

EXHIBIT C
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN



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1.0 Introduction

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan in cooperation with Bremerton School District, pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) WAC 173-340-600. The intent is to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process at the Crownhill Elementary School cleanup site in Bremerton, Washington. Bremerton School District – Crownhill Elementary School Site (Site) is located at 1500 Rocky Point in the City of Bremerton, Kitsap County, Washington. The boundaries of the Site extend south onto the northern section of Bremerton United Methodist Church. 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.

2.0 SITE BACKGROUND



In 1994, the Bremerton School District (BSD) started this cleanup project as an independent cleanup action with limited Ecology oversight. The property was once used as a landfill in the 1940s. The construction of a new Crownhill Elementary School was initiated after a 1993 fire burned the original school. During site preparation work, numerous areas were uncovered that contained known and suspected hazardous materials in addition to contaminated soils. Contaminated soil was removed and the current Crownhill building was completed in 1998. However, a complete characterization of the site was not done and the extent and type(s) of contamination present is also not known.

September 2010, Ecology and BSD entered into an agreement called Agreed Order No DE-7916 (AO). This order required that BSD characterize the Site,

identify appropriate clean up alternatives, and perform interim cleanup actions as needed. As part of the AO, BSD was required to conduct a remedial investigation (RI), Feasibility Study (FS), and draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP). Two interim cleanup actions were conducted as part of the 2010 Agreed Order.

Contaminants of Concern

The primary sources of contaminants are those associated with landfills including chemicals found in petroleum products, lead, and industrial solvents. Once the cleanup actions are completed, the end result will reduce the exposure of children to soils containing potentially harmful levels of contamination.

Figure 2. Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Steps.



*Comment periods can be combined when possible.

3.0 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 cleanup process. Information will be provided regularly to provide many opportunities to review material 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.

For technical questions, please contact:

Libby Goldstein, Site Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology
Address: 3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008
Phone: (425) 649-7242
Email: libby.goldstein@ecy.wa.gov

For community outreach questions for Department of Ecology, please contact:

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Washington State Department of Ecology
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Bellevue, WA 98008
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For community outreach questions for the Bremerton School District, please contact:

Patty Glaser, Bremerton School District, Community Relations Coordinator
Address: 134 Marion Avenue N.
Bremerton, WA 98312
Phone: (360) 473-1003
Email: patty.glaser@bremertonschools.org
Website: <http://www.bremertonschools.org>

For public health questions, please contact:

Grant Holdcroft, Kitsap County Health District
Address: 345 6th Street, Suite 300
Bremerton, WA 98337
Phone: (360) 337-5605
Email: holdcg@health.co.kitsap.wa.us
Website: <http://www.kitsapcountyhealth.com>

4.0 Public Involvement Activities

Ecology uses a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of contaminated 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 description 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 decision are made.

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. At the conclusion of the 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 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 meeting for the purpose of taking public comments on draft documents undergoing public comment.

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 which provide public access. During the comment period, the site documents will be available for review at each repository listed below. To request ADA accommodations or materials in a format for the visually impaired, or translation assistance, call Ecology at 425-649-7117, Relay Service 711, or TTY 877-833-6341. Please indicate you would like assistance with Bremerton School District – Crownhill Elementary School Cleanup Site.

Ecology has established the following repositories:

Kitsap Regional Library – Downtown Bremerton Library Branch
612 5th Street
Bremerton, WA 98337
Phone: (360) 377-3955

Washington State Department of Ecology – Northwest Regional Office

3190 160th Avenue S.E.
Bellevue, WA 98008

Please contact Sally Perkins to schedule an appointment at (425) 649-7190 or send an email to sally.perkins@ecy.wa.gov

Bremerton School District

134 Marion Avenue N.
Bremerton WA 98312
Phone: (360) 470-1003

Crownhill Elementary School Bremerton District Website

Ecology has a webpage for the Crownhill Elementary School site called Crownhill Elementary School Bremerton SD. This website will be updated when new information becomes available. Documents will be available on the website:

Crownhill Elementary School Bremerton SD website address:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4487>

Site Register and Public Events Calendar

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses the Site Register and web-based Public Involvement Calendar to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods as well as additional site activities.

To receive the Site Register in electronic or hard copy format, please contact Seth Preston at (360) 407-6848 or via email seth.preston@ecy.wa.gov. The site register is available on Ecology's website at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html

The Public Involvement Calendar is available on Ecology's website at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

Fact Sheet

Ecology will prepare and mail fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Crownhill Elementary School Site 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. The fact sheets will be posted on Ecology's website for this site.

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled and maintained a list of interested parties, organizations and residents living near the cleanup site. This mailing list will be used to provide information regarding this project. If you are not on the mailing list for this site and wish to be added, please contact Nancy Lui at nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117. In the subject line, please indicate “Crownhill Elementary School” mailing list. To request to be taken off the mailing list, please indicate “Remove from Crownhill Elementary School” mailing list.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology will place ads in the local Newspaper to announce public comment periods, public meetings or hearing for this site.

5.0 PARTICIPATION GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Additionally, citizen groups living near known or suspected 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 Site.

6.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

This Public Participation Plan Update was developed by Ecology and complies with the MTCA regulations (Chapter 173-340 WA). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended if necessary. Amendments may be submitted to Ecology’s Site Manager, Libby Goldstein for review and consideration at libby.goldstein@ecy.wa.gov or mail your request to Department of Ecology, 3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98008.