

Harbor Oil Superfund Site

Community Engagement & Public Participation Plan-2012 Update

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed this Community Engagement & Public Participation Plan to inform and involve the community during our investigation of the Harbor Oil Superfund Site. EPA based this plan on discussions with area residents, leaders, stakeholders and community groups. We have updated this plan to reflect upcoming 2012 site activities: the final Remedial Investigation and preparation of a Proposed Plan for public comment.

Community Engagement Goals

Our community engagement goals are to:

- Provide useful information about our site study and activities
- Provide opportunities for meaningful public participation
- Respond to community questions and concerns

Public Participation

Meetings: The EPA's project team participate in regular meetings with the community advisory group, tribes, agencies and stakeholders as needed at project milestones.

Public comment opportunities: We expect to hold a public comment period on our Proposed Plan in mid-2012.

Stakeholder reviews: Final drafts of key documents are also available for review by the Harbor Oil Community Advisory Group, tribes and trustees.

How to Stay Informed

- **E-mail:** Harbor Oil Superfund and Harbor Oil Community Advisory Group e-mail lists
- **Fact sheets & Postcards:** site updates are distributed by e-mail, mail, Web, and at the public information repository

- **Newspapers:** public comment and public meetings are advertised in the *Oregonian* and *Portland Tribune*

- **Harbor Oil Website:**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/HOI>

How to Get Involved

Talk with project staff: EPA's project manager and community involvement coordinator are available to talk with you about the project and answer questions. See contact information below.

Join the community advisory group: The Harbor Oil Community Advisory Group (HOCAG) represents local neighborhoods and interests to advise EPA about community issues and concerns for the site, and provides a place where information can be shared and discussed among community representatives.

HOCAG meets monthly at the Kenton Firehouse. Contact Mark Stephan, HOCAG director, at 360-546-9467 or 971-645-9113 or stephanm@vancouver.wsu.edu.

Attend a public meeting: EPA expects to hold a public meeting to receive public comments on the Proposed Plan in 2012. We will announce the meeting in advance on our Web site, via e-mail, postcard/fact sheet, and notices published in the *Oregonian* and *Portland Tribune* newspapers.

Join our mailing list: Fact sheets and other materials summarizing key information and meeting announcements are distributed to the Harbor Oil e-mail and mailing lists, Harbor Oil Community Advisory Group e-mail list, and on the Harbor Oil webpage. To join a list, please contact us (see below).

For more information

If you have questions, please contact us.

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Visit the Community Information Repository

Final site documents are available for review at this centrally-located community information repository.

Call ahead for hours 503-823-0215:

Kenton Firehouse

North Portland Neighborhood Services
8105 N. Brandon St., Portland, Oregon

Web

Current site information and documents are available at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/HOI>

History of the Harbor Oil Superfund Site

The Harbor Oil site is located at 11535 North Force Avenue in an industrial area near the Portland Expo Center, in Portland, Oregon.

The 4.2-acre site has been used for waste-oil processing and tank truck cleaning since the 1960s. In the 1970's, a major waste-oil spill from on-site storage tanks and a catastrophic fire caused large volumes of used oils and other contaminants to flow across the site and into nearby wetlands. The facility was rebuilt and a new tank farm was constructed in 1980.

In 2000, EPA inspected the site and found contaminants in the soil, including oil, gas, diesel, metals, pesticides, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). We found out that contamination at the site could pose a potential risk to the nearby wetlands and possibly to Force Lake, part of the Columbia Slough Watershed. The Harbor Oil site was added to EPA's Superfund list in 2003.

Energy & Materials Recovery Incorporated and Oil Re-Refining Company currently operate the waste-oil reprocessing facility.

The site contains 15 tanks ranging in size from 4,000 to 320,000 gallons, holding used petroleum products in varying stages of recovery.