

Site Investigation Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



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Puget Sound.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on a new proposed agreement to study a site on Puget Sound for cleanup. This Site, Chevron Service Station 9-1122, a.k.a. Hill's Chevron, is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

Hill's Chevron is generally located at 568 Peace Portal Drive on Drayton Harbor, in Blaine, Whatcom County, WA. The property is located near the corner of Peace Portal Drive and G Street, between the Blaine Marina to the west and Interstate 5 to the east.

You are invited to:

- Review the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- Send your comments to Ecology. Comments will be accepted June 8 through July 8, 2009.

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

Site Background

The Hill's Chevron Site is a gas service station. It is located in Blaine's Central Business zone, between Interstate 5 and railroad tracks. The Site has four underground storage tanks (USTs), two fuel dispenser islands, and a service station building.

Contamination was found on the Site during excavation of a UST in 1989. The following contaminants have been found in soil and groundwater at concentrations above state cleanup levels:

Comments Accepted

June 8 – July 8, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Isaac Standen - Site Manager
WA Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
Phone: (360) 407-6776
E-mail: ista461@ecy.wa.gov

DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Blaine Public Library

610 Third Street
Blaine, WA 98230
Phone: (360) 332-8146

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

WA Department of Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn,
cesg461@ecy.wa.gov or
(360) 407-7224

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/chevron91122/chev91122_hp.html

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- Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)
- Benzene
- Toluene
- Ethylbenzene
- Xylene

These last four compounds, called BTEX, are often found in petroleum products.

Approximately 500 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed in 1989. Approximately 25, 200 gallons of contaminated groundwater and “free product” (petroleum that has not been dissolved in groundwater) were removed in 1994. However, more study is needed to fully characterize the contamination at the Hill's Chevron Site.

Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document between Ecology and the Site's former owner, Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (Chevron). The current owner has not signed this document. The Agreed Order describes the studies that Chevron agrees to perform on the Site.

The Agreed Order covers the following studies and documents:

- Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It explains the work needed to look for and analyze contamination in soil and groundwater.
- RI/FS report. It presents the results of the study and proposes alternatives for cleanup actions.
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). It uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

The purpose of the Agreed Order is to protect human health and the environment by insuring that remedial actions will be conducted at a site where a release of hazardous substances has occurred. It ensures that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and Chevron are committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology and Chevron agree to provide a public participation plan. This plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The public participation plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment.
- Notify the public about how they can become involved.
- Provide public participation opportunities.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including: Port Gamble,

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Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay. This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of these is the Hill's Chevron Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about sites in Whatcom County, go to:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/cleanup.html>.

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments that have been received. The Agreed Order and draft public participation plan may be modified based upon your comments.

As future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

The Hill's Chevron Site is located at 568 Peace Portal Drive, on Drayton Harbor, Blaine, WA. (Photo Source: Imagery: I-Cubed, 2007; Acquired: Via ArcGIS Explorer by ESRI)



What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the back page.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>



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