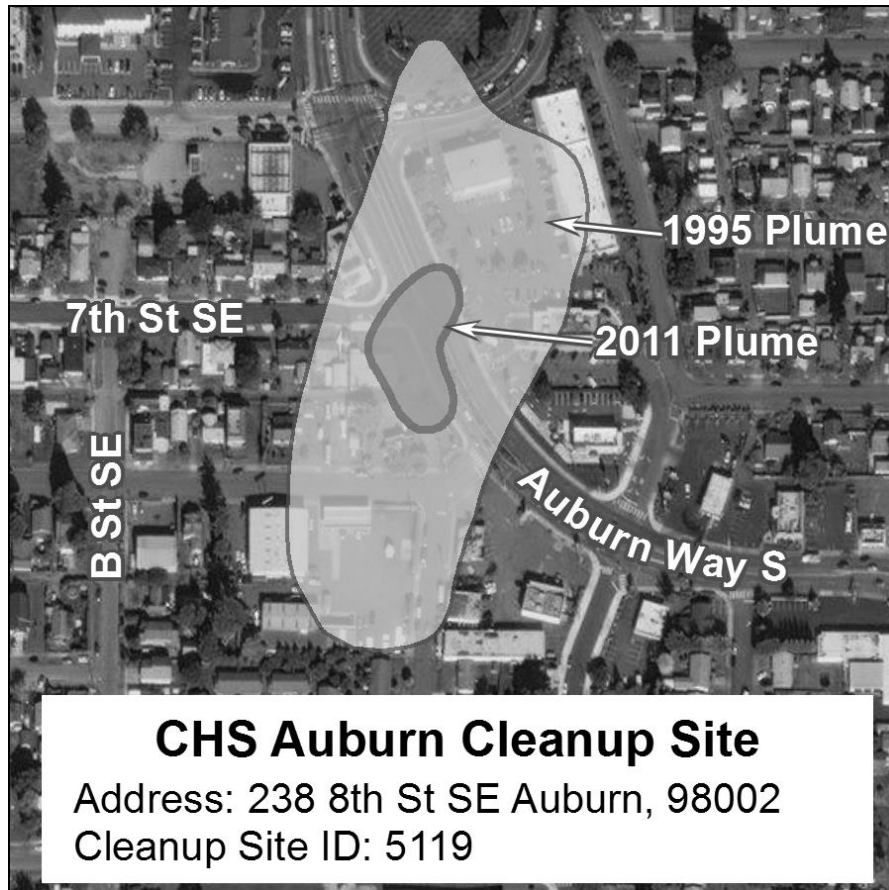




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CHS Auburn Cleanup Site



Public Participation Plan 2018

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has developed this Public Participation Plan pursuant to the **Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)**, to promote meaningful community involvement prior to implementation of remedial action at the CHS Auburn Site, located at 238 8th Street SE, Auburn, Washington. This site is listed in Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List as **Facility Site number 2487**.

This plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology uses to inform the public about site activities and identifies opportunities for the community to become involved. This plan aims at addressing potential community concerns regarding the remedial action and defines the types of public participation activities that will take place as a part of the cleanup process. It is based on Ecology's MCTA regulations (WAC 173-340-600 Public Participation).

Ecology is committed to an open dialogue with the community to ensure that interested parties receive information as well as provide input during the decision-making process.

Ecology, working with the site owner, drafted the **Remedial Investigation (RI)**, the **Feasibility Study (FS)**, and the **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP)**.

Following the completion of the draft RI/FS, and DCAP, additional public involvement activities will likely be scheduled as remedial actions proceed. The public involvement activities will be tailored based on MTCA requirements and public comments. This will include public notification and a public comment period when appropriate.

2.0 SITE BACKGROUND



The CHS Auburn cleanup site is generally located at 238 8th Street SE, Auburn, Washington. The site is approximately 10 1/2 acres. The CHS property is currently used as a retail gasoline/fuel station and convenience store. They also fill propane tanks and deliver propane for home heating out of the facility.

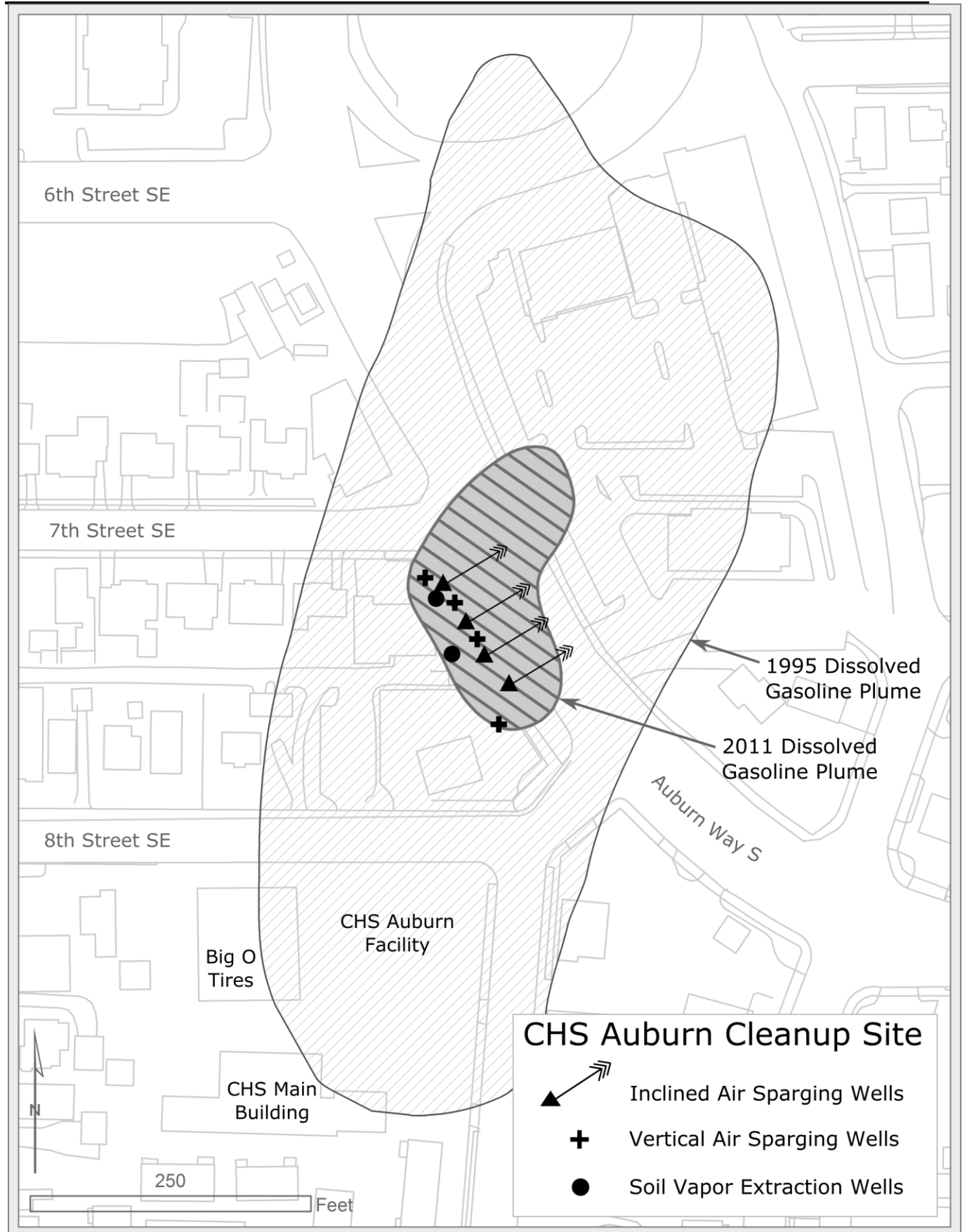
From approximately 1920 to 1985, the Valley Supply Co-op operated a gasoline distribution business at this site. Cenex (CHS's predecessor) purchased the facility from Valley Supply in 1985. At the time of purchase, Cenex did not investigate the site for contamination. Cenex and later CHS continued business operations at the site, including bulk and retail sales and operation of above- and under-ground bulk and retail petroleum storage tanks.

In May 1994, a small crack in a gasoline pipe was discovered adjacent to the aboveground tanks at the CHS facility. The pipe was repaired and tests were conducted that indicated that a gasoline release occurred (with traces of diesel) and that soil and groundwater were contaminated. Contamination was also found in soil and groundwater on City of Auburn property and on several other properties in the immediate area, extending from the CHS property approximately less than 0.5 miles to the northeast.

Remedial activities have been ongoing since 1994, with one groundwater remedial system, designated as the Central System, currently active at the site. Key activities are:

- Groundwater pump-and-treat from 1994 to 1996.
- Removal of storage tanks (14 underground storage tanks and 12 above ground storage tanks). Removal of contaminated soil excavations (over 8,000 tons) at the source property (the former bulk fuel storage area of the CHS Auburn facility) in 1997 and 1998.
- Air Sparging (AS) and Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) from 1994 to present. SVE was phased out in 1999. A portion of the AS system (the down-gradient system) was shut down in 2007. The rest of the system is in operation.
- Groundwater monitoring from 1997 to present.

The original groundwater plume has reduced in size since 1994. The proposed cleanup plan, to be implemented under a legal agreement called a Consent Decree, will address the remaining soil and groundwater contamination in a targeted area of the site. This area is located south of the intersection of 7th Street SE and Auburn Way S, and along the southwest side of the Auburn Way South right-of-way.



3.0 CLEANUP ACTIONS AND SCHEDULE

The cleanup action plan proposes to install additional air sparging and soil vapor extraction wells in the remaining area of contamination at the site. Air sparging will force air into the aquifer to reduce the mass of volatile contaminants. It will also enhance the natural degradation through microbiological processes (natural attenuation). Soil vapor extraction wells will capture the volatilized contaminants and safely treat them. The remediation will be assessed on its performance and monitored natural attenuation may be implemented as a contingency plan based on the evaluation. Also, institutional controls (environmental covenants) will be placed on areas where cleanup levels are exceeded.

The final cleanup plan and consent decree will have a schedule for the cleanup activities.

4.0 CHEMICALS OF CONCERN

The chemicals of concern identified for the site are petroleum hydrocarbon compounds (diesel, gasoline, oil, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes) in soil and groundwater.

5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this Public Participation Plan is to promote public understanding and participation in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup activities planned for this site. This section of the plan addresses how Ecology will share information and receive public comments and community input on the site activities.

Ecology urges the public to become involved in the cleanup process. Information will be provided regularly for opportunities to review material and provide comments. This plan is intended to be a flexible working document that will be updated as community concerns emerge and/or more information becomes available during the cleanup process.

Site Contact Information

To arrange for a briefing with project staff, ask questions, or provide comments on the plan or other aspects of the cleanup, please contact one of the persons listed below.

Technical questions, contact:

Jerome Cruz, Site Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology
3190 160th Ave S.E.
Phone: (425) 649-7094
Email: jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov

Community Outreach questions, contact:

Nancy Lui, Community Outreach Coordinator
Washington State Department of Ecology
3190 160th Ave S.E.
Phone: (425) 649-7117
Email: nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov

To obtain more information in Spanish regarding this cleanup project, please see below and reference CHS Auburn Site.

Espanol

Para obtener más información sobre esta limpieza del sitio CHS Auburn en español o traducciones de otros materiales, favor de comunicarse con Gretchen Newman al teléfono (360) 407-6097 o por correo electrónico al preguntas@ecy.wa.gov. Favor de hacer referencia al Sitio de CHS Auburn.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at (360) 407-7668 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

Public Involvement Activities

Ecology uses a variety of activities to facilitate public participation in the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites. Ecology will take into consideration input provided by the community.

This list details the public involvement activities that Ecology will use, their purposes, and description of when and how they will be used during this site cleanup.

Formal Public Comment Periods

Comment periods are the primary method Ecology uses to get feedback from the public on proposed cleanup actions or decisions. They are usually last 30-days and are required at key points during the cleanup process.

During a comment period, the public can comment in writing. At the conclusion of the comment period, Ecology reviews all comments and may respond in a document called a Responsiveness Summary. Ecology will consider the need for changes or revisions based on public input. If significant changes are made, then a second comment period may be held. If no significant changes are made, then the draft document(s) will be finalized.

Public Meetings and Hearings

Public meetings and hearings may be held at key points during the cleanup process. Ecology may also offer public meetings or hearing for actions expected to be of particular interest to the community and if ten or more people request during the 30-day comment period. Ecology may hold a public meeting or hearing for the purpose of taking comments on draft documents out for public comment.

Information Repositories

Information repositories are convenient places where the public can go to read and review site information. The information repositories are often at libraries or community sites, which provide public access. During the comment period, the site documents will be available for review at each repository listed below. For special accommodation or translation assistance, please call (425) 649-7117. Please indicate you would like assistance with the CHS Auburn cleanup site.

Ecology has established the following repositories:

Auburn Public Library

1102 Auburn Way S
Auburn, WA 98022
Phone: (253) 931-3018

Washington State Department of Ecology Central Records Department

3190 160th Ave. S.E.
Bellevue, WA 98008

To schedule an appointment:

Sally Perkins

Phone: (425) 649-7190

Fax Number: 425-649-4450

E-mail: nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov

Hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 8 am–Noon and 1–4:30 pm

CHS Auburn Cleanup Site Website

Ecology has a webpage for the CHS Auburn Cleanup Site. This website will be updated when new information becomes available. Documents will be available on Ecology's website.

CHS Auburn Cleanup Site website address:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5119>

Site Register and Public Events Calendar

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program uses the Site Register and web-based Public Involvement Calendar to announce all of its public meetings and comment periods as well as additional site activities.

To receive the Site Register in electronic or hard copy format, please contact Cheryl Ann Bishop at (360) 407-6848 or via email at cherylann.bishop@ecy.wa.gov. The Site Register is available on Ecology's website at: <https://www.ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data>

The Public Involvement Calendar is available on Ecology's website at: <https://www.ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-involved/Public-input-events>

Fact Sheet

Ecology will prepare and mail fact sheets to persons and organizations interested in the CHS Auburn Site to inform them of public meetings and comment opportunities and important site activities. Ecology may also mail a fact sheet about the progress of site activities. The fact sheet will be posted on Ecology's website at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5119>

Mailing List

Ecology has compiled and maintained a list of interested parties, organizations and residents living near the cleanup site. The mailing list will be used to provide information regarding this project. If you are not on the mailing list for this site and wish to be added or taken off the mailing list, please call (425) 649-7117 and reference CHS Auburn.

Newspaper Display Ads

Ecology will place ads in the local newspaper to announce public comment periods, public meetings or hearings for this site.

6.0 PARTICIPATION GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Additionally, citizen groups living near known or suspected contaminated sites may apply for public participation grants during open application periods. These grants may be used to provide assistance to citizens through a citizen technical advisor who helps them understand the cleanup process and creates additional avenues for public participation.

For more information about the public participation grant, please go to Ecology's website at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Grants-loans>

Ecology currently does not have a citizen technical advisor for the site.

7.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

This Public Participation Plan update was developed by Ecology and complies with the Model Toxics Control Act regulations (Chapter 173-340 WAC). It will be reviewed as cleanup progresses and may be amended if necessary. Amendments may be submitted to Ecology's Site Manager Jerome Cruz for review and consideration at jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov or mail your request to Department of Ecology, 3190 160ths Ave SE., Bellevue, WA 98008.

APPENDIX – GLOSSARY

Cleanup: The implementation of a cleanup action, or interim action.

Cleanup Action: Any remedial action, except interim actions, taken at a site to eliminate, render less toxic, stabilize, contain, immobilize, isolate, treat, destroy, or remove a hazardous substance that complies with WAC 173-340-350 through 173-340-390.

Chemicals of Concern (COCs): Hazardous substances that are of particular concern at this site.

Comment Period: A time period during which the public can review and comment on various documents and proposed actions. For example, a comment period may be provided to allow community members to review and comment on proposed cleanup action alternatives and proposed plans.

Consent Decree: A legal document approved and issued by a court which formalizes an agreement reached between the state and potentially liable persons (PLPs) on the actions needed at a site. A decree is subject to public comment. If a decree is substantially changed, an additional comment period is provided.

Contaminant: Any hazardous substance that does not occur naturally or occurs at greater than natural background levels.

Environment: Any plant, animal, natural resource, surface water (including underlying sediments), ground water, drinking water supply, land surface (including tidelands and shorelands) or subsurface strata, or ambient air within the state of Washington.

Facility: Any building, structure, installation, equipment, pipe or pipeline (including any pipe into a sewer or publicly-owned treatment works), well, pit, pond, lagoon, impoundment, ditch, landfill, storage container, motor vehicle, rolling stock, vessel, or aircraft; or any site or area where a hazardous substance, other than a consumer product in consumer use, has been deposited, stored, disposed or, placed, or otherwise come to be located.

Facility Site ID #: Site specific number assigned by Ecology for the Ecology known and suspected contaminated sites database.

Feasibility Study: The Feasibility Study takes the information from the Remedial Investigation and identifies and analyzes the cleanup alternatives available. As with the Remedial Investigation, a workplan will be prepared which describes how the study will be done.

Interim Action: Any remedial action that partially addresses the cleanup of a site. It is an

action that is technically necessary to reduce a threat to human health or the environment by eliminating or substantially reducing one or more pathways for exposure to a hazardous substance at a facility; an action that corrects a problem that may become substantially worse or cost substantially more to address if the action is delayed; an action needed to provide for completion of a site hazard assessment, state remedial investigation/feasibility study, or design of a cleanup action.

Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA): Refers to RCW 70.105D approved by voters in the state of Washington in November 1988. The implementing regulation is WAC 173- 340 and was amended in 2001.

Public Participation Plan: A plan prepared under the authority of WAC 173-340-600 to encourage coordinated and effective public involvement tailored to the public's needs at a particular site.

Remedial Investigation: A Remedial Investigation is a study to define the nature, extent, and magnitude of contamination at a site. Before a remedial investigation can be conducted, a detailed workplan must be prepared which describes how the investigation work will be done.

Responsiveness Summary: A compilation of all questions and comments into a document open for public comment and their respective answers/replies by Ecology. The responsiveness summary is mailed, at a minimum, to those who provided comments, and its availability is published in the Site Register.

Site Register: Publication issued every two weeks of major activities conducted statewide related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Model Toxics Control Act. To receive this publication, please call (360) 407-7200.