



NEWSPAPER NOTICE

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA, WASHINGTON

PROPOSED INTERIM CLEANUP ACTION AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA CAMPUS SHAUB-ELLISON PARCEL

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is issuing for public comment a proposal to conduct an interim cleanup action on the Shaub-Ellison parcel at the University of Washington's (UW) Tacoma Campus. The proposed interim cleanup action is described in the report "*Draft Interim Cleanup Action Plan, Shaub-Ellison Parcel Brownfields Cleanup*" being made available for public comment.

The Shaub-Ellison parcel is the current location of the Pacific Gateway Plaza entrance to the UWT campus at 1902 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma, south of the University Bookstore and across Pacific Avenue from the Washington State History Museum. This parcel was formerly occupied by four underground storage tanks; a vehicle hoist; a lube pit and floor drain, and a tire manufacturing, sales and installation store that were demolished in the early 1990s. Soil and groundwater at this location is currently contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons.

The proposed interim cleanup action will use bioventing to treat petroleum-contaminated soils, and in-situ aerobic treatment and monitored natural attenuation to treat petroleum-contaminated groundwater. The University will also take various other measures to ensure that UWT employees, contractors and the public will not be exposed to residual petroleum contamination in soil or groundwater.

As the lead agency for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for this interim cleanup, Ecology is responsible for identifying and evaluating probable environmental impacts associated with implementing the proposed interim cleanup action. After evaluating relevant information, Ecology has determined that the proposed interim cleanup action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. Accordingly, Ecology has issued a Determination of Non-

significance (DNS). The SEPA DNS and SEPA checklist are included with the *Draft Interim Cleanup Action Plan, Shaub-Ellison Parcel Brownfields Cleanup* being issued for public comment.

Ecology is seeking public comment on the proposed interim cleanup action and SEPA DNS within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

To get a copy of the Fact Sheet, SEPA DNS or the draft interim cleanup action plan contact Leon Wilhelm at 360-407-6362 (voice) or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service), by email at leow461@ecy.wa.gov or at the address below, or visit Ecology's web site: www.ecy.wa.gov

To be considered, comments must be postmarked or received, by either email or hand delivery, by **December 14, 2005**.

To submit comments, send a letter or email to: Leon Wilhelm, Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, WA 98504-7775. If comments are emailed, please provide a name and US mail address.

Or, hand deliver to Leon Wilhelm at the Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503.

The *Draft Interim Cleanup Plan, Shaub-Ellison Parcel Brownfields Cleanup*, Fact Sheet and SEPA DNS and SEPA checklist can be reviewed at the University of Washington Tacoma Campus Library, located at the UW Tacoma Campus, or between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at:

Department of Ecology
Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program
Southwest Regional Office
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503.

If significant interest is expressed in a hearing, Ecology will conduct a public hearing. To ask for a hearing, or special accommodations for a hearing (if held), contact Leon Wilhelm by phone, letter, or e-mail by December 14, 2005 at the addresses and phone number shown above. If there is no significant interest in a public hearing on the draft interim cleanup action plan or draft SEPA DNS, Ecology will not conduct a public hearing. To find out if a public hearing will be held, contact Leon Wilhelm after December 16, 2005.

Ecology will consider and respond to all written comments and any comments or public testimony received during a public hearing, if held. After considering the comments Ecology will make a final decision or a new tentative decision on the proposed interim cleanup action.

Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the hearing, contact Leon Wilhelm or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service).