

# Unocal Bulk Plant #0601

## 738 West Marine Drive, Port Angeles



### Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and Interim Removal Action Available for Public Comment, SEPA Early Scoping Notice

#### You Are Being Asked To Comment

Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Union Oil Company of California (Chevron) have agreed to perform a **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS)** at the site known as Unocal Bulk Plant #0601.

Chevron will also do an **Interim Removal Action**—cleaning up the most serious known pollution before the RI/FS is complete.

Unocal Bulk Plant #0601 is located at 738 West Marine Drive in Port Angeles. The former bulk plant contained:

- Underground storage tanks (USTs);
- Above ground storage tanks (ASTs);
- A petroleum dispenser island; and
- Truck loading area.

#### What is an agreed order?



An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs) responsible for cleaning up polluted sites under the state's Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70.105D.

The purpose of the agreement is to protect human health and the environment.

Soil and groundwater on the site was polluted by petroleum leaks. Now Ecology and Chevron are signing an **agreed order** (see box below, left) to continue investigating pollution at the site.

**The agreed order is now available for you to review and comment on.** The box at the right has information on where to view this document and how to submit your comments. **Please submit your comments April 30 to May 29, 2007.**

#### Protecting Puget Sound



This cleanup is part of Governor Gregoire's effort to help protect and restore Puget Sound.

Unocal Bulk Plant #0601 is located on the Strait of San Juan de Fuca, at the mouth of Puget Sound. Cleaning up the land around the Strait is an important step in making this waterway safer and healthier.

#### Site Background

In 1984, Ecology found leaks in diesel and gasoline lines during an inspection of Unocal Bulk Plant #0601. Monitoring wells were then put in to check for contamination. Free floating petroleum (free product) was found in the groundwater.

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#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**April 30 through May 29, 2007**

#### Direct Your Questions & Written Comments to:

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#### Locations where you may view a copy of the agreed order:

**Port Angeles Public Library**  
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(360) 417-8501

**WA Department of Ecology**  
SWRO Toxics Cleanup Program  
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#### Web Site:

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/unocal\\_pa/unocal\\_pa\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/unocal_pa/unocal_pa_hp.htm)

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Ten years ago, Unocal stopped removing free product from groundwater when the recovery well collapsed, but continued to monitor the groundwater. In 2006, Ecology decided that Chevron should begin a formal cleanup under the **Model Toxics Control Act** (Chapter 70.105D RCW).

Under the formal cleanup process, Chevron must:

- Take immediate cleanup actions to protect the health of humans and the environment. These are also called “**interim actions**”.
- Investigate the type and extent of contamination, and cleanup options. This is the **RI/FS**.
- Clean up the site to meet state standards (under the Model Toxics Control Act).

### **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Early Scoping Notice**



Environmental cleanup projects must be reviewed to see if they will have negative impacts such as:

- Harm to human health or the environment.
- Harm to endangered species and their habitats.
- Increased traffic or noise.

A SEPA determination has not been made for this site. Ecology will be working on the SEPA review during the RI/FS. This is an opportunity for the public to be involved early in the process.

Please use this comment period to help Ecology identify environmental issues that need to be evaluated.

### **What else is Ecology doing in Port Angeles?**



**Port Angeles Marine Trades Area**—petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater currently being investigated and monitored.

**The Rayonier Port Angeles Mill Site**—Ecology is investigating petroleum, oil, dioxins, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) contamination on the site.

### **What Happens Next?**

Public comments help Ecology recognize local concerns and plan cleanups that benefit the community and the environment. Your input during this comment period will help to guide work on the RI/FS. Comments will also be used in the SEPA environmental review process (see box on the left).

Ecology will provide more chances for public comment as the cleanup of Unocal Bulk Plant #0601 moves forward. Your next opportunity to comment will be when the Interim Action Plan is published.

### **Ecology Wants Your Comments**

You are invited to review and comment on the agreed order and provide input for the SEPA environmental review process.

Ecology will respond to your comments at end of the public comment period (**April 30 through May 29, 2007**). Please see the box on the front page of this fact sheet for details on how to review the agreed order and provide comments.



Unocal Bulk Plant #0601 site location, 738 West Marine Drive, Port Angeles