

EXHIBIT C
Public Participation Plan

Template: Brief Public Participation Plan

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Most Western Laundry Site Overview

Most Western Laundry, also known as Most Western Limited is located at 16th and B Streets, Hoquiam, WA. The site is approximately 15,000 square feet in size and was purchased by Most Western Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Inc. in 1964. For more information about the site's history and contamination, please refer to the Most Western Laundry Fact Sheet (Ecology publication #04-09-67) and the Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.

What is a Public Participation Plan?

Public participation plans are an important component of Washington's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and RCW 70.15D *et seq.* Public participation plans summarize activities designed to give the public meaningful opportunities to learn about and provide input on cleanup decisions. Plans may be simple or complex depending on the human health and environmental risks posed by the site and other factors.

Ecology and Most Western Laundry welcome public comment on this plan. This plan may be updated once the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study is complete and more is known about contamination at the site.

Public Participation Grants Available

Grants from Ecology's Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program may be available to groups of residents, neighborhood committees, etc. living near the Most Western Laundry site. These funds may be used to provide additional public involvement, to receive technical assistance, and/or enhance the public's understanding of the cleanup. For more information, contact Kathy Seel at (360) 407-6061 or ksee461@ecy.wa.gov or go to Ecology's website at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/swfa/grants.html>.

Public Participation Tools to Be Used

Ecology and/or Most Western Laundry will use a variety of tools to involve the public in the cleanup of the Most Western Laundry site. The tools to be used are described below. This list of tools is subject to modification as more is learned about the site. Any substantial changes to this plan will be subject to public review and comment.

Formal Public Comment Period: Written public comment will be the primary tool used to get public input on key decisions and actions related to the Most Western Laundry site cleanup. The public will be invited to comment at specific points during the process and will have at least 30 days to provide comment. Each comment period will be extended to accommodate state or federal holidays.

Responsiveness Summary: After every public comment period, Ecology will review any and all comments received and may respond to comments in a written responsiveness summary. The summary would then be made available to the public at the information repositories listed below.

Information Repositories: Documents and other printed materials will be made available to the public at the local library and at least one other convenient location near the Most Western Laundry site. Printed materials will be placed at the repositories listed below during comment periods and will remain there for the duration of the cleanup process. Ecology also can make copies of documents upon request for a small fee.

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