

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 in Ruston and Tacoma.

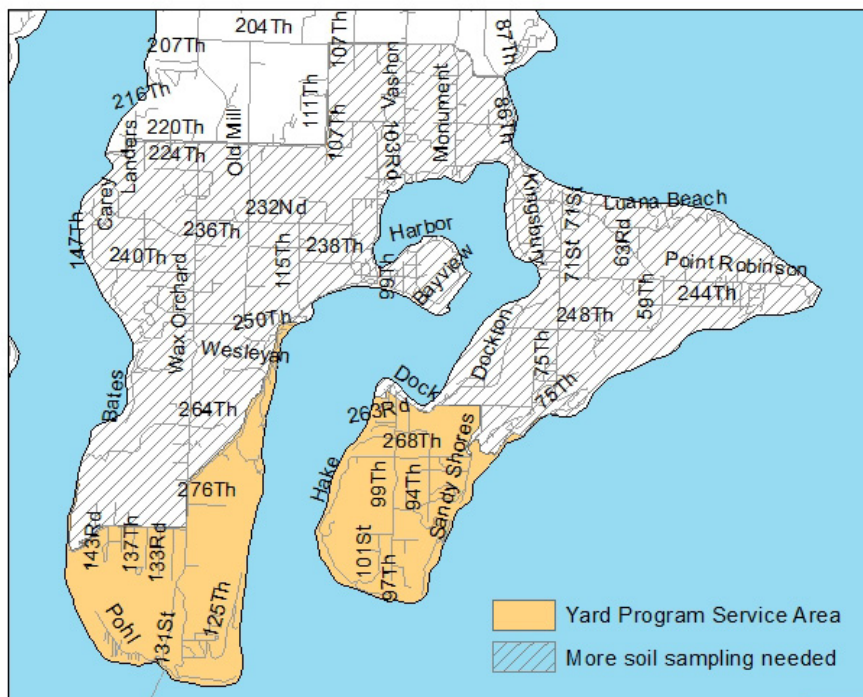
Voluntary Soil Sampling and Cleanup Program

Ecology will offer soil sampling to homes in the service area (map below). We plan to do more soil sampling in places without enough data to include them in, or exclude them from the service area. We will contact you when we reach your neighborhood or **you can sign up now**. Visit our website (right) or contact us for a sign-up form.

Yards with arsenic over 100 parts per million (ppm) will qualify for cleanup. Many yards have arsenic over the state cleanup level of 20 ppm, but not over 100 ppm. We will give advice on how to reduce exposure and cover contaminated soils.

Submit Comments

The design document and more information are on our website. Please send comments by **April 29, 2013** to Amy Hargrove (box on the right). We will respond at the end of the comment period.



Yard Program Service Area (also includes Ruston and west Tacoma)

Southern Vashon-Maury Island Homes

Public Comment Period

March 14–April 29, 2013

Submit Comments and Questions to:

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Health Questions:

Public Health—Seattle & King County
Environmental Health Division
Phone: 206-263-9566

Where To Find the Cleanup Design

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

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

WA Department of Ecology

SW Regional Office

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360-407-6365

Why It Matters

Arsenic and lead are toxic metals. They can pose a health risk, especially to children. Simple actions like washing hands and taking off shoes at the door can reduce your family's exposure.

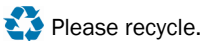
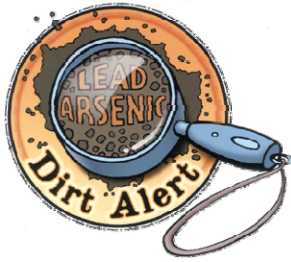
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Public Open House on Vashon

McMurray Middle School Cafeteria
Wednesday, April 3, 2013, 6:30—8:30 p.m.
9329 SW Cemetery Rd., Vashon Island

Agenda

6:30 Open house session
7:00 Presentation, question and answer

Why did I get this mailing? You may live or own a home in an area with high lead and arsenic.

To receive future mailings or e-mails, join our mail list by contacting Hannah Aoyagi at 360-407-6790 or Hannah.Aoyagi@ecy.wa.gov.