

## Extended Investigation Proposed at City Parcel Site

The Washington State Department of Ecology proposes to extend soil investigations at the City Parcel site to look at potential contamination along the northern fence line. Confirmational sampling conducted during previous environmental work at the site indicated there is residual soil contamination under the surface along the fence line in this area. The site is located at 708 North Cook Street in the City of Spokane, Spokane County, Washington (see Figure 1).

Ecology has drafted a Work Plan outlining the tasks to complete the sampling and associated work. These tasks will be a supplement to the original Remedial Investigation conducted previously at the site.

The work will include digging several test pits along and north of the northern City Parcel property fence. Soil samples will be collected in these areas at the surface and at relatively shallow depths based on results of the Final Cleanup Action Report from October 2009. If residual PCB-contaminated soil is found it will be removed and replaced with clean fill. A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) are included as part of the supplemental work.

Access to the property north of the City Parcel site has been obtained and Ecology will begin sampling after public comment has been considered.



Former City Parcel Building at the corner of  
Cook Street and Springfield Avenue

You are invited to:

- **Review** the draft Work Plan for the proposed sampling and supplemental investigation along with the SEPA checklist and DNS.
- **Send** your comments to Huckleberry Palmer at Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted **May 26 through June 24, 2014**. See the shaded box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

### Comments Accepted

**May 26 through June 24, 2014**

For **ADA** accommodations or documents in an alternate format call Carol Bergin 509/329-3546, 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341 (TTY).

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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=1023>

**Facility Site ID No.** 650  
**Cleanup Site ID No.** 1023

## Site Background

Transformer repair and recycling operations took place on-site until 1980 when it became a parcel delivery service. Past business practices which included repairing and recycling transformers resulted in polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination at the site. Current City Parcel business practices have relocated to Trent Avenue.

PCB contamination was found inside the building in dry wells, on building materials, in an underground storage tank, and in drain lines. Studies showed the groundwater was not impacted, but there was extensive contamination in soil from 0 to 12 inches below the ground surface. Contaminated soil was located in the gravel parking area on the north side of the building and in the alleyway east of the property



Alleyway East of Former Building

The alleyway is a City of Spokane right-of-way. The property east of the alley is owned by the City of Spokane and houses a fuel and wash facility.

### Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)

PCBs are a mixture of man-made chemicals used in the past as coolants and lubricants in transformers, electrical appliances, fluorescent lights, capacitors, and other uses. The United

States banned the manufacture of PCBs in 1977 because of evidence that they can cause harmful health effects.

## State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

The State Environmental Policy Act, known as SEPA, requires government agencies to consider potential environmental impacts of a project before beginning the cleanup. A Determination of Non-Significance indicates the proposed actions will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

- After review of the environmental checklist and other site-specific information, Ecology determined the actions to address contaminants in soil and groundwater will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.
- The cleanup action will benefit the environment by reducing contaminants in groundwater and reducing possible exposure pathways for humans and wildlife.
- Therefore, Ecology has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the cleanup action.

## Final Cleanup Action Plan

Ecology finalized a Cleanup Action Plan for the site in 2004 after public comment. The potentially liable persons (PLPs) responsible for cleanup at the site were Richard Boyce, Jerry Overton, and Paul Gisselberg. Disagreements arose between parties when Ecology asked the PLPs to implement the cleanup. The PLPs did not comply with the proposed Cleanup Action Plan, therefore, Ecology took legal action against the parties.

A settlement agreement was reached between the parties in December 2007, and the PLPs collectively contributed approximately \$270,000 toward cleanup costs.

## Demolition and Cleanup

Ecology completed several cleanup actions in 2009 to address the site-related contamination. Asbestos was removed from the City Parcel building and transported to an approved landfill; the underground storage tanks, dry wells, and drain lines were removed and any liquid PCBs and

sediments contained in them were treated at a facility off-site; the building was torn down and clean fill replaced contaminated soil that was removed. A fence remains around the perimeter of the City Parcel property.

**What Happens Next?**

Ecology will review, consider and respond to all comments **received by June 24, 2014**. The Work Plan and SEPA DNS may be modified based upon public comments. If no modifications are made, the document will become final and the work will move forward in early spring 2014.

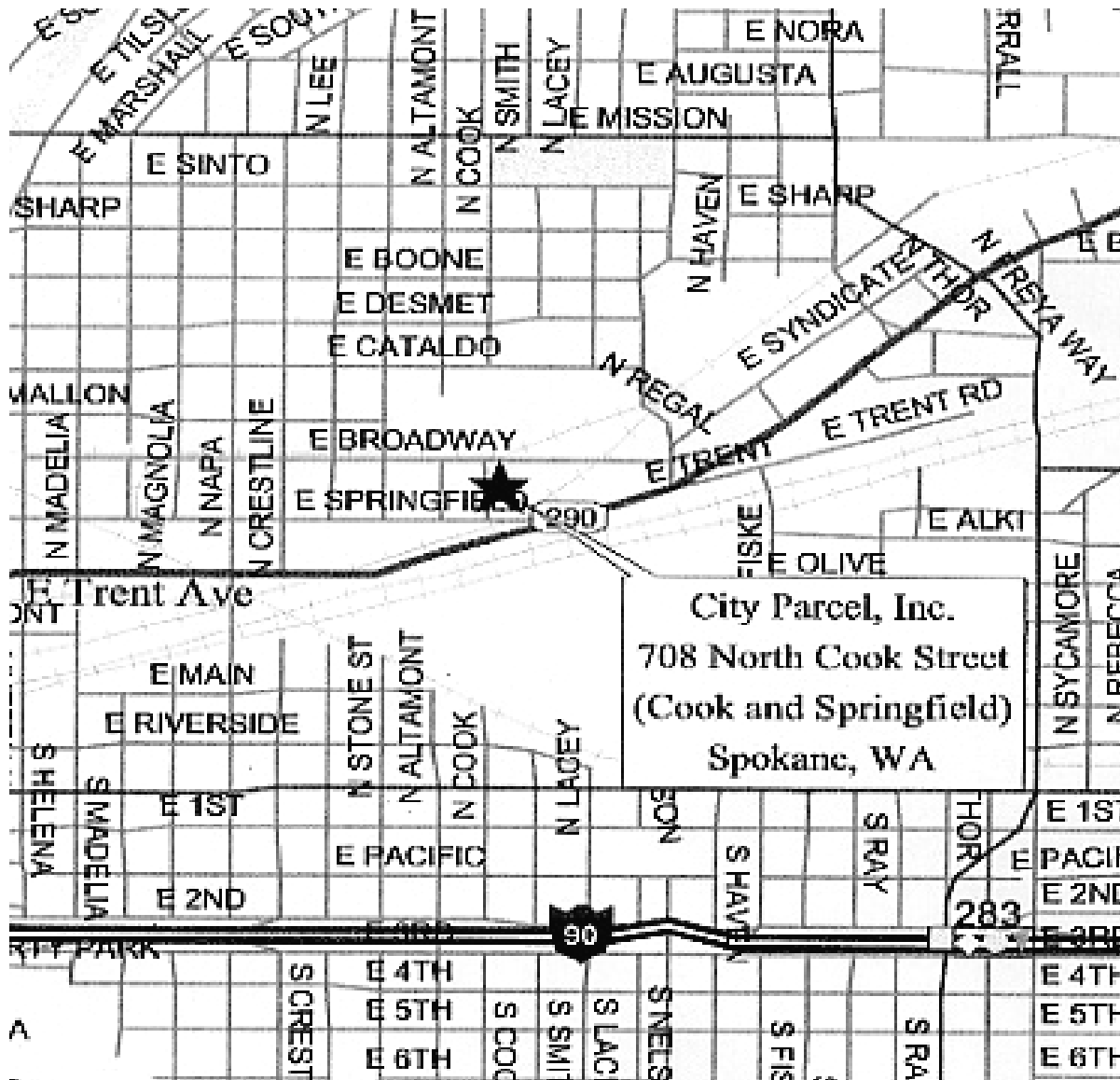


FIGURE 1  
SITE MAP