

# Most Western Laundry

## 16th and B Streets, Hoquiam



### Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Scope of Work Available for Public Comment, SEPA Early Scoping Notice

#### You Are Being Asked To Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has begun cleaning up pollution found at the Most Western Laundry site in Hoquiam.

Ecology has drafted a scope of work for a remedial investigation and feasibility study. This scope of work outlines the steps that Ecology will take to

1. Investigate the extent and nature of the pollution, and
2. Look at possible cleanup options for the site.

We welcome your comments on the scope of work from May 15 - June 15, 2007. The gray box to the right contains information about the location of documents and where to submit your comments.

Ecology will use state funds available through the **Clean Sites Initiative** for the remedial investigation and feasibility study for this site (see box below).



#### This site is part of the CLEAN SITES INITIATIVE!

The **Clean Site Initiative** is a fund set aside by the state of Washington to manage contaminated site cleanup for sites where a responsible party is not known or does not have the resources to pay for the cleanup.

The remedial investigation and feasibility study will be ongoing during the public comment period because of the need to complete this work before the end of the budget year, June 30, 2007.

Although work will happen at the same time as the comment period, Ecology values public input and will consider all comments before the next stage of the project begins.

Public comments will be used, along with data collected during the remedial investigation, to help decide if more sampling should be done.



Most Western Laundry site, facing south-east towards 16th street

#### 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 16th 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.

## May 2007 Fact Sheet

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

May 15 through June 15, 2007

#### Direct Your Questions & Written Comments to:

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#### Locations where you may view a copy of the scope of work:

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

**Hoquiam Timberland Library**  
420 7th Street  
Hoquiam, WA 98550  
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**WA Department of Ecology**  
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#### Web Site:

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

Facility Site Identification Number 1117

In 1978 a dry cleaning unit was installed and the distiller units generated spent perchloroethylene (perc or PCE) which is a federal and state regulated waste. Perc spills contaminated the ground and migrated to the storm sewer, and eventually the Hoquiam River.

In 1987, Most Western Laundry hired a contractor to perform an RI/FS. Soil samples had perc above state cleanup standards.

Contaminated soil was removed in 1988 but later soil sampling in the excavation showed that contamination remained. Groundwater sampling was not done at the three shallow groundwater monitoring wells on the site. No buildings remain on the property after a fire in 1994.

At this time, Most Western Limited, Inc. does not have money to clean up the Most Western Laundry site. Ecology negotiated an agreed order with Most Western Limited, Inc. in February, 2007, allowing Ecology access to investigate and clean up the site.

## State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Early Scoping Notice



Environmental cleanup projects must be reviewed to see if they will have negative impacts such as:

- Harm to human health or the environment.
- Harm to endangered species and their habitats.
- Increased traffic or noise.

A SEPA determination has not been made for this site. Ecology will be working on the SEPA review during the RI/FS. This is an opportunity for the public to be involved early in the process.

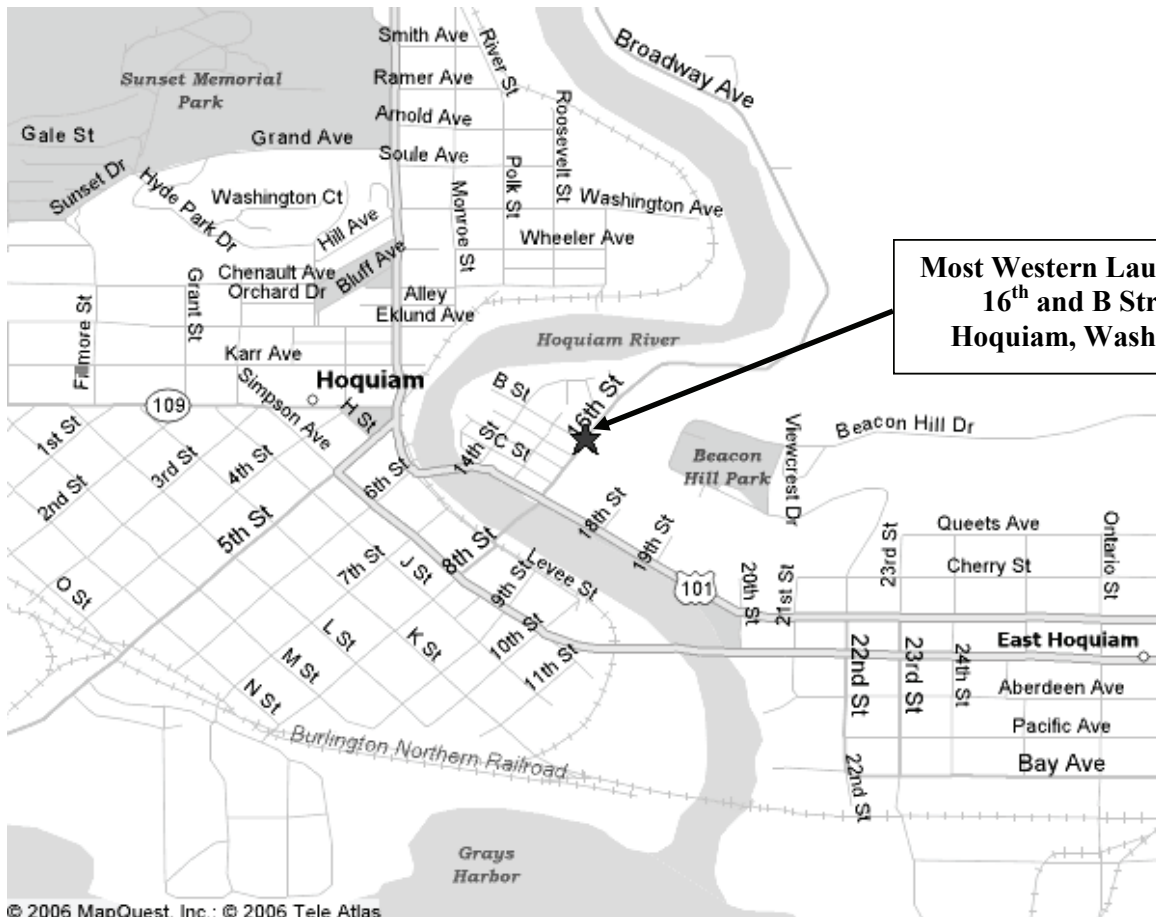
Please use this comment period to help Ecology identify environmental issues that need to be evaluated.

### What happens next?

Public comment on the scoping for the RI and FS will be considered during the RI/FS process and may be used to make changes to the scope of work. Following the RI/FS, Ecology will prepare a Cleanup Action Plan, which will also be available for public review and comment.

### Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Ecology will be accepting comments on the RI/FS scoping from May 15 - June 15, 2007. Information about where to view the document and submit comments can be found in the gray box on page 1. Ecology will respond to your comments at the end of the comment period.



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