

**Responsiveness Summary
for the
South Park Landfill
Seattle, Washington**

**Public Comment Period
March 9 – April 23, 2009**

April 29, 2009

**Washington State Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 – 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, Washington 98008**

Introduction

A public comment period was held March 9 – April 23, 2009 on the South Park Landfill draft agreed order and draft public participation plan. Details of the site and documents are available at the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) website:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sParkLF/southPark_LF_hp.html

A public meeting was held on April 14, 2009 at the South Park Neighborhood Center in Seattle.

Two comments were received:

Lynn Earle, a letter received March 26, 2009.

Roger Chance, an email received April 20, 2009.

Copies of the comments are attached. Responses to the comments are provided.

Response to Comments

Response to Lynn Earle

Ecology concurs that dioxins are health and environmental threats. Ecology will evaluate the possibility of dioxins at the South Park landfill.

Response to Roger Chance

Ecology concurs that dioxins and furans are health and environmental threats. Ecology will evaluate the possibility of dioxins and furans at the South Park landfill. Ecology will request dioxin and furan evaluations for the remedial investigation workplan.

March 25 '09

To Whom It Concerns:

Re. S. Paule Landfill Site, Seattle

Thank you for the informative Ecology brochure. I would like to review documents @ S. Paule Library prior to the April 8 '09 deadline. Of particular interest is the article that appeared on Jan 21 '09 in the Seattle [Intelligence] Times

describing dioxin site(s) here in
S. Park and its frightening effects
on people & animals, etc.

Please know that I am a retired
woman w/ no political interest - other
than immediate effects on all our
lives, i.e., specifically: toxins gone
wild, the water touted to be the
"best" by politicians, etc. - And well
it should be - living in such a
pristine & aware population. - Yet
when I see soil that looks in descent,
I don't think I will plant veggies or
roses. And I drink ^{cook with} bottled water -
not "just in case" but the cloxox
odor is a real turnoff. Prior to
your Ecology report, my thought on
water - potable - was suspect. Like
we are downwind - south of huge
industrial areas, 2 to 10' from
the City Dump / Transfer Point.

Anyway - I am not militant -
not a "joiner" - just a retired older
woman. I am an artist - watercolorist.
And exist by my feelings. This
ecology just does not feel good to me.

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Thank you for your time.
And all the good people &
research in a program that
touches us all.

Sincerely
Ann D. N.

Wang, Ching-Pi (ECY)

From: Roger Chance [roger_chance@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 6:00 PM
To: Wang, Ching-Pi (ECY)
Subject: Comments to South Park Landfill Agreed Order

I am concerned about the potential historic generation and distribution of dioxin/furans from the landfill. We respectfully request that D/F sample collection and analysis be included in the upcoming RI work, both at locations adjacent to and in the vicinity of the former landfill. Research and reference documents indicate that municipal landfills are potentially a big source of dioxins and furans due to refuse burning (it has been documented that refuse burning occurred at the SPLF). Combustion of municipal solid waste is documented as one of the biggest sources nowadays even with the limited number of MSW incinerators around and advanced pollution controls. I understand from recent D/F sampling near the Terminal 117 Early Action Area site in South Park that the signature from refuse burning has a high component of furans when compared to background sources and we see similar high %furans near other sites in the South Park neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration. An informed and concerned South Park resident.

