

# The Former Circle K Station

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## Public comment sought on cleanup

*The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet to inform you about the cleanup of petroleum (gasoline) contaminated soils at this site.*

The former Circle K gasoline station is located at 2350 24th Avenue East in Seattle, Washington. (See attached map.) The property had been used as a gasoline station and convenience store from 1968 until 1990. The property is now used as a retail dry cleaning business.

Ecology and Mr. Kuk Jin Choung (owner of the property) are proposing a consent decree to begin investigating and cleaning up contaminated soils at the site.

The consent decree is a legal document, filed in the district court, that formalizes the agreement between Ecology and Mr. Choung.

Ecology invites the public to review the consent decree, a public participation plan, and SEPA documents and to comment on them. Ecology has reserved the right to modify or withdraw the consent decree if public comment discloses facts or considerations which indicate that such actions are warranted.

The box at the right tells where you can review the documents and to whom you can submit comments.

The 30-day public comment period will run from December 16, 1991, until January 15, 1992.

## Leaking underground storage tanks

Gasoline, and most other petroleum products, are stored in large, underground tanks. Storage underground is required by law in some areas to reduce fire and explosion hazards.

Underground storage tanks can leak due to:

- \* careless overfilling by tank truck operators (this problem is less frequent today than it was in the past),
- \* leaking pipes and fittings,
- \* stressed or older tanks.

Contaminants of concern from leaking underground storage tanks include benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, xylene, lead, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) for gasoline, and TPH for all other fuels.

With the passage of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), owners of petroleum contaminated properties are required to clean up contamination.

Under MTCA, owners can apply for state funds from the State's Toxics Control Account to help pay for the cleanup. Owners must sign a consent decree with Ecology in order to qualify for these funds.

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Mr. Choung has been approved for partial financial assistance. The terms of the financial assistance are outlined in the consent decree, which is now available for public comment.

## Cleanup activities may consist of:

- \* investigating the site to determine further cleanup actions,
- \* excavating soils contaminated with gasoline and other petroleum products if they are determined to be a threat to human health or the environment,
- \* treating excavated soils using land farming (a technique in which natural micro-organisms are introduced to soils for the purpose of degrading contamination),
- \* disposing of soils in a fully-lined, licensed landfill,
- \* treating soils using an in situ (in place) treatment method,
- \* investigating groundwater and treating it if necessary.

## Public Hearing to be held

Ecology will hold a public hearing to listen to your concerns about the cleanup of the site. The hearing will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 9, 1992 at the Montlake Community Center located at 1618 E. Calhoun in Seattle, Washington. (See the attached map.)

Ecology's site manager will be on hand to answer questions you may have about the site cleanup.

## What happens next?

After the 30-day comment period, Ecology will respond to all comments received, in writing in a formal responsiveness summary. All who comment will receive a copy of the summary. It will also be placed in the information repository listed in the box on page one.

Once all documents are final, interim activities at the site will begin. Cleanup may take a year or more to complete, depending on the soil treatment method chosen.

The public will be notified when the remedial investigation is completed and the cleanup action work plan is available. The public will again have an opportunity to review and comment on the documents. A final notice will be mailed announcing the completion of cleanup.

Notification to the public will be published in Ecology's Site Register at a minimum.

## Questions?

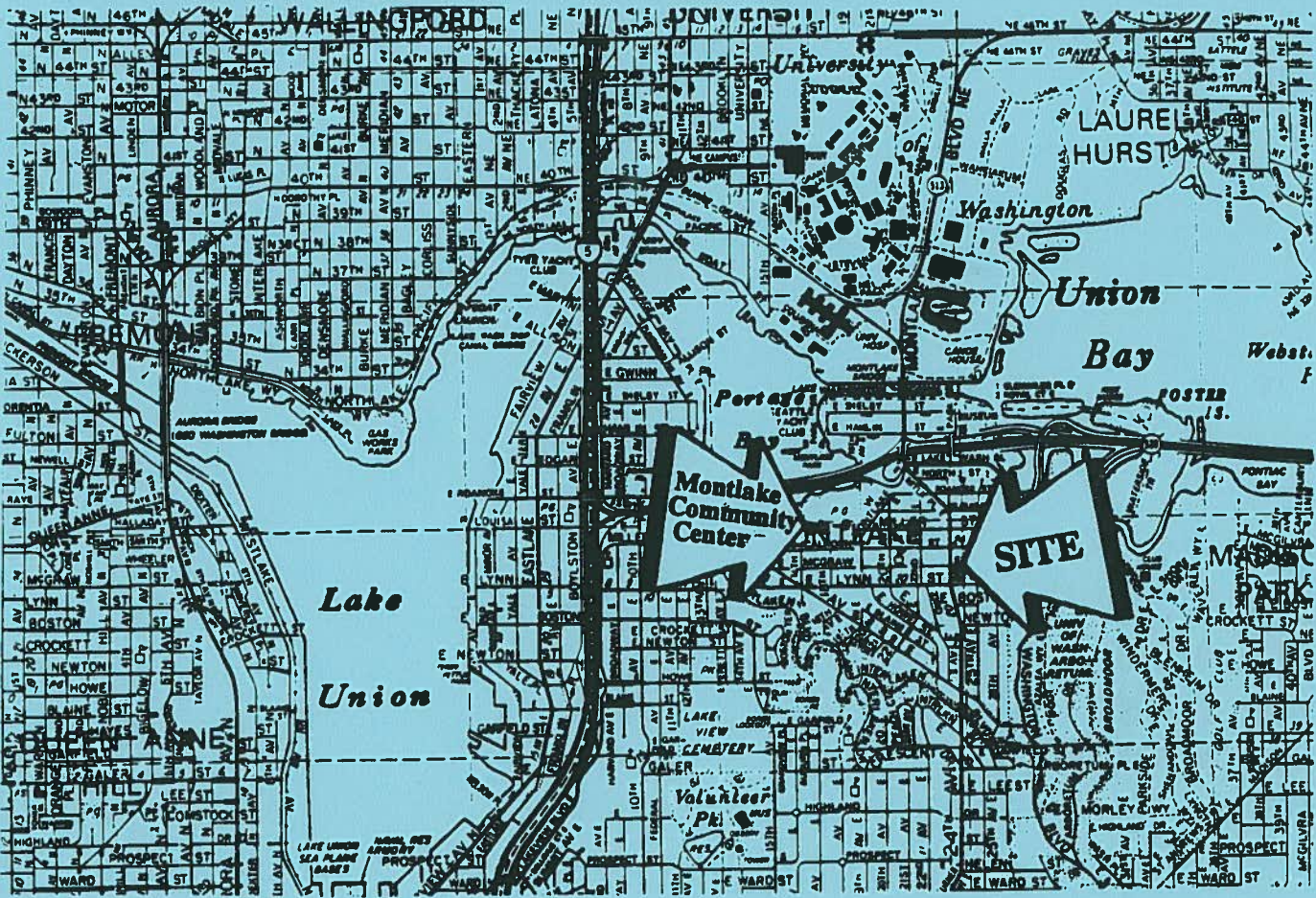
If you have questions about the cleanup, contact site manager Joe Hickey. If you have questions about opportunities for public involvement, contact public involvement specialist Susan Lee. (See box on page one for contact information.)

## Need help with comments?

Members of Ecology's Regional Citizens' Advisory Committee can help you in understanding the Model Toxics Control Act cleanup process. These members act as liaison between Ecology and the public, and meet regularly to discuss cleanup issues. The two members who live nearest to the site are:

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