

## Sampling and Contaminated Soil Removal Continues

### What's Happening at the Everett Smelter Site in 2013?

#### Uplands Soil Cleanup

- In the fall, soil removal will begin on about 23 properties, east and west of East Marine View Drive near 8th and 9th streets.

#### Lowlands Sampling

- Groundwater sampling will continue throughout the Lowlands in several areas.
- A report summarizing the recent sampling results will be published by the end of the year. A Feasibility Study to look at cleanup methods will be done early next year.

See inside for more information about work planned in 2013!

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#### Ecology's Website

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites\\_brochure/asarco/es\\_main.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites_brochure/asarco/es_main.html)

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### More Work Planned in the Everett Smelter Cleanup Area for 2013!

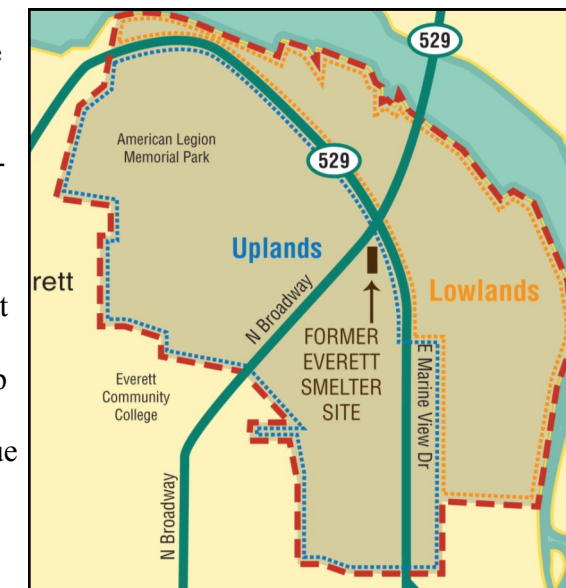
Ecology is continuing contaminated soil removal from areas inside the Everett Smelter Cleanup Area.

Work is scheduled to begin late this fall. Read more about this work inside!

### Background

The Asarco smelter, which operated in Everett in the early 1900s, caused widespread arsenic and lead contamination in northeast Everett. In addition to contamination left behind on the old smelter property, particles from the stacks settled on the surrounding areas, contaminating soil.

Ecology managed the cleanup of the most highly contaminated properties from 1999-2007. In 2009, Ecology received funding through a bankruptcy settlement with Asarco to continue with cleanup efforts. Cleanup and sampling will continue over the next several years.



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## Everett Smelter Cleanup Site

### 2013 Planned Work Areas



### 2013 Cleanup Group

- About 23 properties will be cleaned up along the east and west of East Marine View Drive near 8th and 9th streets.
- Work on these properties will begin this fall and continue through the end of the year.
- Ecology hopes to have a contractor selected by July or early August.
- Ecology staff will notify property owners at least one week in advance before work starts on their properties.

## Everett Smelter Cleanup Site



Groundwater sampling at newly installed monitoring wells.



Sampling the sediment along the Snohomish River.

### Lowlands Area

- Ecology completed more groundwater and soil sampling in May 2013. Groundwater will be sampled periodically in the Lowlands throughout 2013.
- This fall, Ecology will compile the recent sampling results in a Supplemental Lowlands Remedial Investigation report. This report will summarize the known information and help Ecology determine which areas were impacted by smelter operations.
- The next step will be to complete a Feasibility Study to look at all of the cleanup options for the Lowland area.
- The Supplemental Lowlands Investigation and Feasibility Study reports will be available for public review and comment when they are finished.

### 2013 Cleanup Group

 = Properties scheduled for cleanup



### Protecting Your Family from Contamination

Although the most highly contaminated soil at the Everett Smelter site has already been removed, soil with lower levels of contamination remains on many properties and may be a health hazard over time.

**If you live in the Everett Smelter Cleanup area, please take the following steps to protect your family from contaminated soil:**

- Leave your dirty shoes at the door.
- Wear gloves when you work in the yard.
- Damp dust and mop often.
- Plant flowers and plants in raised beds. Wash vegetables before eating them.
- Keep pets clean.
- Wash your hands after playing or working outside.

