



# Most Western Laundry Site

## Agreed Order for Proposed Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

The Washington Department of Ecology and Most Western Limited have agreed to perform a Remedial Investigation of the soil and groundwater at the Most Western Laundry site. An Agreed Order is a legal document between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs) to ensure that proposed site investigation and cleanup activities are conducted in a timely fashion in accordance with the Model Toxics Control Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

Public comments on this proposed Agreed Order are welcomed. You may submit comments from February 7 through March 9, 2007. The box to the right provides information about where to review the Agreed Order as well as where to submit comments.

### Site Background

The Most Western Laundry facility operated as an industrial and commercial laundry and dry cleaner for about 80 years and was located at 16<sup>th</sup> and B Streets in Hoquiam. The property is approximately 15,000 square feet in size and was purchased by Most Western Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Inc. in 1964. In 1978 a dry cleaning unit using tetrachloroethylene (perc) was installed and the distiller units generated spent perc, a listed federal and state regulated waste. Wastes from this facility went to the

Hoquiam Sanitary Landfill by city dumpster. Spills occurred to the ground, migrating to the storm sewer and eventually the Hoquiam River.

In 1987, Most Western Laundry hired a contractor to perform a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the site. Soil samples confirmed the presence of perc in excess of state cleanup standards. Contaminated soil was removed in 1988 but confirmation sampling in the excavation indicated that contamination remained.

Groundwater sampling was not done at the three shallow groundwater monitoring wells. No buildings remain on the property due to a fire in 1994.

### What Is Being Done?

A new Agreed Order for the RI/FS is now necessary to identify alternative cleanup technologies that will meet cleanup standards. The Agreed Order requires Most Western Limited to allow Ecology access to complete the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. The RI will summarize existing data, develop a conceptual site model, and complete the characterization of the nature and extent of contamination. The FS will assemble applicable remedial technologies and analyze each in relation to this site.

## February 2007 Fact Sheet

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**February 7 through  
March 9, 2007**

### SEND QUESTIONS AND WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

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### INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The documents can be viewed at the following locations:

**Hoquiam City Hall**  
609 – 8th Street  
Hoquiam, WA 98550  
(360) 532-5700

**Timberland Library**  
420 – 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hoquiam, WA 98550

**WA Department of Ecology**  
SW Regional Office–  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
300 Desmond Drive  
Olympia, WA 98504-7775  
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### Websites

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/  
programs/tcp/sites/  
western\\_laundry/  
most\\_western.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/western_laundry/most_western.html)

[www.ecy.wa.gov](http://www.ecy.wa.gov), "Public  
Events Calendar"

### What happens next?

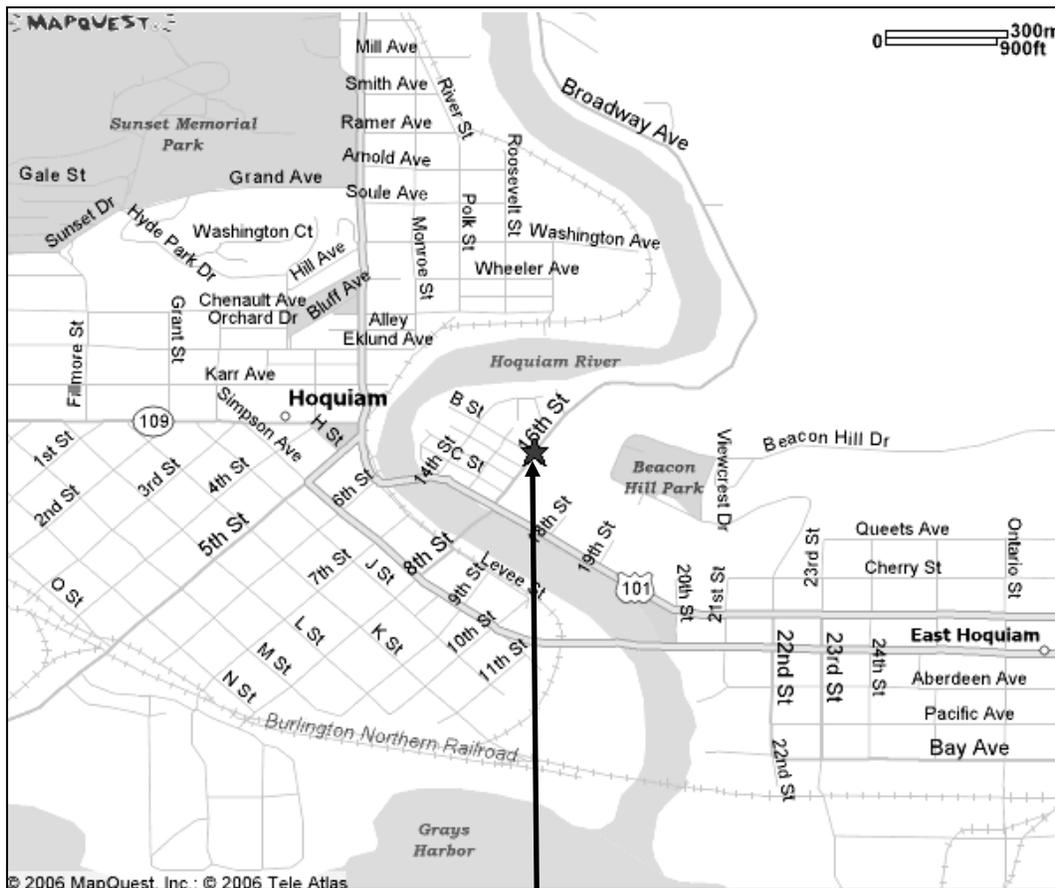
Public comment on the Agreed Order will be considered and the order may be modified based on the comments received. Following the RI/FS, Ecology will prepare a Cleanup Action Plan which will specify the cleanup action based on the selected remedy. After the requirements of the RI/FS Agreed Order have been satisfied, an Agreed Order to implement the new Cleanup Action Plan will be negotiated between Most Western Limited and Ecology.

### Ecology wants to hear from you

Please see information in the box on Page 1 if you have questions or concerns regarding the investigation at the Most Western Laundry site or wish to submit comments.

If you wish to be removed from our mailing list please contact Guy Barrett.

### Location Map



**Most Western Laundry site  
16<sup>th</sup> and B Streets  
Hoquiam, Washington**



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