

Interim Action Work Plan and SEPA Available for Public Comment

In January of 2009, the City of Tacoma bought the Sauro's Cleanerama site in downtown Tacoma. The City plans to clean up and redevelop the site under Department of Ecology supervision. Under an agreement with Ecology, they must complete a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, and a final Cleanup Action Plan. The City is proposing an Interim Action (partial cleanup action) as a way to speed up cleanup of contaminated soil. After Ecology approval, the City will implement the final Cleanup Action Plan to ensure the entire site is clean.

The proposed Interim Action includes the following work:

- Removing old storage tanks on the property.
- Excavating contaminated soil and properly disposing of it.
- Partially backfilling the excavation with clean fill.

You are invited to review and comment on the Interim Action Work Plan and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determination. Ecology has determined that this partial cleanup will not have significant adverse impacts on the environment or community. The work plan and SEPA documents are available at the locations listed on the right. **Please submit your comments from May 21 to June 22, 2009.**

Site Background

The Sauro's Cleanerama site includes three vacant lots—1401, 1407, and 1409 Pacific Avenue. The lot at 1401 was used as a boarding house, store, and bus terminal, before becoming a dry cleaner for about 50 years. Soil and groundwater at the site exceed state Model Toxics Control Act cleanup standards for halogenated volatile organic compounds. This group of chemicals includes the dry cleaning chemical perchloroethylene and its breakdown products.

What Happens Next?

Your comments will be considered in finalizing the Interim Action Work Plan and SEPA determination. Ecology will respond to public comments in a responsiveness summary, which will be made available at the locations listed on the right.

Comments Accepted

May 21 through June 22, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Public Involvement Contact:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

1102 Tacoma Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 100
Tacoma, WA 98402
Phone: (253) 383-2429

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:

Contact Debbie Nelson,
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(360) 407-6365

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sauros/sauros_hp.htm

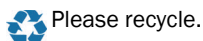
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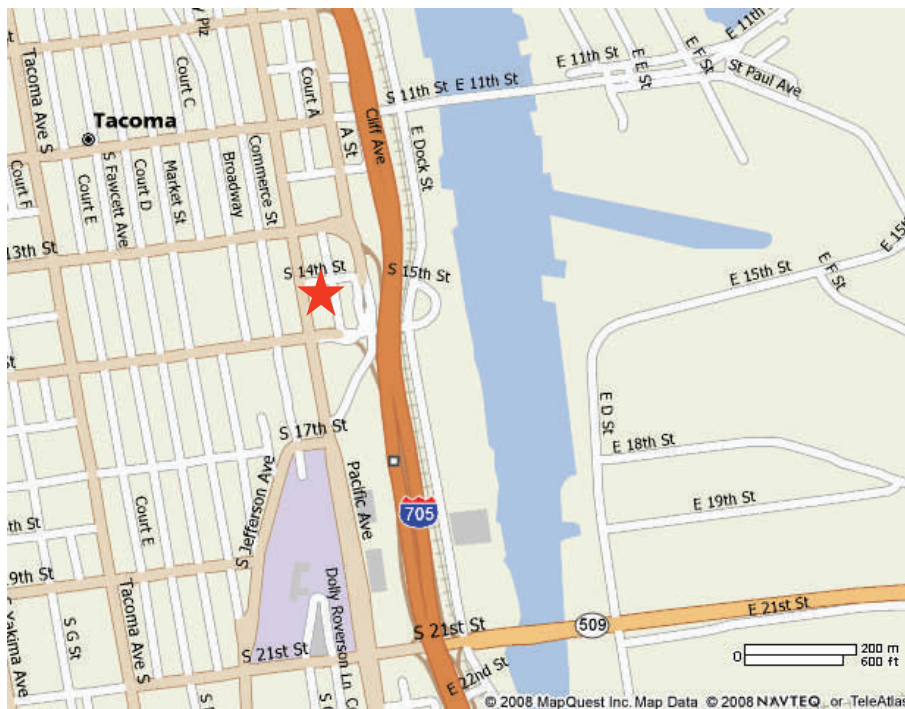
Sauro's Cleanerama Pierce County, WA

Ecology Seeks Public Comment on a proposed Interim Action (partial cleanup action)

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