

Chevron 90619 Cleanup Site



Chevron 90619 Site (Sept. 2012 Google photo)

CONTACT & INFORMATION

Comments accepted:
May 29 – June 27, 2018

Submit comments online at:
bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron90619-Comments

Or by mail to:
Mary O'Herron, Site Manager
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Bellingham, WA 98225

Document review locations:
Bellingham Public Library
210 Central Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
Phone: 360-778-7323

Ecology-Bellingham Office
913 Squalicum Way, Unit 101
Bellingham, WA 98225
By appointment, call 360-255-4400

Ecology-Bellevue Office
3190 160th Avenue SE
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452
By appointment, call 360-649-7190

Website:
bit.ly/EcologyChevron90619

Facility Site ID: 35363194

Site Cleanup ID: 8836

Cleanup process beginning for Chevron 90619 Site

The Washington Department of Ecology is working with current and historical site operators (operators) to clean up contamination at this site, located at 1205 Washington Street in Bellingham. Ecology and the operators are entering into a formal legal agreement called an agreed order to study the extent of contamination and develop a plan to clean it up.

Ecology wants to hear from you!

We invite you to comment on the draft agreed order from **May 29-June 27, 2018**. The new agreed order requires the operators to:

- Describe the types and extent of contamination, and weigh cleanup options through an environmental report for the property;
- Choose cleanup methods through a draft cleanup action plan;
- Conduct a partial cleanup before the final cleanup plan is complete, if needed. This is called an interim action, and can occur throughout the cleanup process. If an interim action is done, we will require a separate comment period.

A draft public participation plan is also available for review. The plan describes the tools Ecology will use to inform the public and gather feedback. The blue box on the left shows where to submit comments and where you can review documents.

Site background

The Chevron 90619 Site is located within the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County at the intersection of Elm, Washington and Broadway. The 0.61acre site is located approximately 0.4 miles northeast of Bellingham Bay (Squalicum Harbor). Gas and service stations operated at the site from about 1930 until the late 1980's. The tanks, infrastructure and building were removed in 1991. A series of coffee shops/restaurants operated at the location until 2015. A new tenant opened a butcher shop at the site in August 2017.



Contamination

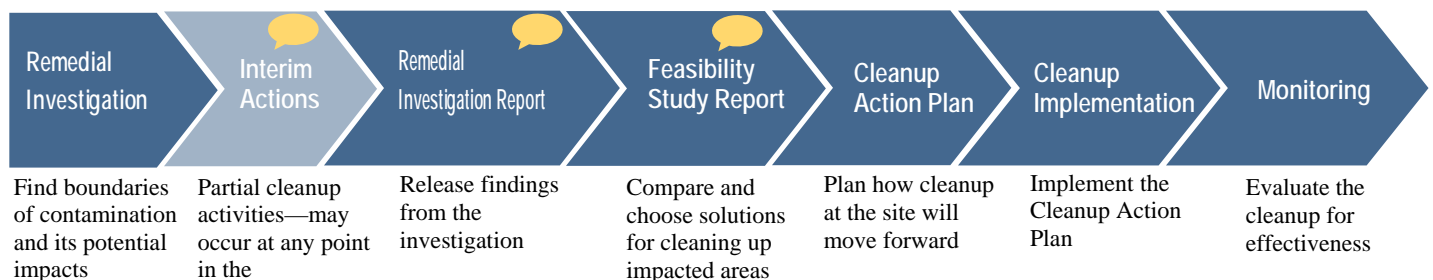
1991 investigations showed petroleum in soil and groundwater that exceeded cleanup levels allowed under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Diesel and gasoline-range hydrocarbons, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes were detected in soil and groundwater samples. The most current ground water monitoring report for the entire site was submitted in 1995. It detailed sampling results for four out of eleven wells. One well had benzene above cleanup levels. A later report looked at a portion of the Site and showed gasoline in soil above cleanup levels. These are hazardous substances under WAC 173-340-200 and may pose a threat to human health and the environment.

What happens next?

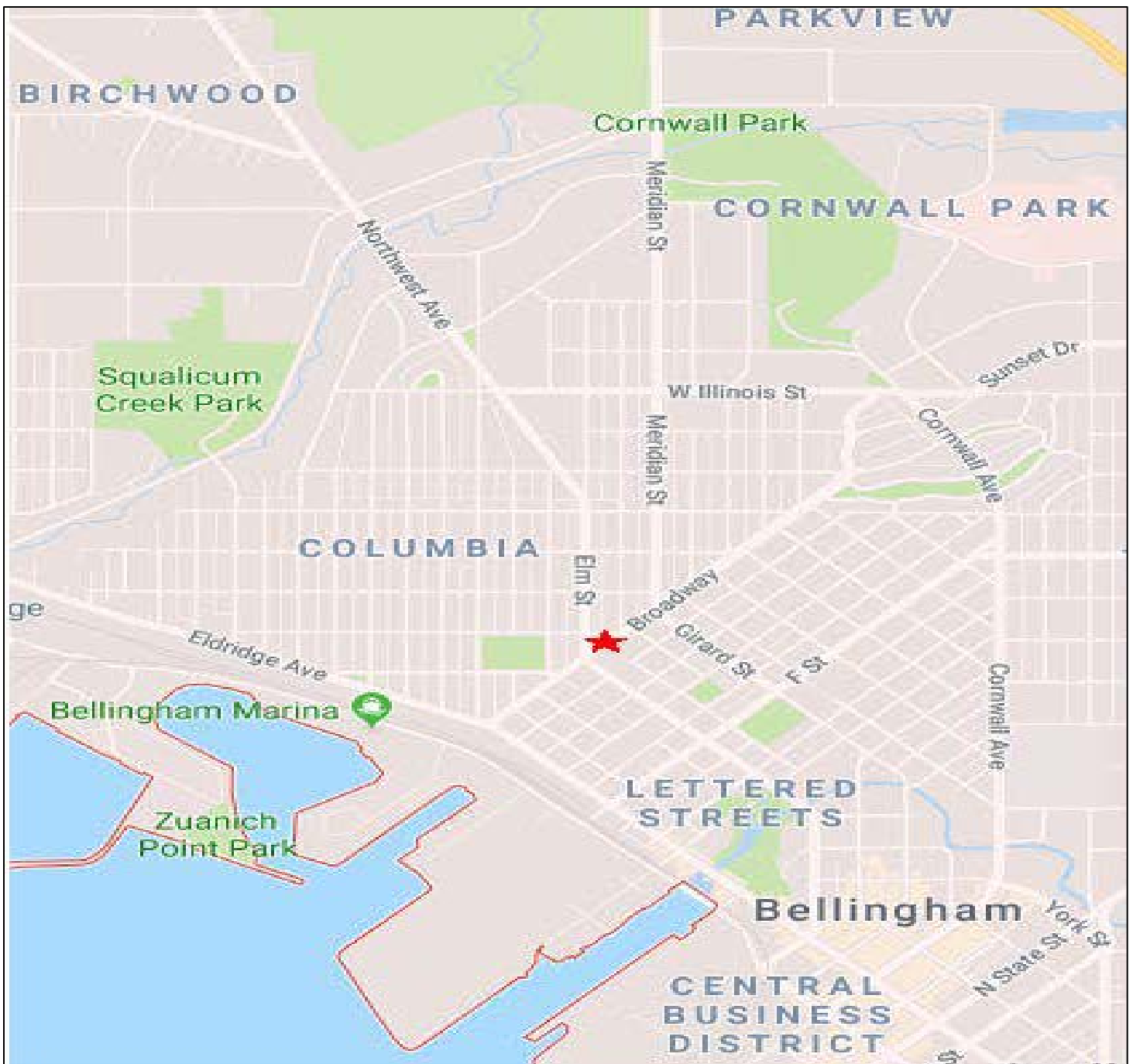
The diagram below shows our process for cleanup and public comment opportunities. After this comment period ends we will reply to any comments received. We will then finalize the agreed order. Next, the property owners will study exactly what types and how much contamination are on site. Then they will define and evaluate cleanup options and make a cleanup action plan. Once the documents required by the agreed order are finished and reviewed by Ecology, we will make them available for public comment. A second agreed order will be required before implementing the cleanup action plan.

ECOLOGY'S BASIC CLEANUP PROCESS

 Opportunities for public comment. We encourage feedback. Public comment periods are held at key times during the cleanup process.



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En Español

El Departamento de Ecología le invita a comentar acerca de un reporte ambiental para el sitio de limpieza *Chevron 90619* en Bellingham, WA. Para preguntas o traducciones de este documento en español favor de llamar a Gretchen Newman al 360-407-6097 o envíe un correo electrónico a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov. Favor de referirse al sitio de limpieza *Chevron 90619*.



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Chevron 90619 Site – Cleanup Process Underway!



Public Comment Period

May 29 – June 27, 2018

Web Page:

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Ecology is entering into a legal agreement with present and previous site operators to study and address contamination at the Chevron 90619 Cleanup Site.

Ecology will be accepting comments on cleanup documents. See inside for details.

Special accommodations

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, call the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at 360-407-6700. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.