

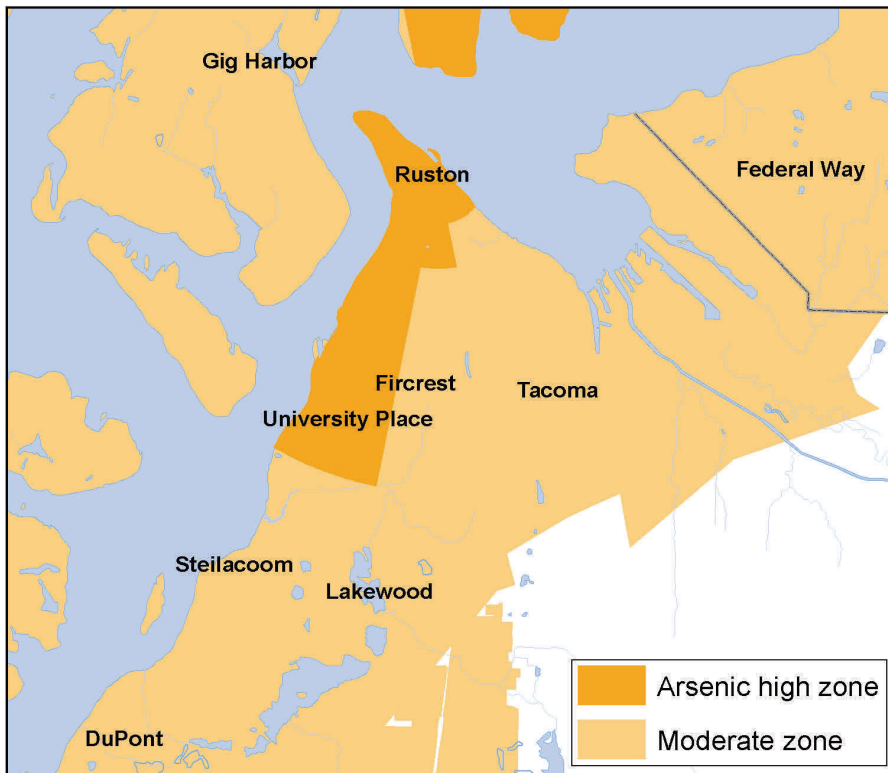
Cleanup Plan Available for Comment

The Department of Ecology is cleaning up part of the Tacoma Smelter Plume. The plume is a 1,000 square mile area of arsenic and lead soil contamination from the former Asarco smelter in Ruston and Tacoma. The cleanup plan includes work we have already started and one new program:

- Cleaning up residential yards—new!
- Cleaning up school, childcare, park, and camp play areas.
- Providing outreach and education.
- Encouraging cleanup during development projects.

Submit Your Comments

The cleanup plan and more information are on the website (right). The online reading guide explains how to read the plan and what to comment on. Please submit comments from **October 20 to December 20, 2011**. See the box on the right for where to send comments and questions. We will respond to comments at the end of the comment period. We may make changes to the plan based on public comments.



Fact Sheet for Pierce County Residents

Public Comment Period

October 20–December 20, 2011

Submit Comments and Questions to:

Cynthia Walker, Project Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program, SWRO
PO Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775
E-mail: Cynthia.Walker@ecy.wa.gov

Health Questions:

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.
Phone: (253) 798-6492
E-mail: DirtAlert@tpchd.org
Website: <http://www.tpchd.org/DirtAlert>

Ruston/North Tacoma Study Area

Your yard may have already been cleaned up by EPA! Please contact:

Karen Pickett
Phone: (253) 759-3332
E-mail: Karen.Pickett@eigov.us

Where To Find the Cleanup Plan

Your local library has a hard copy or can show you how to find it online.

Website: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/toxics/tacoma-smelter.html>

WA Department of Ecology

SW Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Contact Debbie Nelson at
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360-407-6365

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We are sending this to people who live or own property in the most contaminated part of the Tacoma Smelter Plume.

To receive future mailings or e-mails, join our mail list by contacting Hannah Aoyagi at 360-407-6790 or Hannah.Aoyagi@ecy.wa.gov.



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Public Open Houses in Pierce County

North Tacoma

Wed. Nov. 2, 2011, 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Point Defiance Elementary School Cafeteria
4330 N Visscher St., Tacoma

Phone: (253) 571-6900

University Place

Wed. Nov. 16, 2011, 6:30—8:30 p.m.

Curtis High School Cafeteria
8425 40th Street W, University Place

Phone: (253) 566-5710

Agenda

6:30 Open house session
7:00 Presentation, question and answer
8:00 Open house session