

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. Arsenic and lead are toxic metals that can pose a health risk, especially to children.

Voluntary Soil Sampling and Cleanup Program

Ecology will offer free soil sampling to all homes in the program service area (see map below). Yards with arsenic levels over 100 parts per million (ppm) will qualify for cleanup. **This is a voluntary program and you may opt out at any time.**

This program is limited... Many yards have arsenic over the state cleanup level of 20 ppm arsenic, but not over 100 ppm. We can give advice on how to reduce exposure and cover contaminated soils.

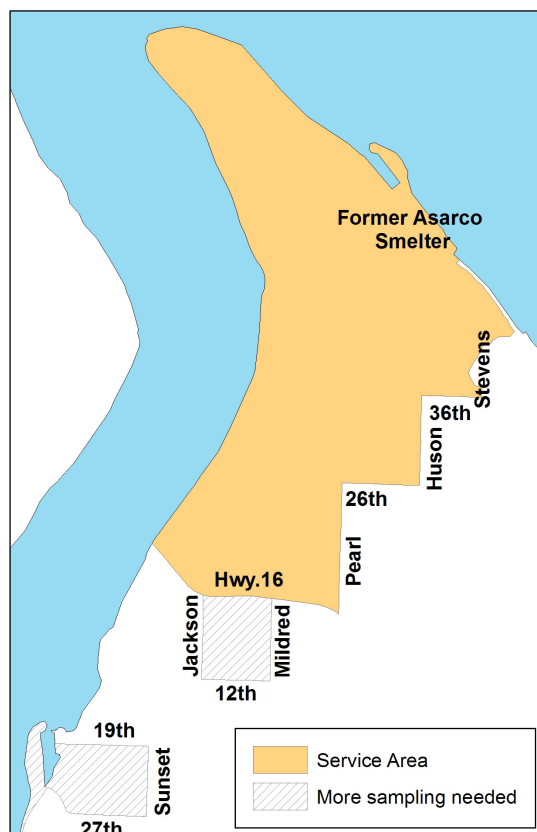
It will take several years to sample this large area. We will contact you when we reach your neighborhood or **you can sign up now.** Visit our website (right) or contact us for a sign-up form.

Submit Comments

We want your comments and questions about the cleanup program design. You can find the design document and more information on our website.

Please send comments by **April 29, 2013** to Amy Hargrove (see the box on the right). We will respond at the end of the comment period.

Yard Program Tacoma Service Area. We plan to do more soil sampling in places we do not have enough data.



Tacoma Homes

Public Comment Period

March 14–April 29, 2013

Submit Comments and Questions to:

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Public Involvement Contact

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Health Questions:

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Website: <http://www.tpchd.org/DirtAlert>

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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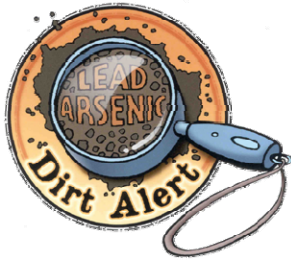
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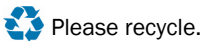
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Tacoma Smelter Plume Pierce County, WA

Yard Cleanup Plan Available for Public Comment

March 14–April 29, 2013

Fact Sheet for Tacoma Homes

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

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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.