

Chevron Tank Farm Port Washington Narrows Bremerton, Kitsap County, WA

Site Investigation Documents Ready for Public Review



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Cleanup investigation begins

A waterfront site in Bremerton, formerly used as a petroleum tank farm, will be investigated and cleaned up under the state's Puget Sound Initiative. Public input is invited as this cleanup begins.

Ecology wants your comments

The Department of Ecology invites you to read and comment on the following documents:

- Agreed Order;
- Draft Public Participation Plan; and
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance.

These documents provide information about the cleanup that is about to begin at the Chevron Tank Farm site. This site is located next to Evergreen Park, in Bremerton, Kitsap County, WA.

The Agreed Order is a legal document. It describes the agreement between Ecology and the City of Bremerton for cleanup actions needed at the site. It ensures that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

The Public Participation Plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can

learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

The SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is given out when it is doubtful that an action will have a severe environmental impact or when major impacts can be reduced.

Site background

The site is currently vacant property. It was a bulk fuel facility from about 1950 to 1988. After the structures were taken down in 1988, Chevron collected soil samples and installed groundwater monitoring wells. Results showed gasoline, diesel, and oil contamination in soil and groundwater. Contamination has also been found in marine sediments. Some cleanup has taken place; however, more work remains to be done.

The Chevron cleanup is a part of the City's Evergreen Park Expansion and Shoreline Restoration Project. This project will include the construction of a 3,200-foot over-water boardwalk that will increase public waterfront access in the City by fifty percent.

Overview of the Agreed Order

The Agreed Order outlines the investigation and cleanup process for the Chevron site. As part of the process, the City agrees to prepare the following studies and documents:

- A Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) work

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October 15 to
November 15, 2007**

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plan, which will explain how the City will look for and analyze contamination in soil, water, and sediments.

- An RI/FS report, which will present the results of the investigation and propose alternatives for cleanup actions.
- A Cleanup Action Plan (CAP), which will use RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

The City has also agreed to perform an interim action, working with Ecology. Soil contaminated with high levels of petroleum will be removed and placed in a selected landfill. Less contaminated soil and groundwater will be treated with chemical oxidation and enhanced bioremediation (see box below for definitions). The site will be monitored to check cleanup action progress.

Chemical oxidation completely breaks down contaminants.

Bioremediation uses small basic life forms (bacteria) to remove contaminants by using them as a food source.

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology is committed to providing the public with timely information and

meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. Your comments and ideas are needed to improve the cleanup. The Public Participation Plan explains how Ecology will do the following:

- Notify the public when and where documents are available for review and comment;
- Notify the public about how they can become involved;
- Provide public participation opportunities; and
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound at the Chevron site

Governor Christine Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature have authorized a new Puget Sound Initiative. One of the objectives of the Initiative is to protect and restore Puget Sound, cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. Some of these sites are individual high priority sites, such as Chevron, and a number are being cleaned up in baywide efforts. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

How to submit your comments

Ecology is holding a public comment period for you to review the Agreed

Order, Public Participation Plan, and SEPA DNS from October 15 through November 15, 2007. These documents are found on the Ecology web site and at the information repositories listed on the first page of this fact sheet.

Please send your comments by November 15, 2007, to Ecology's Site Manager, Panjini Balaraju. Contact addresses can be found on the first page of this fact sheet. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail. Please include "Chevron" in the subject line.

What's next?

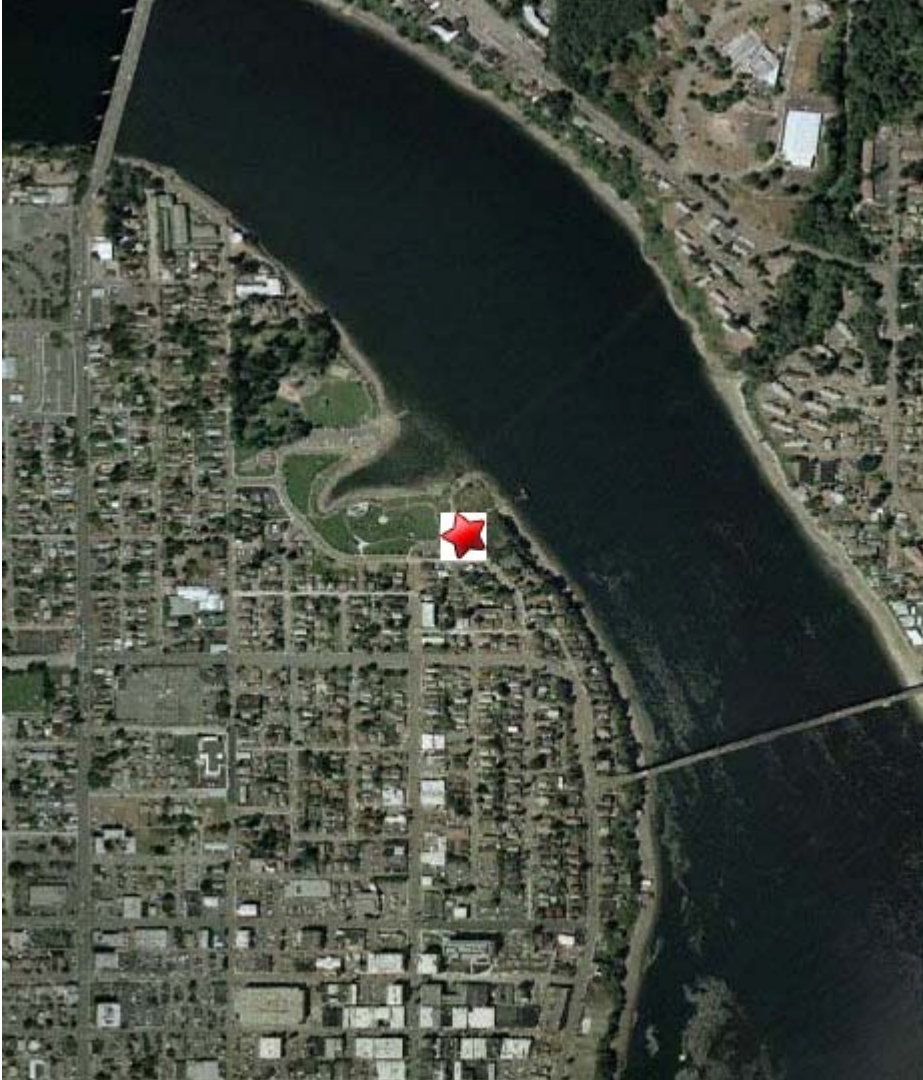
Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to all comments that have been received. The Agreed Order may be modified based upon your comments.

Additional public comment periods will be noticed and conducted as future documents on the site are developed.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. Read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* at this link to learn more about the public comment process.

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The Chevron site, shown in the above map with a star, is located at 1310 Highland Avenue, Bremerton, WA.

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