WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY TOXICS CLEANUP PROGRAM



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The Site Register is published every two weeks to inform you about public comment periods, public meetings, hearings, and other information related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70.105D RCW.

You may also find information about public hearings, meetings, workshops, and open public comment periods on Ecology's web page. Go to www.ecy.wa.gov and click on the Public Involvement Calendar.

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FORMAL CLEANUPS

Ecology oversees complex cleanup sites to ensure that your health and that of the environment are protected.

KITSAP COUNTY

Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Site, 5350 Creosote Place NE, Bainbridge Island

Public comment period: 6/3/2006 – 7/3/2006

Agreed Order

The City of Bainbridge Island proposes to enter into an Agreed Order (Order) with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Site - Phase III Acquisition Area (Site). This Order is issued by Ecology through the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D RCW, Chapter 173-340 WAC). The Site is a portion of a larger site cleanup called the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Superfund Site. Historic wood-treating activities resulted in the soil, groundwater and subtidal sediments being polluted with chemicals contained in creosote and pentachlorophenol (PCP).

The Order requires the City of Bainbridge Island to perform work at the Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor Site – Phase III Acquisition Area by undertaking certain remedial actions consisting of construction, redevelopment and maintenance of the Park. The objective of the work is the development of the Pritchard Park Remediation and Redevelopment Plan (PPRRP). The work must be conducted by the City of Bainbridge Island so as not to conflict with the EPA remedy.

You may review the agreed order at the following locations:

• City of Bainbridge Island Planning Department, 280 Madison Avenue N, Bainbridge Island;

- Bainbridge Island Library, 1270 Madison Avenue N, Bainbridge Island;
- Ecology Headquarters Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey 360/407-7224 (Please call for an appointment.)
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy. wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/wyckoff/ wyckoff hp.html.

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Chung Ki Yee at 360/407-6991 or e-mail Cyee461@ecy.wa.gov.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Upriver Dam PCBs Sediments Site, Spokane

Public comment period: 6/30/06 – 7/31/06

Engineering Design Report available for review and comment

This site is made up of two projects located between Upriver Dam and the Centennial Trail Footbridge. Deposit 1 is immediately behind the dam in the city of Spokane, and Deposit 2 is near Donkey Island in an unincorporated area. Both projects are in Spokane County.

The Engineering Design Report provides necessary engineering construction details to clean up polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in sediments. PCBs are a group of manufactured chemicals historically used as insulating fluids or coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors or other electrical equipment. Heavy metals and organic materials comingled with PCBs will also be cleaned up.

Deposit 1 is located approximately 150 feet directly behind Upriver Dam and covers 3.6 acres moving in an easterly direction. Cleanup focuses on placing a protective cap on top of sediments containing PCBs.

Deposit 2 is a small 0.25-acre area near Donkey Island. This cleanup region is found in a wetland area in the backwater channels on the north bank of the river. Cleanup focuses on removing PCBs in sediments in two locations and restoring those areas with clean sand. Precautions will be taken to minimize impacts to the neighborhood, wetlands, and Centennial Trail.

Avista Development, Inc., is leading the cleanup with partial funding coming from Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation as a result of an earlier settlement. Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District and Inland Empire Paper Company are also identified as potentially liable parties, but have chosen not to participate in the cleanup. It is anticipated the work will be completed approximately two months after construction begins. Cleanup will comply with all applicable state and federal laws as well as essential permit requirements.

Access routes, construction staging areas and other engineering details may be found in the fact sheet and design documents.

Documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

- Argonne County Library, 4322 N.
 Argonne Road, Spokane, WA 99206;
- Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E. Main, Spokane Valley, WA 99216;
- Spokane Public Library, 906 W. Main, Spokane, WA 99202;
- Ecology Eastern Regional Office, 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205-1295;
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/spo_riv/spo-riv.htm.

For more information see the following links:

- PCBs details: http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts17.html;
- Spokane River Sediments and Fish

Meal Advisories: http://www.ecy. wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/spo_riv/ Spokane_River_hp.htm.

Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Zach Hedgpeth at the Ecology address above or e-mail Zahe461@ecy. wa.gov or at 509/329-3484.

Para asistencia en Espanol: Gretchen Newman at 360/407-6097.

Если вам нужно помощь по русский, звоните: Tatyana Bistrevesky at 509/477-3881.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Gilbert and Robertson Elementary Schools, Yakima

Public comment period: 6/28/06 – 7/28/06

Interim Remedial Action and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Gilbert Elementary School is located at 4400 Douglas Drive and Robertson Elementary School is located at 2807 West Lincoln Avenue. Both are in Yakima

Ecology is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the soil cleanup at these two elementary schools.

Soil beneath the grass on the playgrounds at the two elementary schools contains lead and arsenic. The lead and arsenic likely comes from the use of these chemicals as orchard pest sprays in the early and mid 20th century.

Sampling and analysis indicate that contamination exceeds state cleanup levels for lead and arsenic. Ecology has considered several alternatives for cleanup. The alternative preferred by Ecology at both schools consists primarily of excavating and hauling some soil away for disposal at a permitted landfill, mixing remaining soil to reduce peak lead and arsenic levels, placing clean soil on top of the existing soil,

and establishing new grass in this clean soil. Ecology has determined that this alternative will provide the necessary barrier to prevent human exposure to lead and arsenic. At each school, the plan includes installation of an irrigation system to maintain the turf grass cover.

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed below:

- Yakima Valley Regional Library, 102 N 3rd St.
- Ecology Central Regional Office, 15 W Yakima Ave., Suite 200, Yakima, 509/454-7841, Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov. (Please call for appointment.)
- Ecology's website at http://www.ecy. wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/gil_rob_ schools/gil_rob_hp.htm.

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the soil cleanup or the DNS to **Bob** Swackhamer at 509/454-7840, Rswa461@ecy.wa.gov.

Para asistencia bilingue, favor de hablar a: Gregory Bohn 509/454-4174, Gboh461@ecy.wa.gov.

For more information, other questions or to be placed on the site mailing list, please contact Frosti Smith at 509/454-7841 or e-mail Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov.

Mason Elementary School, 950 Totem Pole Rd, Mason

Public comment period: 6/14/06 – 7/14/06

Interim Remedial Action and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Ecology is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and the issuance

of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the soil cleanup at Manson Elementary School, Manson.

Soil beneath the grass, pea gravel, and sand on the playground at Manson Elementary School is contaminated with lead and arsenic. The contamination likely comes from the use of these chemicals as orchard pest sprays in the early and mid 20th century.

Sampling and analysis indicate that contamination exceeds state cleanup levels for lead and arsenic. Ecology has considered several alternatives for cleanup. The alternative preferred by Ecology consists primarily of excavating and hauling some soil away for disposal at a permitted landfill, importing clean soil, and establishing new grass in this clean soil. Ecology has determined that this alternative will provide the necessary barrier to prevent human exposure to the contaminants. The plan includes an irrigation system installation to maintain the turf grass cover.

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed below:

- Manson School District, 312 Quetilquasoon, Manson
- Ecology Central Regional Office, 15 W Yakima Ave., Suite 200, Yakima, 509/454-7841, Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov. (Please call for appointment.)

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the soil cleanup or the DNS to Bob Swackhamer at 509/454-7840, Rswa461@ecy.wa.gov.

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For more information, other questions

or to be placed on the site mailing list, please contact Frosti Smith at 509/454-7841 or e-mail Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov.

Naches Intermediate School, 101 Shafer Ave, Naches

Public comment period: 6/28/06 – 7/28/06

Interim Remedial Action and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Ecology is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the soil cleanup at Naches Intermediate School and adjacent fields in Naches, Washington.

Soil beneath the grass on the playground at Naches Intermediate School and adjacent soccer, softball and baseball fields is contaminated with lead and arsenic. The contamination likely comes from the use of these chemicals as orchard pest sprays in the early and mid 20th century.

Sampling and analysis indicate that contamination exceeds state cleanup levels for lead and arsenic. This site's hazard ranking has been determined to be a 5, where 1 represents the highest relative risk and 5 the lowest.

Ecology has considered several alternatives for cleanup. The alternative preferred by Ecology consists primarily of excavating and hauling some soil away for disposal at a permitted landfill, mixing remaining soil to reduce contamination levels, placing clean soil on top of the existing soil, and establishing new grass in this clean soil. Ecology has determined that this alternative will reduce contamination levels and prevent inadvertent contact with contaminated soils. The plan includes installation of an irrigation system to maintain the turf grass cover.

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental

checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed below.

- Naches Valley School District, Administration Office, 24 Shafer Avenue, Naches
- Ecology Central Regional Office, 15 W Yakima Ave., Suite 200, Yakima, 509/454-7841, Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov. (Please call for appointment.)

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the soil cleanup or the DNS to **Bob**Swackhamer at 509/454-7840,

Rswa461@ecv.wa.gov.

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For more information, other questions or to be placed on the site mailing list, please contact Frosti Smith at 509/454-7841 or e-mail Fsmi461@ecy.wa.gov.

INDEPENDENT CLEANUPS

A property owner may conduct an independent cleanup of contamination and submit reports to Ecology. When a property owner applies to Ecology for review of their independent cleanup, the site enters the Voluntary Cleanup Program. After review, Ecology sends a letter to the property owner stating either that additional work is required to be removed from the list of hazardous waste sites or that no further action is needed.

Central Regional Office Contact: 509/575-2490 or e-mail Rjoh461@ecy. wa.gov

Eastern Regional Office Contact: Patti Carter 509/329-3522

Northwest Regional Office Contact: 425/649-7000

Southwest Regional Office Contact: 360/407-6300

KING COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact: 425/649-7000

Circle K No. 1452, 2415 Griffin Ave, Enumclaw - Report received: Groundwater Status March 2006.

Shell Oil Products, 13138 Interurban Ave S, Tukwila - Report received:
Groundwater Status April 2006.

Texaco Station, 2501 NE 75th St, Seattle - Report received: Groundwater Status April 2006.

Texaco Station, 13701 100th Ave NE, Kirkland - Report received: Groundwater Status April 2006.

Texaco, 6532 NE Bothell Way, Kenmore - Report received: Groundwater Status January 2006.

Texaco, 501 Tukwila Parkway, Tukwila

 Report received: Groundwater Status April 2006.

Texaco, 2805 SW Roxbury St, Seattle

- Report received: Groundwater Status March 2006.

Unocal, 17606 International Blvd, Seattle - Report received: 1st Qtr 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

Former Al's Auto Store and Simon & Son Fine Drycleaning, 18107 & 18125-9 Bothell Way NE, Bothell - Report received: Groundwater Sampling Report.

KITSAP COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact: 425/649-7000

Food Mart 361, 10958 State Hwy 104 NE, Kingston - Report received: Groundwater Status March 2006.

Poulsbo Food Mart, 19740 Viking Way Ave NW, Poulsbo - Report received: Groundwater Status March 2006.

KITTITAS COUNTY

Central Regional Office Contact: 509/575-2490 or e-mail Rjoh461@ecy. wa.gov

Blue Grouse Facility, 1401 Dollar Way, Ellensburg - Report received: Limited Phase II Site Assessment and Independent Remedial Action Report.

Central Regional Office Contact: 509/454-7839 or e-mail Rbas461@ecy. wa.gov

Wondrack Ellensburg, 15th Ave & Water St, Ellensburg - Report received: Groundwater Monitoring Report.

MASON COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: 360/407-6300

Jackpot 367, 401 South First Street, Shelton - Report received: 2nd Quarter 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

PIERCE COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: 360/407-6300

BP, 11202 Pacific Ave, Tacoma - Report received: 1st & 2nd Quarters 2005

Groundwater Monitoring.

Texaco Star Mart, 5115 Olympic Dr NW,

Gig Harbor - Report received: 1st Quarter Groundwater Monitoring.

Texaco Station, 5501 20th St E, Fife - Report received: 1st Quarter 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

SKAGIT COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact: 425/649-7000

Sedro-Woolley Wash Rack, 101 Ferry St, Sedro-Woolley - Report received: Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Northwest Regional Office Contact: 425/649-7000

Nel/Son Distributing, Inc., 9826 7th Ave SE, Everett - Report received: 1st Qtr 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

Silver Lake Convenience Store, 1816 112th St SE, Everett - Report received: Groundwater Status March 2006.

Texaco Station, 19930 44th Ave W, Lynnwood - Report received: Groundwater Status March 2006.

THURSTON COUNTY

Southwest Regional Office Contact: 360/407-6300

4th Ave Shell, 2319 E 4th Ave, Olympia

- Report received: 1st Quarter Groundwater Monitoring.

Lacey Shell, 4533 Lacey Blvd, Lacey

- Report received: 1st Quarter 2006 Groundwater Monitoring.

YAKIMA COUNTY

Central Regional Office Contact: 509/575-2490 or e-mail Rjoh461@ecy. wa.gov

Valley View Gas Mart 068, 107 W Lincoln Ave, Sunnyside - Report received: Groundwater Monitoring Report First Quarter 2006.

Unocal Bulk Plant 0766, 511 Lincoln

Ave, Sunnyside - Report received:

Groundwater Monitoring Report.

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

Under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), a property owner cleaning up a contaminated site pays a fee for Ecology review. When a cleanup is determined to be sufficient, Ecology issues a no further action decision.

There is a VCP contact person for each of Ecology's 4 regional offices.

Central Regional Office (CRO) VCP Contact: Mark Dunbar, 509/454-7836 or e-mail Mdun461@ecy.wa.gov

Eastern Regional Office (ERO) VCP Contact: Patti Carter, 509/329-3522 or e-mail Paca461@ecy.wa.gov

Northwest Regional Office (NW) VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Southwest Regional Office (SW) VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

CLARK COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Vancouver Oil Company Inc, 1503 NE 136th St, Vancouver - Submitted 6/7/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Arco 4311, 300 NE 78th St, Vancouver - Decision: Opinion letter.

ISLAND COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-

7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Island Disposal, 19832 SR 20, Coupeville - Decision: No further action.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy,wa.gov

KING COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Circuit Partners Inc, 1575 NW Mall St Bldg C, Issaquah - Submitted 6/6/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Service Linen Supply Inc, 903 S 4th St, Renton - Submitted 6/6/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Starup Property, 2639 NW 95th St, Seattle - Submitted 6/6/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Pearson Site 426 Broadway, 426 Broadway Ave, Seattle - Submitted 6/7/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

USPS Westwood Station, 2721 SW Trenton St, Seattle - Submitted 6/7/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Delta Air Lines Seattle, 16745 Air Cargo Rd, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

Four Seasons Car Wash, 12900 Bel Red Rd, Bellevue - Decision: Further action.

Wickham & Sons, 23 A St SW, Auburn
- Decision: Further action.

Pace International, 500 7th Ave S, Kirkland - Decision: Further action.

Salmon Bay Center, 5301-5309 Shilshole Av NW, Seattle - Decision: Further action.

Soushek Property, 26825 228th Av SE, Kent - Decision: No further action. Alaska Airlines Hangar Area, 18650
Alaska Service Rd S, SeaTac - Decision:
Further action.

Atomic Auto Wrecking, 1037 Central Ave S, Kent - Decision: No further action.

Boeing Northward Lot 4, 72nd Ave S & S 196th St, Kent - Decision: Further action.

Honeywell Intl Inc, 15001 NE 36th St, Redmond - Decision: Further action.

Hong Property, 35415 21st Ave SW, Federal Way - Decision: No further action.

Jorgensen Forge Corp, 8531 E

Marginal Way S, Seattle - Decision:
Further action.

Texaco Station, 5500 15th NW, Seattle

- Decision: Further action.

1001 4th Ave Plaza, 1001 4th Ave, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

Closed Exxon, 8001 15th Ave NE, Seattle - Decision: Further action.

EZ Auto Buy Used Car Lot, 14135 Aurora Ave N, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

FedEx Express, 651 S Alaska St, Seattle - Decision: Further action.

Green Lake Condominiums, 7002
Woodlawn Ave NE, Seattle - Decision:
Further action.

Heliparker Garage, 95 Union St, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

Lithia Lot A Car of Renton, 700 S

Grady Way, Renton - Decision: No further action.

SeaTac Transformer Site, 154th St S & Perimeter Rd N, SeaTac - Decision: No further action.

Southgate Oil, 23428 Pacific Hwy S, Kent - Decision: Further action.

401 Elliott Building Site, 401 Elliott Ave W, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

Bothell Landing, 10001 Woodinville Duvall Rd, Bothell - Decision: Further action.

Gas N Wash, 551 S Michigan St, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

Gateway Arco, 1130 N 185th St, Seattle
- Decision: No further action.

Meeker Gas Station Former, 105 N Washington Ave, Kent - Decision: Further action.

Mercer Distribution Services, 2302 W Valley Hwy Ste 100, Auburn - Decision: No further action.

Music Vend Dist Co, 1550 4th Ave S, Seattle - Decision: Further action.

Reid Sand Gravel Liquidated, 6210 E Lake Sammamish Pkwy & Vaughn, Issaquah - Decision: Further action.

Time Oil Co Seattle Terminal, 2737 W
Commodore Way, Seattle - Decision:
Further action.

US Bank Capitol Hill Project, 130
Harvard, Seattle - Decision: No further action.

7 Eleven Food Store, 3302 E Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Issaquah -Decision: Further action.

Pacific Northwest Bank, 2918 78th Ave SE, Mercer Island - Decision: Withdrawn.

USF Reddaway Inc Kent, 6250 S 228th St, Kent - Decision: Further action.

Plastic Sales & Service Inc, 6870
Woodlawn Ave NE, Seattle - Decision:
Withdrawn.

KITSAP COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Port Orchard S&G Gorst Plant, 3140 W State Hwy 16, Port Orchard - Submitted 6/6/06, Site status: Independent remedial action. **Sadtler Property, 3282 W St Hwy 16, Gorst -** Submitted 6/6/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

PIERCE COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Spanaway Speedway, 16413 22nd Ave E, Spanaway - Decision: Withdrawn.

Fisher Trust Property, 2931 Rucker Ave, Everett - Decision: No further action.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Orcas Power & Light Co, 2 Mt Baker Rd Plant, Eastsound - Decision: No further action.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

NW VCP Contact: Joe Hickey, 425/649-7202 or e-mail Jhic461@ecy.wa.gov

Raplee Property, 9816 271st St NW, Stanwood - Submitted 6/7/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Shelby Cleaners Picnic Point Plaza, 14626 Hwy 99, Lynnwood - Submitted 6/7/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Birkholz Property, 2224 124th St SE, Everett - Decision: No further action.

Gold Bar Market, 101 Croft Ave W, Gold Bar - Decision: No further action.

F & F Auto Clinic Inc, 19518 Bothell

Hwy SE, Bothell - Decision: No further action.

Martha Lake Townhouses, 164th St SW & North Rd, Lynnwood - Decision: Further action. Marv's Exxon, 22730 Meridian Ave S, Bothell - Decision: Further action.

Maltby Road Site, 2020 Maltby Rd, Bothell - Decision: Further action.

THURSTON COUNTY

SW VCP Contact: Chuck Cline, 360/407-6267 or e-mail Chcl461@ecy.wa.gov

Boston Harbor Marina, 312 73rd Ave NE, Olympia - Submitted 6/9/06, Site status: Independent remedial action.

Stop N Go, 600 E 4th Ave, Olympia - Decision: Withdrawn.

SITE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

An initial investigation is conducted when a suspected release of hazardous materials has occurred. If additional work is required, a site hazard assessment may be conducted. These sites are ranked on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest risk to human health and the environment. The following sites are scheduled for an assessment.

CLARK COUNTY

Contact: Bryan DeDoncker, Clark County Environmental Public Health, 360/397-8153.

ST Services Vancouver, 5420 NW Fruit Valley Rd, Vancouver

OTHER DEPARTMENT NOTICES

Amendments to the MTCA Cleanup Regulation

Public comments accepted until 7/28/06

Ecology is initiating rulemaking to amend the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Cleanup Regulation (Chapter

173-340 WAC). The purpose of the rulemaking is to clarify the policies and procedures for establishing cleanup levels for mixtures of polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins/polychlorinated dibenzofurans (dioxins/furans), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Ecology has established a schedule for amending the rule by the end of 2006. During the summer months, Ecology will be preparing draft rule language and performing analyses required under the State Environmental Policy Act, the Administrative Procedures Act and the Regulatory Fairness Act. Ecology plans to publish the proposed rule amendments for public review and comment by the end of August with public hearings being held in September. Ecology will then review the public comments and make final determinations on the rule amendment. Ecology plans to complete the rulemaking process and adopt the final rule amendments by the end of December 2006.

Ecology filed a proposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) with the Office of the Code Reviser on June 7, 2006. A copy of this statement may be obtained at: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/wac173340/d0610.pdf.

A copy of the draft rule amendments and other related materials can be obtained through the following web site: http://aww.ecydev/programs/tcp/regs/amendment_2006/amend.htm.

General information on the rule-making process can be obtained by contacting **Dan Koroma**, at 360/407-7187 or e-mail **Dkor461@ecy.wa.gov**, or by mail at the following address: Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600.

Comments or questions on the draft rule language should be directed to:

Pete Kmet, at 360/407-7199 or e-mail Pkme461@ecy.wa.gov, or by mail at the following address: Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600.

Voluntary Cleanup Program is Migrating to a New Business Model

Ecology is migrating to a new business model for the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). This overview is intended to identify the internal changes that ultimately, are aimed at improving service to our clients with an active project. The most noticeable change is being made to the billing system. An automated system has been developed to streamline the process of billing clients after service has been provided.

To improve upon the financial operation of the Voluntary Cleanup Program, an automated billing and revenue tracking system used by other programs at Ecology will also be used by the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The new billing system will be effective July 1, 2006 will include:

- a monthly billing by the 10th day of the following month, if any hours or costs have been charged to your account;
- Ecology will recover costs after services have been provided—rather than asking for payment prior to service;
- payment will be due 30 days from the invoice date;
- if an account is not paid within 30 days of the invoice date, then Ecology will send the client a "delinquency notice";

- if an account is not paid within 60 days of the invoice date, then Ecology will not provide any further service and may send the debt to a collections agency;
- the cost for the services of a collection agency, or collection fee, will be added to the debt that is owed Ecology.

Active projects in the Voluntary Cleanup Program on June 30, 2006, will be migrated to the new billing system. The person who signs the request for assistance form is the individual who is responsible for payment of Ecology's costs. If you want someone else to be responsible for payment, then that person needs to enter into an agreement with Ecology.

At the end of June, when projects are migrated to the new billing system, any costs incurred under the VCP through June 30, 2006, will be invoiced under the former billing system. The last and final invoice from the former billing system will be mailed to clients in mid-July. Costs and charges in the month of July to a project under the new billing system will be invoiced by August 10, 2006. For accounts under the former billing system with a credit balance on June 30, 2006, the Department will prepare a refund to the party who submitted the deposit.

Additional information on the Voluntary Cleanup Program may be found at: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/vcp/Vcpmain.htm.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ecology's site manager or the VCP Coordinator, Nnamdi Madakor, at 360/407-7244 or e-mail Nmad461@ecy.wa.gov, or by mail at the following address: Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, Washington 98504-7600.