

Site Investigation Documents Available for Public Review and Comment



A PUGET SOUND INITIATIVE site
Reaching the goal of a healthy, sustainable Puget Sound.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

The Department of Ecology is asking for your comments on a new proposed agreement to study a site on Puget Sound for cleanup. This site, Blaine Mini Mart, is one of several located on the waterfront that will be studied for cleanup under the state's Puget Sound Initiative.

Blaine Mini Mart is generally located at 2530 Peace Portal Drive on Drayton Harbor, in Blaine, Whatcom County, WA. The property is located at the intersection of Peace Portal Drive and Bell Road.

You are invited to:

- Review the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan.
- Send your comments to Ecology. Comments will be accepted October 26 to November 30, 2009.

See the box on the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The Blaine Mini Mart Site is a gas station. Chemicals formerly used on the Site include gasoline, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes. These last four compounds are often found in petroleum products, and referred to as BTEX. Monitoring in the area found these contaminants in Site groundwater.

The Site owner conducted soil and groundwater investigations on the Site and found the following contaminants in soil and/or groundwater at concentrations above Washington state cleanup

Comments Accepted

October 26 to November 30, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Isaac Standen - Site Manager
WA Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
P.O. Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
Phone: (360) 407-6776
E-mail: ista461@ecy.wa.gov

DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Blaine Public Library

610 Third Street
Blaine, WA 98230
Phone: (360) 332-8146

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Fri.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

WA Department of Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn,
cesg461@ecy.wa.gov or
(360) 407-7224

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/blaineMM/blaineMiniMart_hp.html

Facility Site ID #: 42128291

levels:

- Benzene
- Toluene
- Ethylbenzene
- Xylene
- MTBE (a gasoline additive)
- Gasoline
- Diesel
- Heavy oil-range petroleum hydrocarbons

More study is needed to fully characterize the contamination at the Blaine Mini Mart Site.

Overview of the Agreed Order

The proposed agreement, called an Agreed Order, is a legal document between Ecology and the Site owner. Former owners have not signed this document. The Agreed Order describes the studies that the Site owner agrees to perform on the Site.

The Agreed Order requires the following studies and documents be developed:

- Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It explains the work needed to look for and analyze contamination in soil and groundwater.
- RI/FS report. It presents the results of the study and proposes alternatives for cleanup actions.
- Draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). It uses RI/FS information to identify a preferred cleanup action and a schedule to remediate the contamination.

The purpose of the Agreed Order is to protect human health and the environment by insuring that remedial actions will be conducted at a site

where a release of hazardous substances has occurred. It ensures that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

Overview of the draft Public Participation Plan

Ecology and the Site owner are committed to providing the public with timely information and meaningful opportunities to participate in the cleanup process. As part of this commitment, Ecology and Site owner agree to provide a public participation plan. This plan outlines how citizens and interested parties can learn about and provide input on the cleanup.

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.
- Consider public comments in cleanup decisions.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Protecting and restoring Puget Sound

Governor Chris Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature established the Puget Sound Initiative to protect and restore Puget Sound. Several baywide areas in the Sound have been identified as high priority cleanup areas as part of this Initiative, including: Port Gamble, Dumas Bay, Padilla and Fidalgo Bays, Port Angeles, Budd Inlet, and Port Gardner Bay.

Blaine Mini Mart

This work includes cleaning up 50-60 sites within one-half mile of the Sound. One of these is the Blaine Mini Mart Site. These cleanup actions will help to reduce pollution and restore habitat and shorelines in Puget Sound.

For more information about sites in Whatcom County, go to:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html#W.

What Happens Next?

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

As future documents on the Site are developed, you will be notified of additional public comment periods.

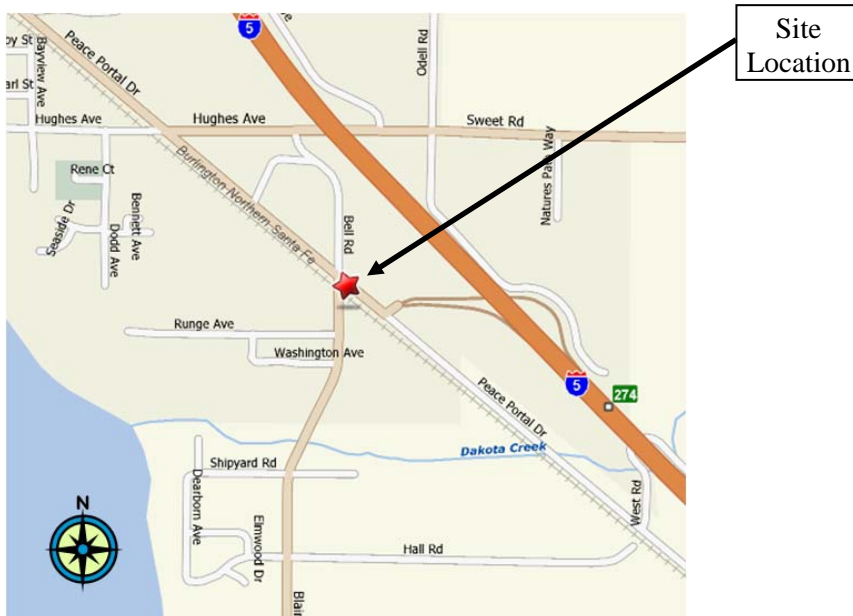
What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on page one.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on page one.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. Thank you.

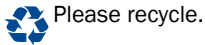
For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, and other events, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at:
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

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(Map Source: MapQuest 2009)





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Blaine Mini Mart, Blaine Whatcom County, WA

Ecology Seeks Public Comment on Draft Site Investigation Documents

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