

Cleanup Design Ready for Comment

The Department of Ecology is cleaning up the most contaminated yards in the Tacoma Smelter Plume. The plume is a 1,000 square mile area of arsenic and lead soil contamination from the former Asarco smelter. Arsenic and lead are toxic metals that can pose health risks, especially to children.

A settlement from Asarco is funding more cleanup.

In the past, Asarco or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sampled your yard. EPA cleaned up areas with arsenic over 230 parts per million (ppm). We are now offering cleanup for yards with average arsenic over 100 ppm. **This is a voluntary program.**

You do not need to sign up for cleanup at this time. We will contact you. Visit our website (right) for more information about how the program works.

Submit Your Comments

We are now accepting comments and questions about the cleanup program design. You can find the design document and more information on our website. Please submit comments by **April 29, 2013** to Amy Hargrove (see the box on the right). We will respond at the end of the comment period.

Ruston/North Tacoma Superfund Area Homes

Public Comment Period

March 14–April 29, 2013

Submit Comments and Questions to:

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Health Questions:

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.
Phone: (253) 798-6492
E-mail: DirtAlert@tpchd.org
Website: <http://www.tpchd.org/DirtAlert>

Sampling and Cleanup Database:

Find your soil sampling results and whether your yard has already been cleaned up at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/areispublic/>

Where To Find the Cleanup Design:

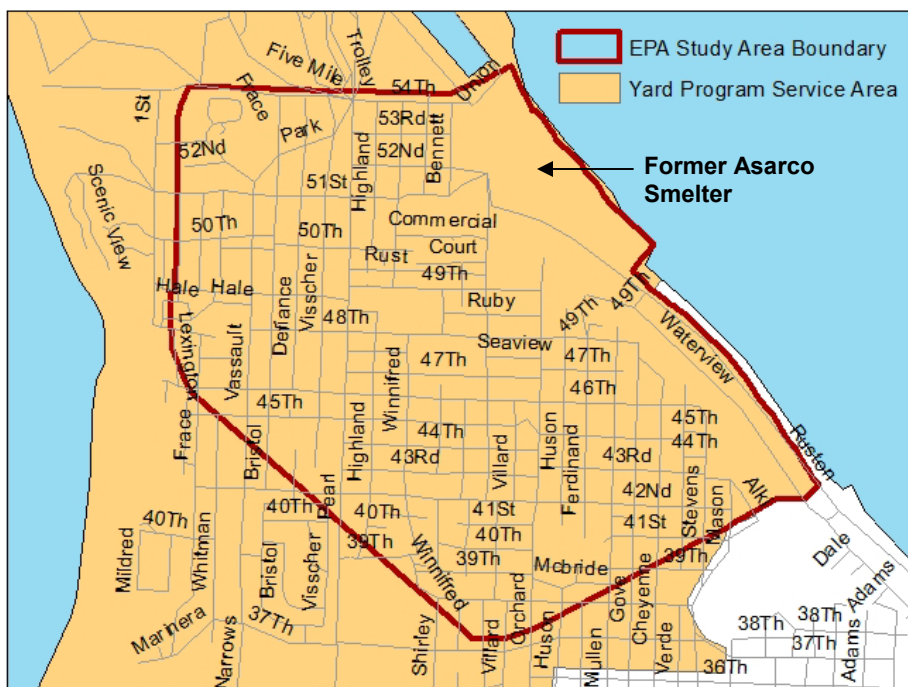
Your local library has a hard copy or can help you find it online.

Website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/tacoma-smelter.html>

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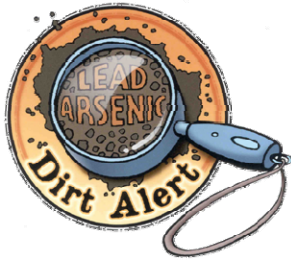
Ruston/North Tacoma Study Area portion of the Yard Program Service Area (also includes west Tacoma and southern Vashon-Maury Island)



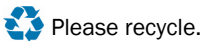
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Tacoma Smelter Plume Pierce County, WA

Yard Cleanup Plan Available for Public Comment

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Public Open Houses in Tacoma

Point Defiance Elementary School Cafeteria

Thursday, March 28, 2013, 6:30—8:30 p.m.*

4330 N. Visscher St., Tacoma

Woodrow Wilson High School Cafeteria

Thursday, April 11, 2013, 6:30—8:30 p.m.*

1202 N. Orchard St., Tacoma

Technical Workshop 3:30—5:00 p.m.

Join us earlier on April 11th to learn more about the science behind Ecology's decisions.

* Open house session from 6:30—7:00 p.m. and presentation and question and answer at 7:00 p.m.