

SemMaterials Site

(formerly Koch Materials)



Parties Agree to Investigate Petroleum in Soil

The Washington State Department of Ecology plans to enter into an Agreed Order with BNSF Railway Company, Koch Materials LLC, Marathon Oil Company, and SemMaterials, L.P. to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the site. The site is located at 4327 North Thor Street in the City of Spokane, Spokane County, Washington (see Figure 1).

The Agreed Order is a legal document issued by Ecology. It formalizes the agreement between Ecology and the potentially liable persons (PLPs) for the cleanup actions needed at the site. The purpose of the Remedial Investigation is to gather more information to determine where and how much petroleum contamination may be in site soil and groundwater. The purpose of the Feasibility Study is to evaluate cleanup alternatives and select a cleanup action.

The draft Agreed Order does not become final until after the 30-day comment period. Ecology will review all comments that are received and may revise the Order, if necessary.

Ecology Invites Your Comments

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order, Scope of Work, and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. *Comments will be accepted March 2, 2008 through March 31, 2008.*
- **Attend** a public meeting to learn more. The meeting will be held **March 11, 2008 at 7 p.m.** at the *Northeast Community Center, 4001 North Cook Street, Spokane*

See the shaded box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

SemMaterials is the current operator of the leased facility formerly known as Koch Materials. The facility receives and stores petroleum products used in the manufacture of asphalt and sealants. The site has reportedly been used for petroleum-related operations since 1910.



Looking North Toward the Site

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Koch Materials operated the facility from 1983 to 2005. Husky Oil Company of Delaware (now merged with Marathon Oil Company) operated the facility from the 1970s until 1982. BNSF Railway Company owns the property where the facility is located.

In December 1992 three petroleum storage tanks were removed from the northeast corner of the site. During the tank removal, petroleum-

contaminated soil was found. Soil borings were drilled to determine the depth of contamination. Contamination was found as deep as 125 feet. This raised concerns because the site lies over the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

Ecology became involved at the site in 1993 and ranked the site a three on the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a record of contaminated sites

throughout the state that are ranked on a scale of one to five. One represents the greatest potential threat to human health and the environment; five represents the least potential threat. The site ranked a three because of the level of contamination in soil and the potential for aquifer contamination.

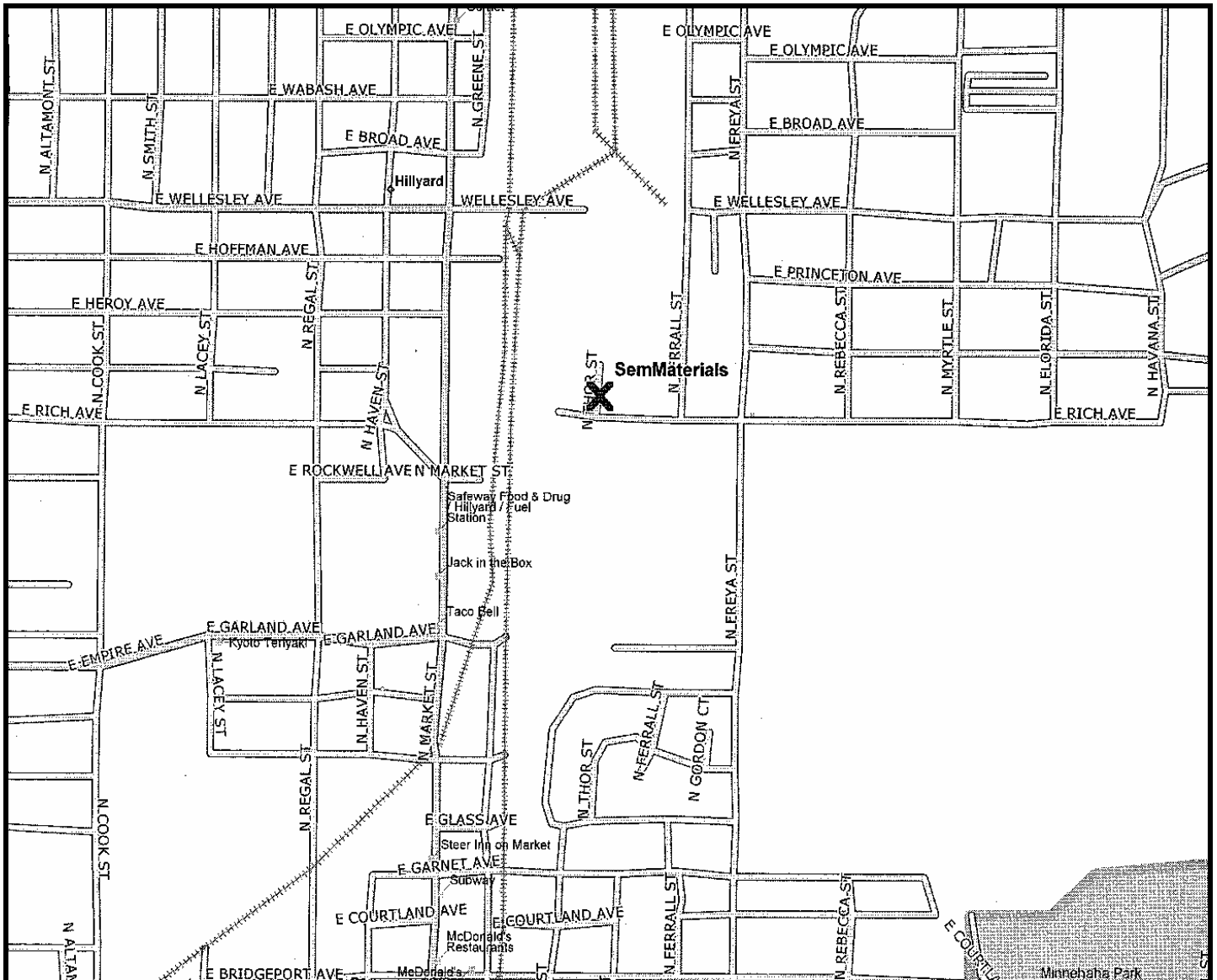


Figure 1