility Study and Cleanup Plan.

The completion of the Remedial Investigation will include evaluating all potential chemicals of concern including the chemicals you mentioned - volatiles, semivolatiles, pesticides, and pentachlorophenol, in addition to petroleum, metals and any chemical previously used on site. The Remedial Investigation will summarize all chemicals tested, and evaluate soil and groundwater monitoring to see if there are data gaps where a potential chemical of concern is identified and the concentration is above the Model

Toxics Control Act (MTCA) proposed cleanup level. If additional investigation is needed, then Ecology will require it as part of the Remedial Investigation as specified in the MTCA under WAC 173-340-350.

**City of Kirkland Comment #2** – The Agreed Order briefly describes completed exploration and cleanup work at this property, but additional background information should be presented to the City. For example, pentachlorophenol was detected in 1999, but is not included in the planned exploration work. Was it all removed at that time (see comment number 1)? Additionally the locations where hydrogen reducing compound (HRC) and oxygen release compound (ORC) have been used should be identified, as correct contact with these compounds can result in chemical burns (white powder). Furthermore, the Agreed Order states that several contaminants were found in the northeast corner of the property "particularly near sewer lines located adjacent to the Pace building." All of these details should be clarified to the City and sufficient explorations conducted in these areas to assess current contaminate concentrations and media.

**Ecology Reply** - Again thank you for your comments and if the City has site information, please provide it to Ecology. Or if the City would like to review the site file you are welcome to call Ecology's Central Files and make an appointment to review this Site file. Or you may request a copy of any the Site reports and you may request a site meeting with Ecology.

As I mentioned in my reply to your first comment, the Remedial Investigation for this Site is not complete. In order to complete the Remedial Investigation (RI), I believe your comments will be addressed. Specifically, completing the RI will require review of all site investigation reports, known and possible chemicals of concern, extent of chemicals of concern and monitoring results, and locations of any residuals from earlier testing or treatment, such as the locations where hydrogen reducing compound (HRC) and oxygen release compound (ORC) were used.

So the completion of the RI will require that all known chemicals of concern at this Site have been evaluated. Note, the Agreed Order, Section IV. Finding of Facts, lists the historic uses of chemicals of concern include pesticides and the chemicals you listed.

**City of Kirkland Comment #3** - The planned exploration work should include assessment of subsurface utility corridors near this site to evaluate if contaminant migration along bedding material (or inside piping) is occurring.

**Ecology Reply** - As mentioned in Ecology reply City of Kirkland #2, completing the Remedial Investigation will include assessment of the subsurface for chemicals of concern and assessment of the extent of the chemicals of concern above the MTCA proposed cleanup levels including the utility corridor along Seventh Avenue South. Note, earlier investigation work showed sampling locations along the utility corridor and associated trench gravels, see Work Plan for Additional Remedial Actions Ultra Corporation Property, former Pace National, Kirkland, WA prepared by Hart Crowser and dated January 6, 2006.

**City of Kirkland Comment #4** – The planned work does not include a review and/or assessment of other possible sources of subsurface contamination originating on adjacent/nearby properties. Accordingly, the workplan should be modified to include consideration of off-site sources of contaminants and their impact to site characterization and cleanup.

**Ecology Reply** - A review and/or assessment of other possible sources of subsurface contamination originating on adjacent/nearby properties is not the scope of this Agreed Order. However, if contamination from other sources is identified it will be listed in the Ecology's database for known or suspected contaminated sites and the appropriate owner and or operators will be notified. We are alerted that there may be other sources of contamination in this general region.

**City of Kirkland Comment #5** - The Ecology web link for their information repository is incorrectly identified in the Agreed Order. The link is correctly identified in the PPP.

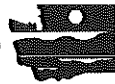
**Ecology Reply** – Thank you for this correction and the Ecology web link will be corrected.

**City of Kirkland Comment #6** - The Kirkland Library will be closing next week for remodeling. As such, another local document repository should be selected (City Hall?).

**Ecology Reply** – The Kirkland Library had informed Ecology prior to the comment period about their schedule and change of location. The Librarian offered to move the Site documents to the new location for ease of public access and citizen interest during the temporary relocation.

## **Appendix A**

### **Ultra Corporation former Pace National Site Fact Sheet**



## Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan available for public review and comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the ULTRA Corporation former Pace National Corporation Facility (Pace National). The Pace National site is located at 500 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Kirkland, WA.

In December 2008, Ecology and ULTRA Corporation entered a legal agreement called an **Agreed Order**. Under this proposed Agreed Order, ULTRA Corporation agrees to complete the following actions:

- Implement a Work Plan that prepares a **Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** report, which will present the results of the investigation and evaluate the cleanup alternatives. The work plan will outline the content of the Draft RI and includes a **Pilot Test Work Plan** for conducting a study of remedial technologies (Pilot Test).
- Prepare a **draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)**, which will use the RI/FS information to describe a preferred cleanup action.

### Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.

- Review the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- Send your comment to Ecology for consideration during the public comment period which will end on January 20, 2009.

### Comments Accepted

December 19, 2008 through January 20, 2009

#### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Maura S. O'Brien - Site Manager

Washington State Department of Ecology

Northwest Regional Office - Toxics Cleanup Program

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#### DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

##### King County Public Library - Kirkland

308 Kirkland Avenue

Kirkland, WA 98033

(425) 822-2459

##### Washington State Department of Ecology

##### Northwest Regional Office

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Hours: Tuesday – Thursday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

#### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pace/pace\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pace/pace_hp.html)

Facility Site ID #: 2159

**ULTRA Corporation Former Pace National Site**



**ULTRA Corporation former Pace National is located at 500 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South,  
Kirkland, Washington**

### Public Participation Plan

The public participation plan is designed to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process.

The plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process.

### Site Background

The Ultra Corporation site, referred as Pace National a.k.a. the former Pace International Facility, represents a five acre property in a mixed commercial/industrial and residential neighborhood in central Kirkland approximately 0.5 mile south of downtown. The site is located south of commercial buildings, west of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway tracks, north of the Lakeview Elementary School, and east of condo/apartment buildings and single family residents.

The site in the early 1960's was converted to commercial/industrial applications. Pace National purchased the site in 1969 and operated a specialty chemical mixing and packaging facility on the northern portion of the site from 1971 to approximately 1990. It also had 14 underground storage tanks that contained regulated and unregulated substances such as alcohols, oils, and proprietary mixtures. The site was used as retail storage from the early 1990's to approximately 2006. The Pace building was demolished for additional source removal action for soil excavation.

### CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN

The following hazardous substances are potential **chemicals of concern (COCs)** for subsurface soil and groundwater at the site:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons
- Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds
- Chlorinated solvents

The previous excavations at the site to remove impacted soils were backfilled with clean fill material and six new groundwater monitoring wells were installed to the existing monitoring well network as part of the performance monitoring program. Also, there has already been extensive groundwater monitoring and in general, the concentration of several of the chemicals of concern has decreased.

### What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for any suggested changes. If no significant changes are necessary, the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan will be final.

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui to request a meeting at [nlui461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nlui461@ecy.wa.gov) or at (425) 649-7117.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp> You may also read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* at this link to learn more about the public comment process.





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