

# Metro Dearborn Site



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## Update

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet to update you on the cleanup at the Metro Dearborn site, property owned by the King County Department of Transportation (formerly King County Department of Metropolitan Services or Metro) in the International District of Seattle. Cleanup actions were conducted following the terms of the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70-105D of the Revised Code of Washington.

### Soils cleanup complete

Ecology has determined that the soils at the Metro Dearborn Site have been cleaned up according to the agreement with Metro.

The soils had been contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons and solvents from the past operations of bus fueling and maintenance. During cleanup, the wooden building and concrete block were demolished. More than 100,000 cubic yards of contaminated soils were excavated and removed from the site. Clean soil replaced the excavated soils down to about 15 feet. The contaminated soils were trucked off-site and thermally treated for reuse. The site now meets Ecology's requirements for soils cleanup under MTCA.

The completion of cleanup of the soils makes way for the redevelopment of the site into the International District Village Square, a community center owned and managed by the Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation and Development Authority (SCIDPDA). The International District Village Square will create 75 housing units for low-income

seniors, expanded facilities for five human service agencies, and establish storefront retail along an underdeveloped corridor in the International District neighborhood. A ground-breaking ceremony to begin construction of the center will be Wednesday, August 28, 1996, with the opening of the center scheduled for late 1997.

### Groundwater monitoring extended

Groundwater monitoring shows that the levels of petroleum hydrocarbons are decreasing. Some substances are below Ecology's cleanup standards, and some are at or above the standards. Metro will continue to monitor the groundwater for petroleum hydrocarbons for an additional 15 months. Ecology and Metro will evaluate the groundwater conditions in January of 1997 to see if groundwater treatment will be necessary.

### Site background

The site is located at South Dearborn Street and Eighth Avenue South in the International District of Seattle.

The remedial investigation showed that contaminants on the site are from leaked or spilled petroleum products (diesel, leaded and unleaded gasoline, oil) and solvents (primarily 1,2-dichloroethane) commonly found as an additive to gasoline. The contaminants were found in the underlying soil and groundwater.

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