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## **Facilities North Site (formerly Metro Lake Union)**

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### **Site Update: Preparing for Cleanup Interim Actions Postponed**

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Site Update

*This newsletter update will inform you about a recent decision to postpone until the summer of 1999 two interim cleanup actions at the Facilities North Site, formerly Metro Lake Union and Chevron Bulk Fueling Terminal site. Comments are not being requested at this time.*

#### **Consent Decree and Cleanup Action Plan**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), King County Metro Transit (Metro) and Chevron Products Company (Chevron) are preparing a Consent Decree and Cleanup Action Plan for the Facilities North Site. The Consent Decree is the legal agreement for the three parties to conduct the cleanup at the site. The Cleanup Action Plan is the description of the proposed cleanup to remove contamination at the site. These documents will be available for your review and comments in December 1998.

#### **Postponement of Interim Actions**

In April 1998 Ecology and Metro sent you a fact sheet about two Interim Actions to begin site cleanup this past summer. These interim actions were for tank demolition and shallow soil remediation. These actions will still be carried out but will now be a part of the complete Cleanup Action Plan scheduled to start in the summer of 1999.

#### **Site Background**

The site is located along the north shore of Lake Union at 1602 N. Northlake Place in Seattle, Washington and has been known as the Metro Lake Union Site and Chevron Facilities #1001327. Standard Oil of California began the bulk fueling terminal in 1925 and Metro, former King County Department of Metropolitan Services purchased the site in 1982. Metro continued operation until 1989. All tanks were drained and piping flushed and capped by April

1992. Now the facilities are used as an operations base. Presently, the site contains office and work space, a garage, carpentry room, storage and parking.

### **The Proposed Cleanup**

The proposed Cleanup Action Plan will be conducted under the Model Toxics Control Act (WAC, Chapter 173-340). The plan includes five tasks, two from the previous interim actions and three additional tasks.

- Demolition of the above ground petroleum storage tanks and associated structures and piping.
- Excavation of the shallow soils contaminated with metals from sandblasting and painting operations.
- Total petroleum hydrocarbons remediation of soil and ground water using peroxide injection, oxygen releasing compounds, and/or sparging.
- Hot spot removal of petroleum or metals contaminated soils if identified during tank removal.
- Monitoring of ground water for petroleum hydrocarbons.

The site cleanup is expected to begin in the summer of 1999 and be complete by late 1999 or early 2000. Postponing the Interim Actions will not cause any delay in completing the total site cleanup estimated by late 1999 or early 2000.

### **SEPA and Future Comment Period**

A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued for the first two tasks. It will be updated to include all five tasks and will be available for your review and comments. We expect that all five tasks will receive a DNS. Ecology and Metro will be accepting comments on the revised SEPA DNS, the Consent Decree and the Cleanup Action Plan during a public comment period in December of 1998.

Watch for a newsletter update on the public comment period which will be mailed to you in November.

**ESTIMATED TIME LINE FOR FACILITIES NORTH SITE CLEANUP UNDER MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT**

					Public Comment Period #1 Interim Action Plan & SEPA Documents 4/98-5/98		Public Comment Period #2 Consent Decree, Cleanup Plan & SEPA Documents 11/98-1/99			
8/91	11/93	6/95...	12/96-98	4/98		11/98	1/99	1/99-4/99	99-2001/2	
Site Listed	Investigation R/I/F/S*	MTCA Cleanup Action Plan Started ...	Investigation**	Interim Action Plan & SEPA #1 Drafts	<i>Postponed to 1999</i>	Consent Decree, MTCA Cleanup Action Plan & SEPA #2 Drafts	Finalize Consent Decree, MTCA Cleanup Action Plan & SEPA #2	MTCA Cleanup Design	MTCA Cleanup Completed & Compliance Monitoring Completed	

\*R/I/F/S = Site characterization (Remedial Investigation) and Feasibility Study for Facilities North Site, Washington by Applied Geotechnology Inc, draft, November 1993.

\*\*Investigation = Quarterly Sampling by AGI, May 1995; Groundwater Sampling by AGI, Dec 1996; Environmental Assessment by Pacific Environmental Group, Inc, Aug 1997 and April 1998; Field Activities Report by Foster Wheeler Environmental Corp, April 1998; and Cleanup Level Development by FWEC April 1998.

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