



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

**Chevron Bulk Plant Port Townsend #1323
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Port Townsend, WA 98368**

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INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this public participation plan in cooperation with Chevron pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and Agreed Order No. #DE-5610 to promote meaningful community involvement during the investigation and cleanup of Chevron Bulk Plant #1323 Site. 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.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Chevron Bulk Plant #1323 site is generally located at 1220 Water Street in Port Townsend (Figure 1). From 1912 to 1983, Chevron (formerly Chevron USA) operated a bulk fuel terminal at this site. The terminal was closed in 1983 and all the aboveground structures were removed. When in operation, the facility housed ten above-ground storage tanks which stored gasoline, kerosene, diesel, lube oils and Bunker C fuel oil. Underground and aboveground piping connected the tanks to the loading / unloading pier.

Previous investigations at the site detected several contaminants above state cleanup levels. Major chemical contaminants include;

- Benzene.
- Toluene.
- Ethylbenzene and xylenes.
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

Several cleanup actions (interim actions) have been completed at the site to date. These include:

935 cubic yards of contaminated soils were removed from three areas and were stored on site. A liner was installed around the contaminated soil to prevent contamination from spreading to other areas of the site.

- 1,500 gallons of non-aqueous phase liquid (a liquid that does not dissolve in water, it either floats on it or sinks) were removed from groundwater.
- Monitoring wells were installed to check for contamination in groundwater.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

Some contamination remains on site in both soil and groundwater. The site entered Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) in March 2005 to complete the cleanup. In September 2007, the site was removed from the VCP process and is now part of the formal cleanup process to allow additional Ecology oversight of cleanup efforts.

Ecology and Chevron are proposing to enter into an Agreed Order (legal document) to cleanup pollution at the site. The Agreed Order will require Chevron to complete the following:

- A Remedial Investigation (RI) to determine the nature and extent of contamination.
- A Feasibility Study (FS) to examine possible cleanup options.
- A draft Cleanup Action Plan (draft CAP).

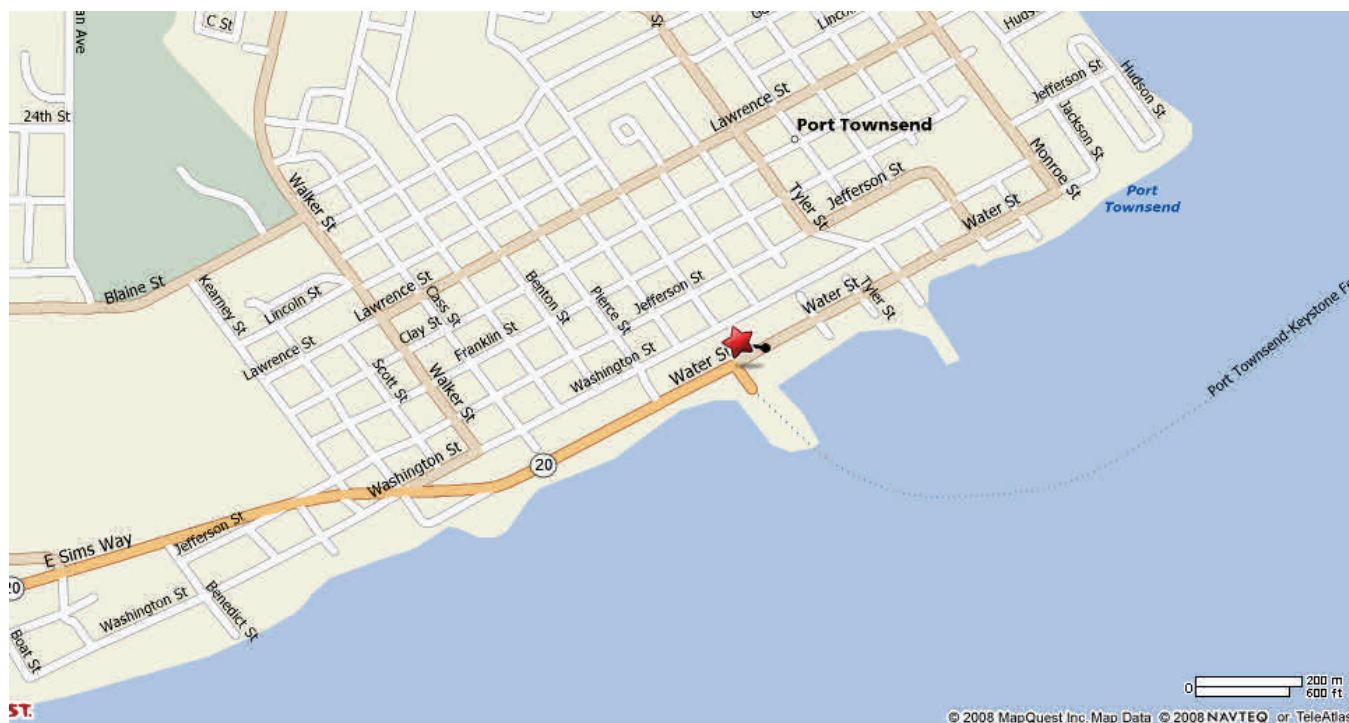
MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT CLEANUP STAGES

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) defines each stage of the cleanup process to protect human health and the environment. Figure 2 on page 6 details these stages.

Some steps described in the chart include “agreed orders” or “consent decrees.” These are agreements between Ecology and the parties responsible for cleanup of the pollution. In addition to the steps in the chart, “interim actions” may be taken during steps 1 through 5 (the investigation) to reduce or eliminate pollution that poses an immediate threat to human health or the environment.

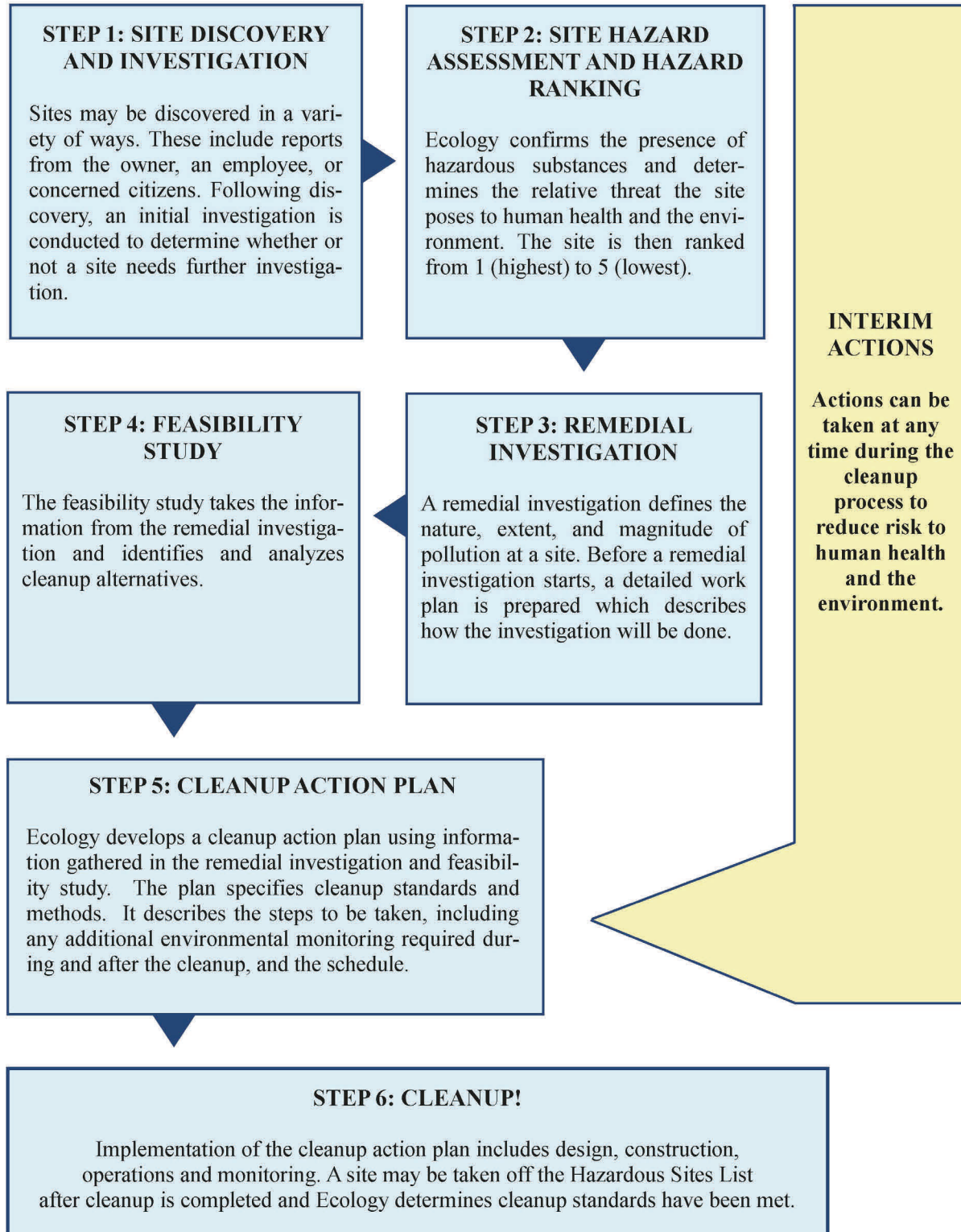
The cleanup process is complex. Issues often arise that require more attention or evaluation, and may lead to changes in the steps or schedule. Every effort will be made to keep the public well-informed of changes.

Figure 1. Chevron Bulk Plant #1323 Site location.



Main portion of the Chevron Bulk Plant site (including the parking lot to the right).

Figure 2. Steps in the Model Toxics Act Formal Cleanup Process



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the MTCA 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.

Public Involvement Activities

Ecology uses a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of MTCA Sites. The following is a list of the public involvement activities that Ecology will use, their purposes, and descriptions 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 under WAC 173-340-600 at certain points during the investigation and cleanup process.

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. Verbal comments are taken if a public hearing is held. After formal comment periods, Ecology reviews all comments received 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.

Additional public comment periods will be held for draft remedial investigation/feasibility study reports, draft cleanup action plans, future agreed orders or consent decrees that are developed for the Site.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings may be held during the investigation and cleanup process as required by WAC 173-340-600. Ecology also may offer public meetings for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community. These meetings will be held at locations convenient to the community. If 10 or more people request a public meeting, one will be scheduled. Otherwise, meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are places where the public may read and review Site information, including documents that are the subject of public comment. Ecology has established three repositories for the Chevron Bulk Plant #1323 cleanup project. Documents available for public review and comment can be found here:

- Washington State Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98516. Please call (360) 407-6045 for an appointment.
- Port Townsend Public Library, 1220 Lawrence Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368
Phone: (360) 385-3181
- Ecology's Web Site <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/chevron1323/chevBulkPlant.htm>

Site Register

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses its bimonthly *Site Register* to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods, as well as many other activities. To receive the *Site Register* in electronic or hard copy format, contact Linda Thompson at (360) 407-6069 or by e-mail at Ltho461@ecy.wa.gov. It is also available on Ecology's web Site at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/pub_inv/pub_inv2.html

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled a mailing list for the Site. The list includes individuals, groups, public agencies, elected officials, private businesses, potentially affected parties, and other known interested parties. The list will be maintained at Ecology's Southwest Regional Office and will be updated as needed.

Please contact Meg Bommarito at (360) 407-6255 or mbom461@ecy.wa.gov if you would like to have your address added to or deleted from this mailing list.

Fact Sheets

Ecology will mail fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the Chevron Bulk Plant #1323 cleanup project 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.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology may place ads in the *Penninsula Daily News or the Port Townsend Jefferson County Leader* to announce public comment periods and public meetings or hearings for the Site.

Plan Update

This public participation plan may be updated as the project proceeds. If an update is necessary, and constitutes a substantial change in the plan, the revised plan will be submitted to the public for comment.

Points of Contact

If you have questions or need more information about this plan or the Chevron Bulk Plant #1323 cleanup project, please contact:

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