

**Responsiveness Summary
for the
Whitehead Tye Site
Seattle, Washington**

**Public Comment Period
For Interim Action Work Plan and SEPA
Determination of Non-Significance
February 3 - March 5, 2017**

March 17, 2017

Washington State Department of Ecology

**Northwest Regional Office
3190 – 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, Washington 98008**

Introduction

A public comment period was held February 3 - March 5, 2017 on the Whitehead Tye Interim Action Work Plan (IAWP) and State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS). Details of the site and documents are available at the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=12115>

Three comments were received:

Patty Foley, an email received February 3, 2017.

Ken Workman, an email received February 17, 2017

Maria Rosario, an email received March 8, 2017.

Copies of the comments and Ecology's responses are attached.

Response to Comments

Response to Patty Foley and Maria Rosario

These comments expressed support for Ecology and the proposed interim action. Ecology expressed appreciation for this support, and continued diligence with the cleanup.

Response to Ken Workman

Ecology concurs that due to reports of potential burial sites in the vicinity, additional vigilance is needed in this regard at this Site. Therefore, Ecology is requiring that the consultant develop an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) for the Site. Ecology has also in separate communications with the consultant required that the IDP be reviewed and that we obtain a written response from the Department of Archeological and Historic Preservation (DAHP) prior to construction. Ecology has contacted DAHP to get on their radar screen for review of the documents, as well.

Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)

From: Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:39 AM
To: 'kman6@mindspring.com'
Cc: Thomas, Richard (ECY); Sutton, Victoria (ECY); Cardona-Marek, Tamara (ECY); McCrea, Rachel (ECY); Timm, Ronald W. (ECY); 'Hale.Elly@epa.gov'
Subject: Whitehead Tyee

Hi Mr. Workman,

I will be the new Site Manager for the Whitehead Tyee Site taking over from Ron Timm. I just wanted to drop you a line, as I understand that we have had comments from you regarding the potential for finding remains at the Whitehead Tyee Site. I also understand that you are awaiting information from certain family members on how they would like to proceed if such remains are encountered during construction.

As you know from reviewing the Work Plan, we are requiring that the consultant develop an IDP for the Site. We have also in separate communications with them that the IDP be reviewed and that we obtain a written response from DAHP prior to construction. We have contacted DAHP to get on their radar screen for review of the documents, as well. I understand that SIM through their consultant has done some additional historical/archeological research, but I have not yet seen the results of that work.

Please feel free to contact me with any further information or concerns.

Maureen Sanchez

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Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)

From: Timm, Ronald W. (ECY)
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Ken Workman
Cc: 'Sophie Glass'; White, Amelia (ECY); Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)
Subject: RE: Whitehead Tye Interim Action comment period

Mr. Workman,

Thank you for your input. Ecology will work with you to address these concerns.

Meanwhile, feel free to contact us with any further comments or questions.

Regards,

*Ronald W. Timm, L.Hg., M.S.
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From: Ken Workman [mailto:kman6@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 3:20 PM
To: Timm, Ronald W. (ECY) <rtim461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: 'Sophie Glass' <sglass@triangleassociates.com>
Subject: FW: Whitehead Tye Interim Action comment period

Dear Mr. Timm,

I have a concern regarding the Whitehead Tye site.

I'm writing with regard to the Lower Duwamish Waterway Cleanup plan and more specifically the Whitehead Tye cleanup site and plan. The Duwamish tribe of Indians has many members and of those we have a family that has in their history a story about their relatives who were interned somewhere under E. Marginal Way S. in the general proximity of the Whitehead Tye site when that highway was first being built.

It is come to my attention that in the early 20th century there used to be a graveyard at what was called the poorhouse, also known as King County Hospital, and in the proximity of the Whitehead Tye site. The poorhouse/hospital was located just north of Myrtle Street and West of Corson Avenue S.

I have reached out to this family for clarification with regard to how they would like to proceed if these ancestors, who were unable to be exhumed, should be found under the Whitehead Tye site.

Sincerely,
Ken workman, Duwamish tribe
kman6@mindspring.com
c: (425) 941-6539

From: Sophie Glass [<mailto:sglass@triangleassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2017 8:52 AM
To: Ken Workman <kman6@mindspring.com>
Cc: 'White, Amelia (ECY)' <amwh461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: FW: Whitehead Tye Interim Action comment period



Hello Councilmember Workman,
When we spoke a few weeks back, you expressed some concerns about the Whitehead Tye site. I wanted to make sure that you knew about the official comment period for this site. Comments will be accepted from February 3—March 5, 2017. If you are interested, you may submit comments to:

Ronald Timm - Site Manager
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Please let me know if you want any more information.

Take care,

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Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 10:26 AM
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Subject: Whitehead Tyee Interim Action comment period

Dear Tribes, Trustees, and community members,

I wanted to make sure you got a copy of the mailer that we sent out for the comment period starting today on the Whitehead Tyee cleanup site (Seattle Iron & Metals Truck Parking). Please forward to any others you think would like this information.

Thanks,

Amelia (Amy) White

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Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)

From: Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 3:54 PM
To: '1rosariomaria@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Whitehead Tyee 730 S Myrtle

Rosario-Maria,

Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your input, and will continue to work to get this site cleaned up.

Maureen Sanchez
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From: Timm, Ronald W. (ECY)
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 7:04 AM
To: Sanchez, Maureen (ECY) <MASA461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: White, Amelia (ECY) <amwh461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: FW: Whitehead Tyee 730 S Myrtle

From: ROsario-Maria [<mailto:1rosariomaria@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, March 05, 2017 2:32 PM
To: Timm, Ronald W. (ECY) <rtim461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: Whitehead Tyee 730 S Myrtle

Good evening, I am a Georgetown resident and have read the clean up plan for Whitehead Tyee.

I am in favor of removing the contaminated soil, installing a storm water treatment and providing further studies which are included in the plan.

Thank you,

Rosario-Maria
Georgetown Resident

Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)

From: Sanchez, Maureen (ECY)
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 3:54 PM
To: 'patty_foley@hotmail.com'
Subject: FW: Comment RE: Whitehead Tyee Cleanup Site

Hi Ms Foley,

Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your input, and will continue to work to get this site cleaned up.

Maureen Sanchez
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From: Timm, Ronald W. (ECY)
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:14 AM
To: White, Amelia (ECY) <amwh461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: Sanchez, Maureen (ECY) <MASA461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: FW: Comment RE: Whitehead Tyee Cleanup Site

Our first comment...do you have preferred way to acknowledge or respond?

From: Patty Foley [mailto:patty_foley@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Timm, Ronald W. (ECY) <rtim461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Cc: GCC directors <directors@georgetownneighborhood.com>; Jesse Moore <georgetownjesse@gmail.com>; Gale Myles <galemyles@gmail.com>
Subject: Comment RE: Whitehead Tyee Cleanup Site

Dear Mr. Timm,

I am writing to provide comment about the Whitehead Tyee Cleanup and Seattle Iron & Metals as a business which is in my neighborhood.

It did not come as a surprise to me to hear that SIM is polluting the Duwamish River, as I have only known this business as a bad neighbor. Their business brings much theft of metal to our residential community, as we see ramshackle trucks slowly driving down our alleys looking to steal some more metal before getting in line to "recycle" it at SIM. Seeing SIM from the riverside, it is an absolute eye-sore, and one has to wonder WHY this type of business is located on the riverbank, where inevitably their sloppy, careless by-products will leach into the waterway. This waterway, which the federal government is sinking millions of dollars to clean up with SuperFund monies. I understand from your Interim Action fact sheet that SIM now owns this property which is somewhat disheartening to hear. So, I want you to know I am wholeheartedly in support of holding them to strict cleanup standards, potentially even more strict than usual due to their proximity to the Duwamish River.

Thank you for the work you are doing to improve the health and environment in our beautiful state!

Sincerely,

Patty Foley
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