

To: Dale Myers, Site Manager
From: Marieke Rack, Public Involvement Specialist
DATE: July 6, 2015
SUBJECT: Boeing Field Chevron Public Comments

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) recently completed a public comment period for the Boeing Field Chevron Site (FSID: 2551). Ecology invited comments on an Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan. The comment period was from April 6-May 6, 2015, but was extended to June 19, 2015. During the comment period, Ecology received three comments. These comments, and Ecology's responses, are included below. Ecology promptly responded to all comments.

Emailed comment: April 3, 2015

On April 3, 2015, Anne Paxton of Seattle emailed Ecology and Susan Beatty (Legal Affairs Coordinator, Governor's Office) this comment:

Dear Mr. Myers and Ms. Rack,

I am deeply concerned that the notice about the agreed order on the Boeing Field Chevron site which appeared in the Seattle Times April 3, 2015, implied that the agreed order and PPP were only available to people who could physically travel to a library or the regional office of the Washington Department of Ecology.

Since it is probable that 90% of people who wished to comment on this order would look it up online, why was the online URL not listed in the notice? I note that the order is available for viewing at [boeingfieldchevron_finalagreedorder2015.pdf](#).

I hope if this is standard practice that the department will address it, since it is highly likely to limit public awareness of this contaminated site and the state's efforts to remedy the situation.

Please let me know that in future the department plans to include webpage URLs for public documents in public notices.

Thank you--
Anne Paxton
12514 42nd Ave NE
Seattle WA 98125

It is Ecology's standard practice to include the site website in the legal ad. It had been accidentally omitted in this case. Ecology contacted the Seattle Times and ran a corrected legal ad. In addition, Ecology responded to Ms. Paxton by email on April 4, 2015 as follows:

Dear Ms. Paxton,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

As you noted, the site URL was not listed in the Boeing Field Chevron notice on April 3 in the Seattle Times. This is unfortunate since it is Ecology's standard practice to include site URLs. We will run a correction on Tuesday, April 7.

Please note that the Boeing Field Chevron website is
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=7030>.

Sincerely,
Marieke Stientjes Rack

Ms. Paxton responded (also on April 3) as follows:

Thanks for your response. I appreciate knowing that the site URLs are usually there and you will run a corrected ad.
With best wishes--
Anne Paxton

Emailed comment: May 27, 2015

On May 27 2015, Brooke Alford (bmarie2@earthlink.net) of Tukwila emailed Ecology this comment:

Mr. Myers,

I live in the Allentown neighborhood of north Tukwila near the Chevron station that I have received a flyer about from Ecology. The Chevron is the most convenient place for me to fill up my tank. However, because the station is run so poorly and the pumps are so ill-maintained, I will not stop there. Long ago the car wash must have stopped working and they would not fix it. Instead, they hand wash cars outside of the building, letting detergent wash into the storm drain. I have reported this to the City. I suspect that the owners of this site have little regard for the pollutants they contribute to the watershed. I hope this cleanup will address any past seepage and spills and strong actions will be taken to prevent any future pollution.

Thank you for taking my comments,
Brooke Alford
Tukwila

On May 27, 2015 Ecology responded by email as follows:

Ms. Alford,
Thank you very much for your comment on the Boeing Field Chevron Site located in Tukwila.

I can assure you that with Ecology's oversight on the cleanup under an Agreed Order with Chevron and the Owner, that all past releases associated with the operations at this Service Station will be identified and remediated (cleaned up).

I also am hoping that the owner of the Service Station takes a more active role in protecting the environment after having to pay for all cost associated with his past releases.

Thank you again Ms. Alford for your comment, I will be printing out this message and adding it to the Site files.

Respectfully
Dale Myers
Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office

Toxics Cleanup Program

On June 11, 2015, Ecology responded by email as follows:

Dear Ms. Alford

Thank you very much for taking the time to send me your comments concerning the Boeing Field Chevron Site.

I can assure you that Ecology will make sure this will be a clean closure upon the completion of remedial actions.

Please find below the Ecology web Site for this Site

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=7030>

Also on the left hand side of the web page under SITE INFORMATION, there is a clickable link to all the reports and Fact sheet for you to view.

I hope this answers your questions, if not, my phone number is 425.649.4446

Ecology will be adding your comments to the Site files.

Emailed comment: June 16, 2015

On June 16 2015, Lisa Espinosa (laespin@myuw.net) of Seattle emailed Ecology this comment (below) with an attached document (attached here):

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are comments on behalf of my family related to clean-up work being performed in the are of the Lower Duwamish River.

Any questions, please feel free to contact us:

Lisa Espinosa
7503 16th Ave SW
Seattle, Wa 98106
206 762-5062

On June 16, 2015 Ecology responded by email as follows:

Thank you Ms. Espinosa for your comments concerning cleanup of a Site in the lower Duwamish River area.

I understand your concerns concerning the contamination and I have forwarded your comment to the lower Duwamish cleanup group.

This Agreed Order is for the cleanup of a single Site, the Boeing Field Chevron, and not meant to address all the contamination that has been identified within the lower Duwamish watershed.

Thank you again for your comment

Respectfully

Dale Myers

Ecology Project manager.

June 16, 2015

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of my family addressing the Lower Duwamish River. In response to your (Ecology's) invitation to submit public comments on the Agreed Order requirements to conduct a Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) and to prepare a Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP), we make the following statements.

My family has lived in this area for over 50 years. My sisters, brother and parents lived along this area during the apex of contamination. We've seen the community change over the years and many neighbors leaving the area. We believe we are some of the only remaining citizens who have been subjected to pollutants such as the contaminants of concern detailed in the findings: Hydrocarbons, Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylenes, and Non-aqueous Phase Liquids.

We grew up in this poor section of town and never really thought much about the environment around us. My father frequently fished for salmon in the river. In fact he worked in a flour mill along the river. And, us kids, would often bike down Marginal to play in the river. In fact, one sister and I frequently still kayak down the river. Or, on hot days, we would have picnics on the bank of the river. Further, we were constantly in contact with the soil and the water (both from a recreational use and consumption).

Yet at no time has my family, or to our knowledge, anyone in the impacted area been tested for cancer or other possible health effects. In the past, the level of pollutants wasn't well known. More importantly, the real effect of these pollutants on people is unknown.

Our family has chronic health issues. Our father passed away with cancer last year, our mother has developed heart issues, one sister has chronic asthma, while most of us have diabetes and issues with sight. We don't know how or even if any of the contaminants have contributed to our health issues. However, no studies or research into any real health issues and how they would be addressed has ever taken place.

The reality that cleanup work is centered only on the soil and groundwater is inappropriate. Many people have been exposed to these contaminants. Even though regulators see the need to clean-up the contaminated environment, they have missed the real target... helping the community stay safe and healthy.

Until now, we have not been asked (or at least we were unaware) of any opportunity to voice our concerns over public health issues associated with this area. As a result, we are submitting comments requesting your organization take into consideration including research on the impacts to community health and steps can be incorporated into the Draft Cleanup Action Plan.

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