

## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

The Department of Ecology proposes taking the Jefferson Avenue Site off the Hazardous Sites List. It is located at 2112-2122 Jefferson Ave in Tacoma. You may comment on this decision from **April 9 - May 8, 2014**. The box to the right shows where to find:

- A No Further Action letter to the City of Tacoma (city), which owns the site. The letter describes and approves the cleanup.
- Background documents describing site investigations, the nature and extent of contamination, and cleanup.

### Site Background and Cleanup

In the past, the site was used for houses. Later it was used for a gas station, automobile sales and repair, welding, and steel fabrication. The parcels are now vacant.

Investigations from 1995 - 2005 found that underground storage tanks had contaminated soil and groundwater with petroleum hydrocarbons and their breakdown products. The city and past owners removed underground storage tanks and contaminated soil.

In 2012, the city investigated site soil and groundwater to make sure no contamination remained. The city found arsenic in groundwater in one area. No other contaminants are above state cleanup levels. The city recorded an environmental covenant that prohibits using groundwater from the site. Ecology considers the cleanup complete.

### What Happens Next

1. Through May 8, Ecology invites you to comment on our decision to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.
2. After the comment period, we will respond to comments.
3. Ecology may require further sampling or cleanup based on information given by the public. Otherwise, Ecology will remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.



#### What is the Hazardous Sites List?

The Hazardous Sites List includes sites that Ecology has assessed for their potential risk to human health and the environment. Sites must go through cleanup and meet state standards before Ecology can remove them from the list.

### Comments Accepted

**April 9—May 8, 2014**

#### Send Comments and Technical Questions to:

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### DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

**Tacoma Public Library**  
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Tacoma, WA 98402  
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**WA Department of Ecology  
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Contact Susie Baxter,  
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Ecology's Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=7037>

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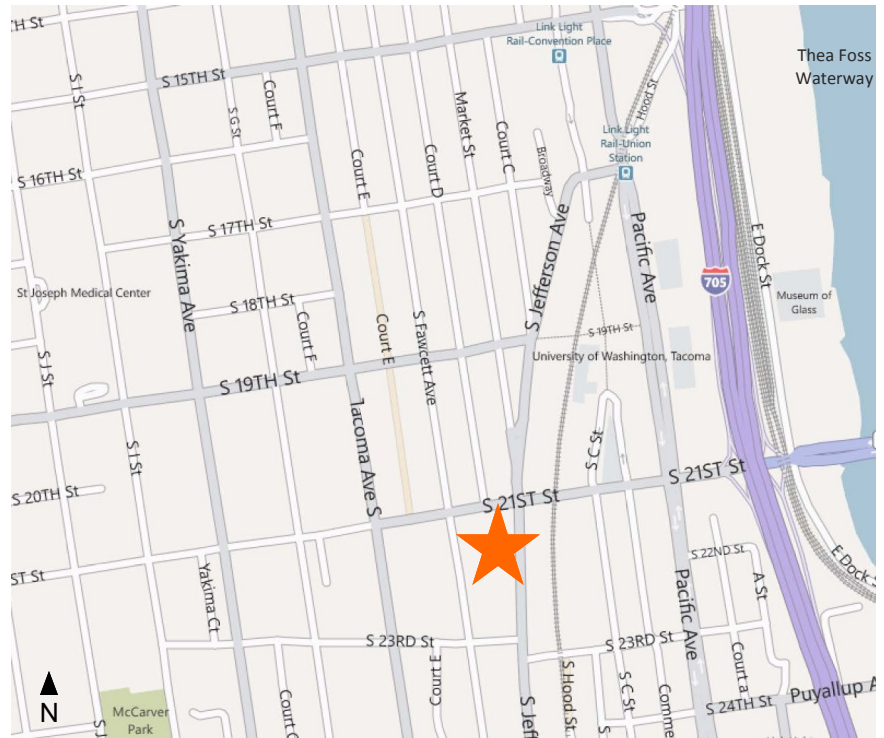
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Jefferson Avenue Site, 2112-2122 Jefferson Ave, Tacoma