

Toxics Cleanup Program

March 2012

Public Comment Period

The 1920 Port of Tacoma Road site is in an industrial area near the Blair Waterway in the Tacoma tideflats. The Department of Ecology is entering into an Agreed Order (legal agreement) with U.S. Oil & Refining Co. for cleanup of this site.

Ecology invites you to comment on the Agreed Order from **April** 9 to May 8, 2012. The box at the right shows where to find site documents and how to submit comments.

Site Background

Starting in 1958, U.S. Oil & Refining used five pipelines to move petroleum back and forth from its dock on the Blair Waterway to its refinery on Lincoln Ave. These pipelines released petroleum into the surrounding soil, causing contamination.

In 1995, a work crew found contaminated soil. Ecology did sampling and found gasoline-range petroleum hydrocarbons, which are harmful to human health. The vapors also pose a risk because they can explode.

In 1997 and 1998, U.S. Oil & Refining did some sampling and found contaminated soil and groundwater. The company removed some of the soils, but contamination remained.

Cleanup Process

U.S. Oil & Refining is now beginning cleanup under Ecology oversight. The Agreed Order requires:

- A remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination.
- A feasibility study to compare cleanup options.
- A cleanup action plan describing the cleanup methods picked.

What Happens Next

At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to public comments and questions. U.S. Oil & Refining will then begin collecting data for the remedial investigation. Ecology will put a draft cleanup action plan out for public comment when it is ready.

Comments Accepted

April 9-May 8, 2012

Submit Comments and Technical Ouestions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Tacoma Public Library

1102 Tacoma Avenue Tacoma, WA 98402 Phone: (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay

535 Dock Street, Suite 213 Tacoma, WA 98402 Phone: (253) 383-2429

WA Department of Ecology Southwest Regional Office

300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503

By appointment only:

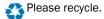
Contact Debbie Nelson, Debbie.Nelson@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6365

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/ Sitepage.aspx?csid=3801

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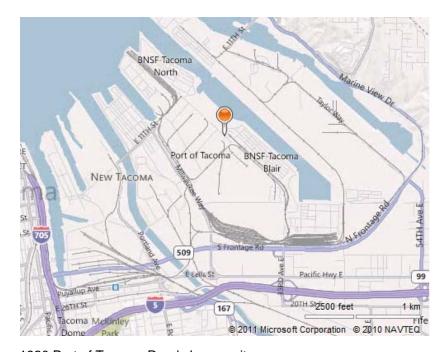
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Ecology Seeks Public Comment on a Legal Agreement for Cleanup

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