

# Time Oil Bulk Terminal Cleanup Site



*Historical Aerial View of Time Oil Properties*

## Contact & Information

### Comments accepted:

August 23 – September 21, 2021

### Submit comments online at:

<https://bit.ly/BNSF-TimeOilCmnt>

### Questions or comments:

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### Site Webpage:

<https://bit.ly/BNSF-TimeOil>

### Ecology Blog:

<https://bit.ly/EcologyBlog-TimeOil>

### Document review locations:

In consideration of public health and safety, Ecology cannot offer in-person review options at this time. Please refer to the Site webpage above. If you need document review assistance, please contact Brad Petrovich at 425-533-5537

**Facility Site ID:** 75486194

**Site Cleanup ID:** 14604

## Legal agreement ready for public review and comment

Ecology has negotiated a legal agreement called an Agreed Order with BNSF Railway (BNSF) for its property within the Time Oil Bulk Terminal Cleanup Site (Site). The order names them a Potentially Liable Person (PLP) and requires them to address contamination on their property.

We would like your input on:

- **Agreed Order** – legal document that requires BNSF to investigate environmental conditions, complete a Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS), and if requested by Ecology a preliminary draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP) for the BNSF property.
- **Public Participation Plan** – describes how Ecology will inform the community about Site activities and opportunities to be involved in the cleanup process.

## More Information

View these documents, Site information, and provide comments by using the links to the left of this page.

## Español

El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público relacionado a la limpieza ambiental del sitio Time Oil Bulk Terminal. Para obtener este documento, o más información sobre este sitio, en español favor de comunicarse con Mark Wheeler al 509-329-3444 o [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov)

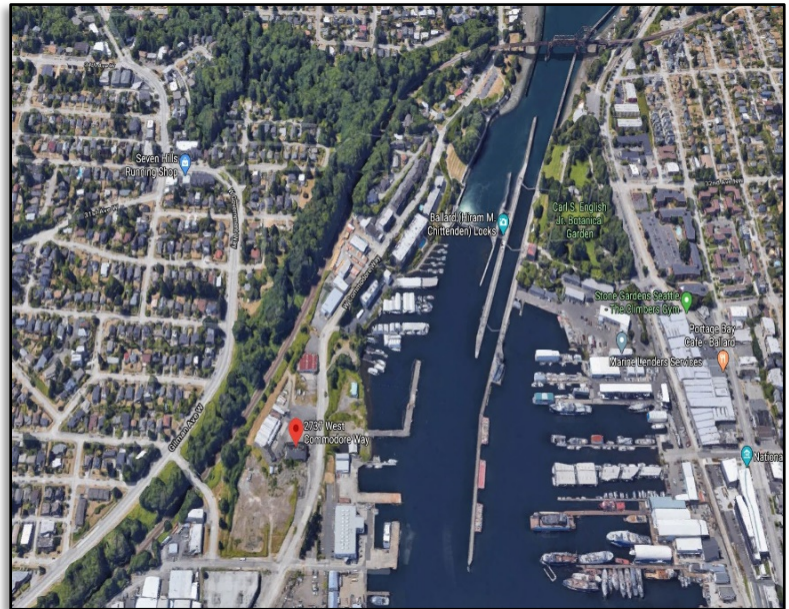
## Chinese

華盛頓州生態管理署邀請公眾對Time Oil Bulk Terminal地產清理工作的清理行動計劃草案動提供建意見。欲了解更多信息，或要求翻譯服務，請致電林昊 (206) 594-0107，電子郵件 [sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov)

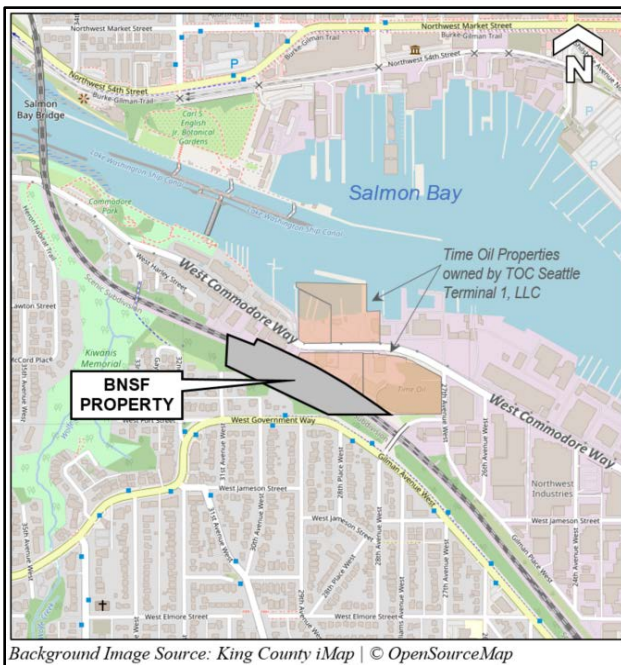
## Site Background

The BNSF property (Property) refers to King County Parcel #423790-0240, and is generally located along the southern edge of the former Time Oil Bulk Terminal facility at West Commodore Way in Seattle. The name Time Oil Bulk Terminal refers to this Property, together with four nearby parcels where contamination released from its former operations is present. These five parcels, along with a portion of the West Commodore Way right-of-way and a portion of Salmon Bay, generally make up part of the Site currently being addressed under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

TOC Seattle Terminal 1, LLC owns the four nearby parcels, known as the Time Oil Properties. The Time Oil Properties and a portion of West Commodore Way are being cleaned up under a separate [legal agreement](#)<sup>1</sup>



*Aerial View of Time Oil Properties & Seattle Vicinity*



Great Northern Railway owned the Property, until it merged with BNSF's predecessor, Burlington Northern Railway Co. The main railroad line on the BNSF Property was built sometime between 1893 and 1917. Between 1936 and 1944, five additional rail spurs were constructed north of the main line that ran onto two parcels of the Time Oil Properties for loading and unloading petroleum products from rail tanker cars. The spurs were removed sometime between 1953 and 1985. The sources of contamination identified on the BNSF Property likely occurred during loading and unloading activities from rail cars.

Many environmental investigations occurred on the Property and Site since 2001. These have documented the following hazardous substances in soil and/or groundwater in amounts that exceed minimum allowed levels under MTCA:

- total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline;
- total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel and oil;
- benzene;
- trichloroethene;
- pentachlorophenol;
- cis-1,2-dichloroethene;
- vinyl chloride.

<sup>1</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=98702>

## What happens next?

Ecology will consider all comments received and may amend the Agreed Order or Public Participation Plan based on them, and hold another public comment period if the documents require significant changes..

If no changes are made, Ecology will finalize the documents, and the PLP will proceed with the RI, FS, preliminary dCAP if requested by Ecology, and any interim cleanup actions (if necessary).

Each of those steps will require a public comment period (see Ecology’s Cleanup Process figure below), and steps may be combined into one comment period.

If ten or more persons request a public meeting about this Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan, Ecology will provide notice and host a public meeting.

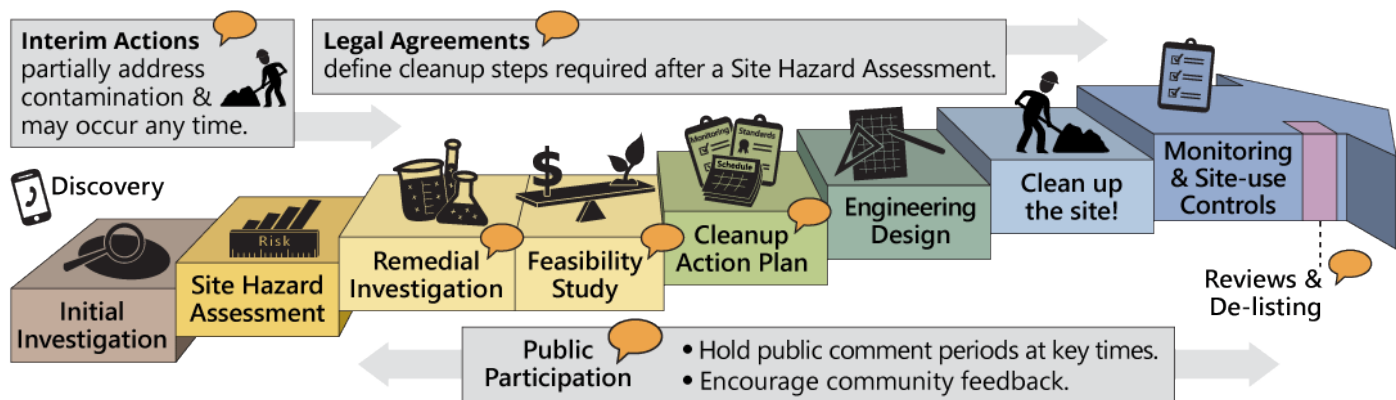
Due to the COVID-19 emergency, Ecology is hosting public meetings *online* until such time as it is deemed safe and appropriate to host physical meetings again.



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## Ecology’s cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act ([MTCA](#)<sup>2</sup>) is Washington’s environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. Ecology implements the [MTCA cleanup process](#)<sup>3</sup> and oversees cleanups.



*Washington’s formal cleanup process*

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process>



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## Comments Invited – Time Oil Bulk Terminal Cleanup Site



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The Washington Department of Ecology is asking for comments on documents related to the cleanup efforts proposed at the Time Oil Bulk Terminal Site, located in Seattle.

See inside for details on this site and how to comment!

**Accommodation Requests:** To request ADA accommodation, call Ecology at 206-594-0000 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.