

Everett Smelter Site –2007 Soil Cleanup Biweekly NEWSLETTER #4

from Ecology's Program, Toxics Cleanup Program



Cleanup Activities for July 9 - July 20, 2007



What's happening in your neighborhood?

Ecology's contractor, Wyser Construction, Inc. began cleanup work at the 10 homes located on the east side of Bridgeway in Everett, WA on May 21, 2007. The cleanup will remove and dispose of accessible soil contaminated with arsenic and lead. Soil is accessible if it is not under the house, paved driveways and walkways or patios. All accessible contaminated soil with arsenic levels above 20 mg/Kg that is within one foot of the surface will be removed and replaced with clean topsoil. Below one foot, all accessible contaminated soil that has arsenic above certain specified levels will be removed and replaced with clean backfill and topsoil. The yard restoration will include sod lawns, landscape plant replacements, building or reconstructing walls, and restoring fences.

How long will this cleanup last?

This cleanup is expected to last for 3-5 months. The cleanup work will take place during the **daytime from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on weekdays**.

Cleanup work for July 9- July 20, 2007

- Finish restoration work at 225 and 229 Bridgeway.
- Start backyard excavation work at 225, 223, 215, and 209 Bridgeway. These homes will be cleaned up as a group. The stockpile area for loading and unloading trucks will be in the front yard of 209 Bridgeway. As final excavation depths are reached, the geofabric (see other side for definition) will be placed and restoration will begin immediately.

Status Update - Cleanup at 225, 229, and 223 Bridgeway

- Work completed at 225 Bridgeway included backfilling the front yard, preparing the sidewalk area for concrete, and restoration of the fence and drainage system along the southern property line. The contractor started reconstructing the rockery.
- Restoration work continues at the 229 Bridgeway property. In the front yard, backfill and re-shaping of the ground surface are over 50% complete. In the backyard, 80% of the retaining wall has been completed. Once topsoil has been delivered, the ramp used to bring the backfill and topsoil into the backyard will be taken out. Following this, final work will be completed on the retaining wall.
- At 223 Bridgeway, the southeast portion of the backyard fence was removed in preparation for contaminated soil removal in the backyards of 223 and 225 Bridgeway.

Other Activities:

• The contaminated soil excavated from the front yard at 225 Bridgeway will be stockpiled in the front yard of 209 Bridgeway. It will be removed one truck load at a time. The contaminated soil will be hauled off to an approved landfill (see truck route on next page).

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What's the Truck route?



Will there be someone to answer my immediate concerns?

Yes, Ecology has contracted Glen Vedera with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to be the on-site coordinator. He will manage daily activities. The SAIC on-site coordinator will represent Ecology during field activities. Any immediate concerns may be presented to Glen Vedera, who will communicate them to Jerome Cruz.

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Ecology keeping you informed

This is the fourth in a series of newsletters the Washington State Department of Ecology will produce. Ecology will update this newsletter regularly to inform the neighborhood about the current status of the soil cleanup along the east side of Bridgeway in Everett, Washington. Ecology will contact the next set of homeowners before cleanup work begins on their property.

Definitions

Geofabric: A textile that is placed in the excavation which underlies the clean sandy fill. The geofabric acts as a warning that contaminated soil remains underneath it. The geofabric allows water to drain through it.

Backfill: Clean sandy material used to fill in the excavation. For most of these yards, a layer of topsoil is placed above it to allow for the installation of lawns or planting strips.



The truck route for the dump trucks carrying away contaminated soil will be:

- South on Skyline Drive.
- Follow Skyline Drive south.
- Then east to Medora Way.
- Head east to Bridgeway.
- Left onto Bridgeway to 229, the loading site.



After the trucks are loaded:

- The trucks will proceed north on Bridgeway.
- Turn right onto Skyline Drive.
- Then turn right onto Marine View Drive.

* Trucks carrying clean backfill and topsoil will proceed along the same route, but in the opposite direction.

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