DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

1920 Port of Tacoma Road

Toxics Cleanup Program **March 2012**

Public Comment Period

The 1920 Port of Tacoma Road site is in an industrial area near the Blair Waterway in the Tacoma tideflats. The Department of Ecology is entering into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with U.S. Oil & Refining Co. for cleanup of this site.

Ecology invites you to comment on the Agreed Order from **April 9 to May 8, 2012**. The box at the right shows where to find site documents and how to submit comments.

Site Background

Starting in 1958, U.S. Oil & Refining used five pipelines to move petroleum back and forth from its dock on the Blair Waterway to its refinery on Lincoln Ave. These pipelines released petroleum into the surrounding soil, causing contamination.

In 1995, a work crew found contaminated soil. Ecology did sampling and found gasoline-range petroleum hydrocarbons, which are harmful to human health. The vapors also pose a risk because they can explode.

In 1997 and 1998, U.S. Oil & Refining did some sampling and found contaminated soil and groundwater. The company removed some of the soils, but contamination remained.

Cleanup Process

U.S. Oil & Refining is now beginning cleanup under Ecology oversight. The Agreed Order requires:

- A remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination.
- A feasibility study to compare cleanup options.
- A cleanup action plan describing the cleanup methods picked.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to public comments and questions. U.S. Oil & Refining will then begin collecting data for the remedial investigation. Ecology will put a draft cleanup action plan out for public comment when it is ready.

Comments Accepted

April 9—May 8, 2012

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

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Citizens for a Healthy Bay
535 Dock Street, Suite 213
Tacoma, WA 98402
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website
https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3801

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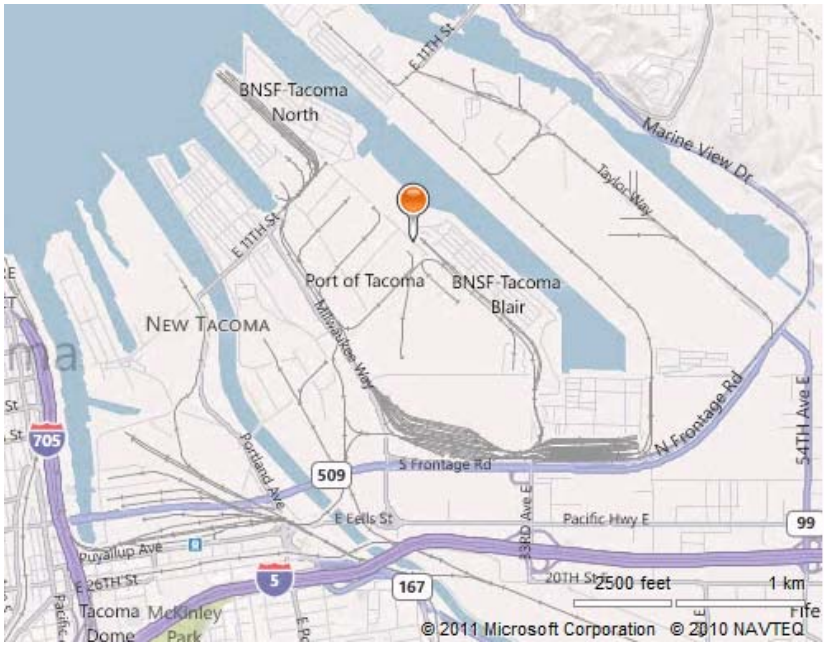
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