



Commitment to Cleanup: Residential Property Cleanup Manual Available for Public Review & Comment

Everett Smelter Site Fact Sheet 25

Public Comment Period:

June 26 - July 26

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Ecology continues to clean up the Everett Smelter site

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) continues to clean up the Everett Smelter site. The Legislature has authorized Ecology to spend \$1.5 million from a fund set aside for cleanup purposes to continue cleanup of the Everett Smelter site in 2000 and the first half of 2001. Ecology will develop cleanup priorities consistent with the amount awarded. It is Ecology's goal to provide as much certainty as possible to the greatest number of residents and homeowners in this area that their yards will be cleaned up and be safe.

Ecology has prepared a "Property Cleanup Manual" that addresses how the cleanups will be conducted. The manual (which is based on the November 1999 Cleanup Action Plan) and the Public Participation Plan are now available for your review and comment through July 26, 2000.

Ecology is also holding a public meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Legion Hall - Legion Park, 146 Alverson Blvd, Everett, to discuss the details of the manual and plan. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

Both documents are available for your review at the Everett Public Library and the Snohomish Health District offices. You may send written comments to Ecology's Site Manager, David L. South. (See box at left.)

Cleanup 2000

Ecology has chosen 23 yards for cleanup in August and September. These yards contain the highest levels of arsenic within residential properties on the site not already cleaned up. Twenty-two of the yards are located along Bridgeway, Medora Way, Skyline Drive, and Legion Drive. One yard is located on Hawthorne Street, west of the fenced area of the site. Ecology is currently taking bids from contractors for the cleanup work.

Public Meeting: July 11

Ecology is holding a public meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 7:00 p.m., at the Legion Hall - Legion Park, 146 Alverson Blvd. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Property Cleanup Manual and Public Participation Plan with the public.

You can view the Property Cleanup Manual and Public Participation Plan

- *Everett Public Library,*
2702 Hoyt, Everett
- *Snohomish Health District,*
3020 Rucker, Everett
- *Department of Ecology,*
3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue

On the Internet:

[Http://www.wa.gov/ecology/tcp/cleanup.html](http://www.wa.gov/ecology/tcp/cleanup.html)

The Cleanup Priorities

As mentioned, each year Ecology will develop cleanup priorities consistent with the amount of funding authorized by the Legislature. This year's cleanup priorities are:

- Sample all of the selected yards;
- Clean up as many of the yards as possible in this construction season;
- Conduct additional sampling to prepare for cleanup in the next construction season;
- Begin some of the institutional controls to protect people from arsenic contamination.

Ecology's goals for working with the homeowners and residents are:

- Two-way communication;
- Develop an awareness and understanding of the cleanup process and Ecology's approach;
- Keep homeowners and residents informed of the cleanup progress;

- Work with homeowners for clear cleanup plans;
- Establish a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to work with homeowners and residents to prioritize and implement institutional controls.

On the legal front

Ecology's commitment to the cleanup is not dependent on the outcome of legal challenges by Asarco, the party identified as liable for contamination at the site. Asarco has sought to be dismissed as the potentially liable party for the cleanup. Litigation regarding Asarco's liability is ongoing.

Ecology Contacts

This year you will see a few new faces involved in the cleanup effort. Dan Cargill, an experienced Ecology site manager of 15 years, will coordinate the cleanup with Site Manager David South leading the entire project. A new public involvement person, yet to be determined, will be working with the residents.