

**Toxics Cleanup Program****January 2012****Draft Consent Decree and Other  
Cleanup Documents Available for  
Public Review and Comment**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the ULTRA Corporation and former Pace National Corporation site (Pace National). The Pace National site is located at 500 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, in Kirkland, WA.

Currently, Ecology and ULTRA Corporation have negotiated a legal agreement called a Consent Decree. The agreement requires Ultra Corporation to complete the cleanup tasks in its Cleanup Action Plan and to conduct compliance monitoring to confirm that cleanup levels have been achieved across the site. It is a binding legal agreement and will be recorded in Washington Superior Court.

**What's New?**

Since the last public comment period in December 2008, much work has been accomplished at the Pace National site. Site investigation work has been completed, a Supplemental Remedial Investigation Work Plan was prepared, approved by Ecology and implemented, and two pilot tests were performed to evaluate alternative cleanup methods.

Currently, the draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Report (RI/FS) is complete. The RI/FS report includes subsurface investigations, pilot test results, and documentation of earlier interim actions such as excavations and removal of underground storage tanks.

Also, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist was prepared by consultants and determination of non-significance was completed by Ecology to assess potential environmental impacts of the preferred cleanup alternative.

**Comments Accepted****January 27 – February 27, 2012****Submit Comments and Technical  
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## ULTRA Corporation Former Pace National Site

An updated Public Participation Plan was prepared to outline opportunities for communication and public input in the next step in the cleanup process - implementing the preferred cleanup action for this site.

### Public Comments Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the following documents:

- Draft Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study Report (RI/FS)
- Draft Consent Decree
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan
- Updated Public Participation Plan
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Send your written comments to Ecology's Site Manager, Maura O'Brien at [maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:maura.obrien@ecy.wa.gov) by February 27, 2012 for consideration.

### Remedial Investigation/Feasibility (RI/FS) Study Report

The RI details site sampling and testing to describe the extent of known chemicals of concern in soil and groundwater. It includes soil and groundwater laboratory results, interim cleanup actions, and pilot testing of cleanup alternatives. The FS evaluates cleanup alternatives and assists in selecting and recommending a final cleanup action. The site conceptual model identifies the sources of contamination and pathways, and assists in reviewing cleanup alternatives.

Prior to 2006, the suspected contaminants were chlorinated volatile organics that included vinyl chloride (a common solvent), as well as petroleum substances in soil and groundwater. Soil and groundwater were tested for a wide variety of chemicals because the former business operations included the packaging of hazardous chemicals.

These results are listed in the RI. Five interim cleanup actions were conducted to remove chemicals of concern. In 2010, the only remaining chemical of concern was vinyl chloride in groundwater. Vinyl chloride is not present in site soils. The proposed cleanup action focuses on clean up of vinyl chloride with compliance monitoring to confirm that it is removed and groundwater quality is restored.

### Proposed Cleanup Action Plan

The proposed Cleanup Action Plan describes the selected cleanup actions and outlines the steps Ultra Corporation will take to complete the cleanup tasks at the site. The selected cleanup actions are:

- Conduct Monitored Natural Attenuation.
- Conduct Compliance Monitoring.
- Prepare Progress & Final Reports.

Once cleanup is achieved and the compliance monitoring shows that the cleanup levels have been maintained for four consecutive sampling events, Ecology will propose in a comment period to close the Consent Decree and remove the Site from the state Hazardous Sites List.

### Updated Public Participation Plan

An updated version of the Public Participation Plan is now available for public review and comment. The Public Participation Plan is designed to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process.

The plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process and make comments or recommendations during the process.

### State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

The SEPA environmental checklist and Determination of Non Significance (DNS) are available for public review. This checklist evaluates environmental impacts if this cleanup action is conducted. Ecology has reviewed this checklist and determined that implementing this cleanup will cause no significant adverse environmental impacts called a SEPA Determination of Non Significance.

### Site Background

The Ultra Corporation site, referred as Pace National site, aka the former Pace International Facility, represents a five acre property in a mixed commercial/industrial and residential neighborhood in central Kirkland about 1/2 mile south of downtown. The site is located south of commercial buildings and residential homes, west of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway tracks and Google Campus, north of the Lakeview Elementary School, and east of condo/apartment buildings and single family residences.

In the early 1960s, the site was converted from residential to commercial/industrial use. Pace National purchased the site in 1969 and operated a specialty chemical mixing and packaging facility on the northern portion of the site from 1971 to 1990. The site had 14 underground storage tanks that contained regulated and unregulated substances such as alcohols, oils, and proprietary mixtures. After the business closed in 1990 the site was used as a retail storage facility until 2006. The Pace building was demolished for interim actions for source removal and soil excavation.

### Contaminant of Concern

Vinyl chloride, a common solvent used in industrial and commercial operations, is the contaminant of concern at the site.

The previous interim actions and excavations removed impacted soils and groundwater and placed clean soil backfill at the site. New groundwater monitoring wells were added to the existing monitoring well network. There has been extensive monitoring in both soil and groundwater. Several contaminants have been removed from the initial list of contaminants of concern for this site because their concentrations are below state cleanup levels. However, one chemical –vinyl chloride (VC) - has persisted in groundwater. Although the VC concentration has decreased, it remains above the state cleanup level and so the proposed Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) will clean up this persistent substance.

### Why this Cleanup Matters

Contaminated sites provide pollutants that may migrate through soil, water, and air into surrounding streams, lakes, groundwater, storm water, and sediments. These pollutants eventually flow into Lake Washington and Puget Sound. Once there, the contaminants may settle, accumulate and work their way into the food chain, ultimately threatening the entire ecosystem, including human health and the environment.

### What's Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments. A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui if you have questions or wish to request a meeting at [nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov) or at (425) 649-7117.



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