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1.0 Introduction

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan in cooperation with Skagit County, 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 Truck City Truck Stop Cleanup Site is located at 3216 Old Highway 99 South, Mount Vernon, Washington. 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

The Site was developed in 1952 as a fueling facility for Standard Oil and has operated as an independent entity since 1976. The convenience store, restaurant, and truck wash were constructed in 1978.

Fifteen former fuel-containing underground storage tanks (USTs) have been identified. Two historical tanks and one septic tank containing waste oil (removed in 1993) were located east of the current truck scale. The current and only operational UST area is located east of the convenience store. It houses three 5,000-gallon gasoline USTs and one 15,000-gallon diesel UST.

Timeline of Events:

In 1989, diesel was found in both soil and groundwater at levels above state cleanup standards. In October 1989, Ecology determined that the six underground storage tanks serving the self serve island were



the source of contamination. At that time, the petroleum was removed from the tanks and the self-serve island was closed.

In July 1992 a [Consent Decree](#) was signed between the former site owner and Ecology. The property owner contributed funding for the cleanup in the form of a loan with Ecology through the Mix Funding agreement for this site. ([WAC 173-340-560](#)).

In 1993 Ecology conducted an Interim cleanup action. Seven USTs, 5,000 gallons in capacity each and located in the northern and southern UST nests, were decommissioned and removed along with associated product lines. Two additional 500-gallon-capacity USTs, as well as a septic tank full of waste oil, were encountered during the contaminated soil excavation activities and were also removed. The bulk of contaminated soil was removed during this cleanup action.

In 2005, an unknown volume of diesel was spilled at the Site during fueling activities. The spill spread to a ditch (known as Maddox Creek), located adjacent to and west of the Site and flowing south, parallel to Old Highway 99 South to Hickox Road. Remedial actions along Maddox Creek were conducted. Sediment samples were collected to confirm that cleanup action was complete.

Cleanup Schedule

The County will acquire the Truck City Truck Stop Site in January 2015. Cleanup construction is planned to begin in summer 2015 and completed by fall 2015. The jail construction is planned for fall 2015 and completed in spring 2017. Ecology will be updating the community as cleanup progresses.

Contaminants of Concern

Soil and surface water (Maddox Creek) were historically impacted by several diesel and gasoline releases at the Site. Current data shows only localized ground water impacts within the Site. Based on current data the sediments in Maddox Creek no longer appears to be impacted by releases at the Site.

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 for 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:

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Bellevue, WA 98008
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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 City of Mount Vernon, please contact:

Jana Hanson, Director of Community & Economic Development Department
Address: 910 Cleveland Avenue
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-336-6214
Email: janah@mountvernonwa.gov
Website: www.mountvernonwa.gov

For community outreach questions for the Skagit County, please contact:

Steve Berentson, Public Information Officer
Address: 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-293-4852
Email: stephenb@skagit.co.wa.us
Website: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/Jail.htm

Para obtener más información referente al Estación de Camiones “Truck City Truck Stop

Para obtener más información referente al Estación de Camiones “Truck City Truck Stop”, favor de comunicarse con Luis Buen-Abad al (425) 649-4485 o por correo electrónico al preguntas@ecy.wa.gov especifica “Truck City Truck Stop”.

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 and Hearings 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 and if ten or more people request for a public hearing for a Consent Decree during the 30-day comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting for the purpose of taking comments on draft documents out for public comment.

Ecology will hold a public meeting and hearing on the Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree and exhibits, and State Environmental Policy Act and Determination of Non-significance on December 11, 2014 at Skagit County Administration Building.

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. For special accommodation or translation assistance, please contact Nancy Lui at nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117. Please indicate you would like assistance with Truck City Truck Stop Cleanup Site.

Ecology has established the following repositories:

Mount Vernon Public Library

315 Snoqualmie Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-336-6209

City of Mount Vernon - City Hall

Community and Economic Development Department
910 Cleveland Avenue
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360- 336-6214

Skagit County Commissioners Office

1800 Continental Place, Suite 100
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Phone: 360-336-9300

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

Truck City Truck Stop Cleanup Site Website

Ecology has a webpage for the Truck City Truck Stop Cleanup Site. This website will be updated when new information becomes available. Documents will be available on the website:

Truck City Truck Stop Cleanup Site website address:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5176>

For information about the Skagit County Jail, please visit

Skagit County Website: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/Jail.htm

City of Mount Vernon Website: www.mountvernonwa.gov

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 Truck City Truck Stop Cleanup Site to inform them of public meetings and comment opportunities and important Site activities. Ecology also may mail a fact sheet about the progress of Site activities. The fact sheet 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 "Truck City" mailing list. To request to be taken off the mailing list, please indicate "Truck City Cleanup Site" mailing list.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology will place ads in the local newspaper (Skagit Valley Herald 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 WAC). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended if necessary. Amendments may be submitted to Ecology's Site Manager Dale R. Myers, for review and consideration at dale.myers@ecy.wa.gov or mail your request to Department of Ecology, 3190 160ths Ave SE., Bellevue, WA 98008.