

Gas Works Park Cleanup Site



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Public invited to comment on cleanup plans

Comment Period: March 20 - April 18, 2017

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on draft plans for an interim cleanup at Gas Works Park in Seattle. Puget Sound Energy (PSE) will install a system to monitor and remove arsenic contamination in the park. The draft plans for review include:

- **Draft Interim Action Work Plan:** describes the work to be done this spring.
- **Draft Amendment to an Agreed Order:** an update to the existing legal agreement between Ecology, City of Seattle (City), and PSE.

You can review these documents at locations listed in the left box on this page.

Site Background

Gas Works Park is a 20-acre park located at 1801 N. Northlake Way in Seattle. The Park forms a peninsula on the north shore of Lake Union. It is surrounded by the lake to the east, south and west. Some highlights of park history include:

- 1906 – 1956: Gas companies operated a plant that converted coal and oil into manufactured gas; a tar refinery also operated at the site which refined by-products from the gas manufacturing process.
- 1976: City creates Gas Works Park. Some historic structures are preserved.
- 2000-2006: Several environmental cleanups are conducted in the park, which include groundwater cleanup and covering most of the park with a protective barrier and clean topsoil.
- 2013-2014: The northeast portion of the park and Kite Hill is covered with clean topsoil. Drainage improvements are also made on Kite Hill to protect it and the newly-placed soil cover.

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PSE will install a treatment and monitoring system

Investigations have shown that soil and groundwater are contaminated with arsenic, in the eastern portion of the park. The contamination is about 10 feet underground and is not exposed on the ground surface, but it does exceed state standards and must be addressed. Crews will install a system of wells, piping, and vaults to remove arsenic from groundwater. Additional wells will also be installed to monitor the extent of contamination and verify that the cleanup is working. This work is an “interim” or partial cleanup, but it will be a vital piece of the final overall cleanup at the park.

Work will begin in March

The City and PSE will begin cleanup work in mid-March to install the arsenic treatment system. A temporary fence will enclose the Play Area, where most of the system will be installed. Contractors will work for 4 to 6 weeks, on weekdays approximately 7AM – 6PM. Crews will use a track-mounted drilling rig to install injection and monitoring wells, and earthwork equipment to install underground piping and vaults. Once the work is complete, the excavations will be backfilled, and SPR will begin Play Area renovations.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance

Ecology held a comment period March 2—16, 2017 for a SEPA Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance. We determined that the cleanup work will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. Potential impacts from construction activities such as noise will be addressed. SEPA documents can be found on the Ecology web page.

En Español

El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público referente a la limpieza ambiental del sitio de Gas Works Park en Seattle.

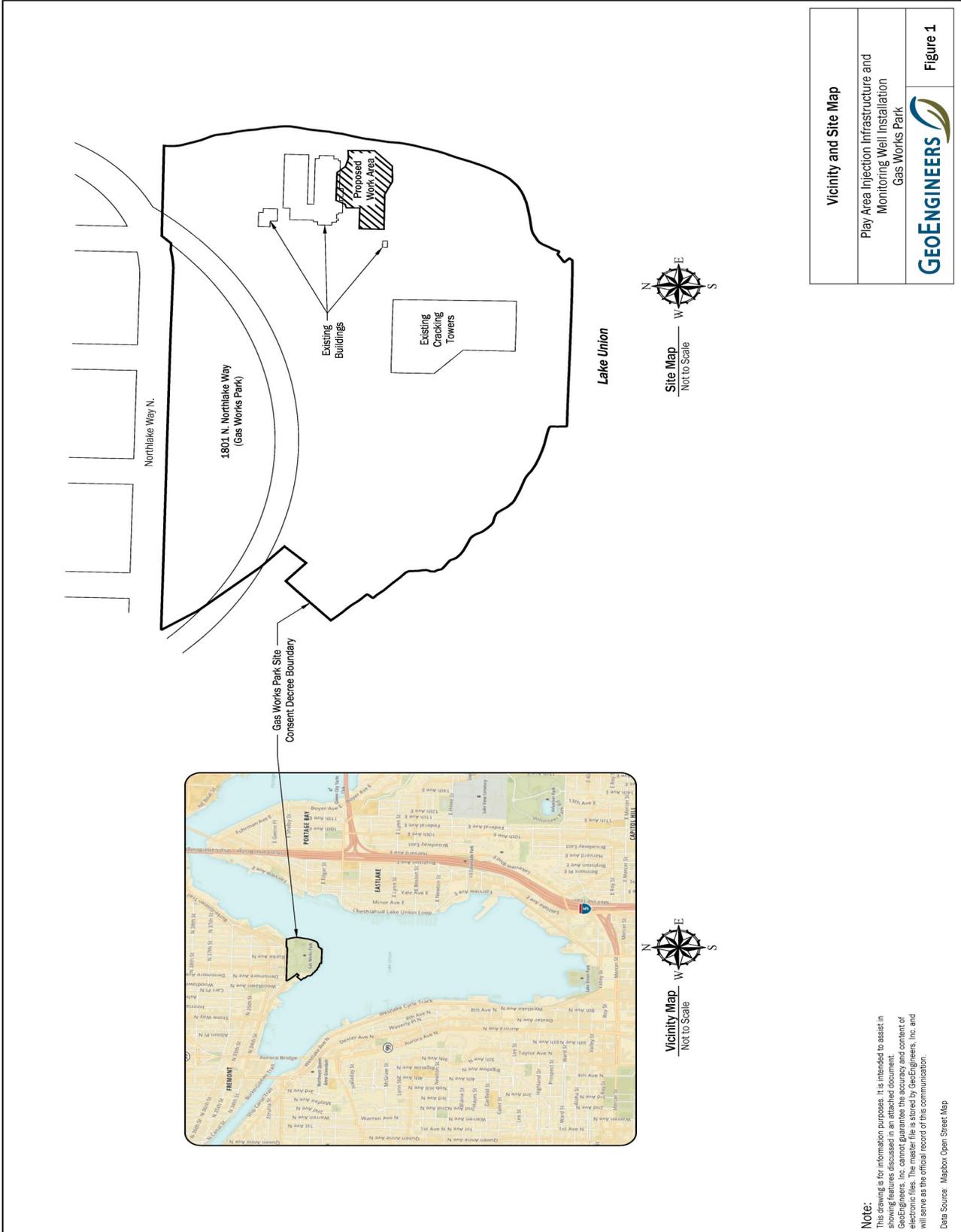
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Vicinity and Site Map

Play Area Injection Infrastructure and Monitoring Well Installation
Gas Works Park



Figure 1

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Draft cleanup plans for Gas Works Park ready for review



Public comments requested

Ecology invites you to comment on draft cleanup documents for interim cleanup actions happening at Gas Works Park in Seattle.

Documents for review include the draft interim cleanup plans, and an amendment to an existing agreed order between Ecology, City of Seattle, and Puget Sound Energy.

Please see page 1 for details on where to find review documents, and how to send comments to Ecology.

**Comments accepted:
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