

CITY PARCEL SITE

(Formerly Spokane Transformer, Inc.)

PROJECT UPDATE



Work begins April 2002

The Washington Department of Ecology has hired a contractor to begin the Remedial Investigation (RI) work at the City Parcel Site located at 708 North Cook Street in the City of Spokane, Spokane County, Washington. Work will begin the first week of April 2002 and will be conducted under the authority of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D RCW. Ecology believes the RI is necessary to protect human health and the environment.

The purpose of the RI is to determine the nature and extent of PCB and chlorinated solvent contamination in soil and groundwater at the Site. It will involve field investigations including drainage features; underground utilities and other subsurface structures; as well as soil and groundwater studies. Work conducted will also include drilling and installing four monitoring wells, one east and three west of the Site; soil sampling in the alleyway east of the City Parcel building; and investigations inside the building. Soil sampling will be completed in May 2002. Groundwater will be sampled in April and July 2002 from the newly installed monitoring wells.

After this initial phase of the RI is completed, a report will be

submitted to Ecology. Additional work may be completed based upon findings. For answers to your questions, review of the RI report once completed, or other site related information see the contacts listed in the box at the right.

Site Background

From 1961 until 1979 the Site was used as a transformer repair and recycling operation called Spokane Transformer, Inc. Since 1980 a parcel delivery service called City Parcel, Inc. has operated at the Site.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were found in soils and groundwater during previous, limited Site investigations. Chlorinated hydrocarbons were also found in soils.

PCBs are a group of manufactured chemicals, either solids or oily liquids. They may range from colorless to light yellow in color and have no smell or taste. These chemicals have been used as coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors or other electrical equipment. The manufacture of PCBs was stopped in the United States in 1977 because they build up in the environment and cause harmful health effects.

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