Interim Cleanup Plans and SEPA Forms Available for Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S Oil & Refining Co. (USOR) are planning an interim action (partial) cleanup for the 1920 Port of Tacoma Road cleanup site.

The interim action plan will coordinate with a road repaving project being completed by the City of Tacoma (city). The cleanup site is located on Port of Tacoma Road between Lincoln and Maxwell Avenues (see map on page 3).

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Ecology will accept comments from **May 15 - June 15, 2015** on these draft documents**:**

- **Draft Interim Action and Monitoring Plan–** describes how the proposed interim action will clean up the site.
- **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review documents**– describes the potential environmental impact of the cleanup work.

The box to the right shows where you can review documents and how to submit comments.

Cleanup Plan

The goal of the interim action is to remove the petroleum contaminated soil found under a portion of Port of Tacoma Road. The city plans to repave the road. This proposed interim action will be done during the road repaving project. This cleanup will allow for current and future repairs to be made to the roadway without being hampered by the presence of contaminated soil.

Objectives of the interim action are to:

- Remove contaminated soil from utility corridors below the roadway prior to repaving the roadway.
- Reduce the mass of gasoline-related chemicals in soil to reduce them leaching into groundwater.
- Perform groundwater monitoring to make sure cleanup actions are successful.

USOR will remove about 5,000 to 6,000 cubic yards of soil. They will backfill the area with clean compacted sand and gravel. This will provide a sub-base for the city's roadway repaving.

This action will be a major part of the final cleanup for the site.

Comments Accepted

May 15 — June 15, 2015

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3801

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Site Background

Starting in 1958, USOR used five pipelines to move petroleum back and forth from their dock on the Blair Waterway to their refinery on Lincoln Ave. These pipelines leaked petroleum into the surrounding soil.

In 1995, a work crew found contaminated soil beneath Port of Tacoma Road. Ecology did sampling and found gasoline-range petroleum hydrocarbons in soil.

In 1998, USOR relocated the refinery-to-dock pipelines. The old lines beneath the roadway were flushed and filled with grout. USOR removed any contamination that they encountered during the relocation.

Site Investigation and Cleanup

In 2011, Ecology and USOR entered an agreed order (legal agreement). The agreed order requires USOR to complete a draft remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Port of Tacoma Road cleanup site. The purpose of the RI/FS is to describe the contamination and evaluate cleanup options.

During the site investigation, it was recognized that cleanup needs to be coordinated with the city and their planned repaving project. Therefore, Ecology has determined that an interim action and monitoring plan are needed.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to comments. We will then finalize the interim action and monitoring plan.

The interim cleanup and road repaving projects are planned for summer/fall 2015.

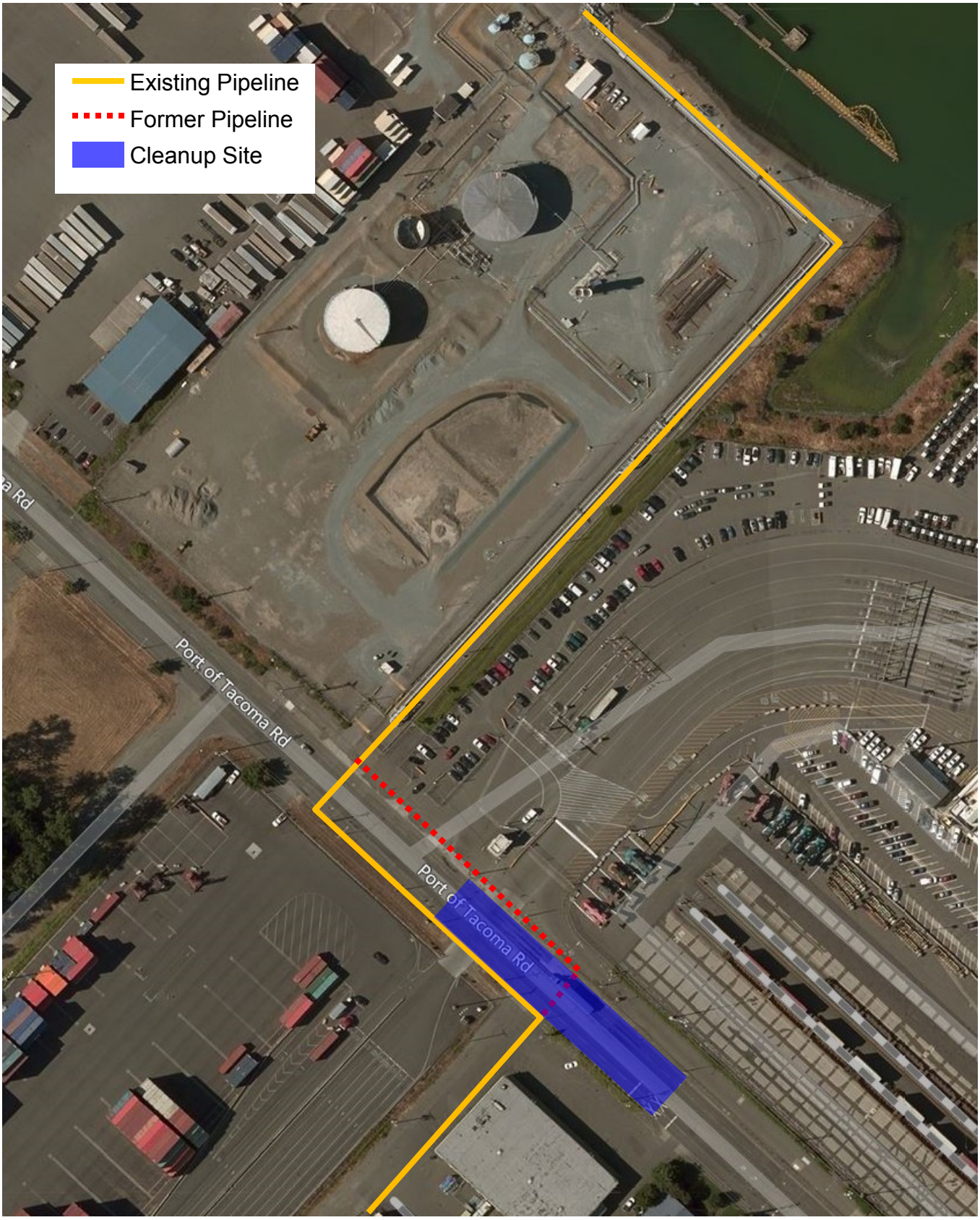
You will be invited to review and comment on the investigation and cleanup documents as the cleanup moves forward. See the box to the right for an overview of the cleanup process.

How does a polluted site get cleaned up?

- The **Remedial Investigation & Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** looks at the extent and type of pollution at a site. It evaluates cleanup options and develops alternatives. USOR is working on their RI/FS.
- Ecology may allow **Interim Actions** to partially clean up a site before the final cleanup plan is complete. This public comment period is for an interim action plan.
- The **Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)** describes the selected cleanup methods and how they will meet Ecology's cleanup standards. We will make the RI/FS report and draft CAP available for public comment.
- **Cleanup -** Toxic substances are removed from the site, contained on the site, or treated to make them less toxic. Ecology oversees the cleanup and can require that the site be monitored.
- **Delisting -** Ecology keeps track of toxic cleanup sites on the Hazardous Sites List (HSL). Once the cleanup is complete, the public will have a chance to comment before the site is removed from the HSL.

For more information about the cleanup process, please visit: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cu_support/cu_process_steps_defns.htm

Extent of Cleanup Site



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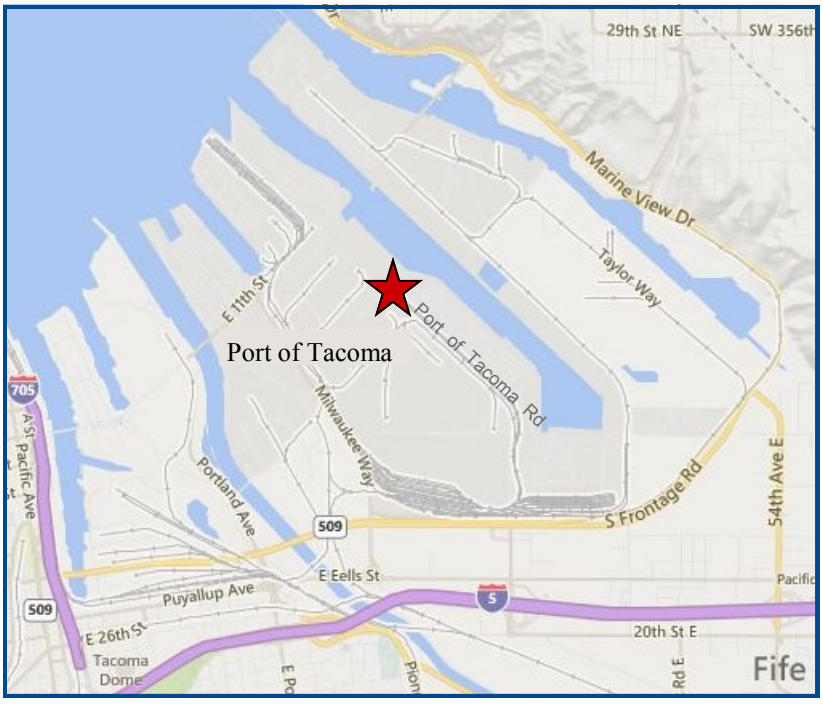
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