

Terminal 117 Neighborhood Cleanup Update (Yards, Alleyways and Planting Strips)

What's new?

- Soil sampling was conducted in early August in the northern alleyway, located between Dallas Avenue S and S Cloverdale Street (connecting 14th Avenue S and Dallas Avenue S).
- Cleanup designs for the yards and southern alleyway are moving forward – construction is scheduled to begin in late September 2012. The Community Health and Safety Plan will be available for review in August.

Alleyway Update:

There are two alleyways in the neighborhood within the T-117 site (see attached figure: T-117 Early Action Cleanup Site Overview), a northern alleyway between Dallas Avenue S and S Cloverdale Street (connecting 14th Avenue S and Dallas Avenue S) and a southern alleyway between S Cloverdale Street and S Donovan Street (connecting 14th and 16th Avenues S). Recent sampling in the southern alleyway found PCBs above cleanup levels and therefore, soil will be removed and the alleyway will be re-graveled. Southern alleyway cleanup is planned for this fall at the same time as the yards and planting strips (collectively referred to as the Neighborhood cleanup).

Based on PCBs in the southern alleyway, the City tested soil in the northern alleyway. The results of the northern alleyway soil testing will determine if and when removal is required.

Neighborhood Cleanup and the Community Health and Safety Plan:

The Neighborhood Cleanup is currently scheduled to begin in September 2012, and the City appreciates all the help from the residents and greater South Park community in working to accommodate field crews and providing valuable feedback on our work so far. The City and EPA are incorporating recently identified cleanup areas into those identified in 2010, and we hope to get as much work done as possible before the rainy season. Over the next few weeks we will be working with property owners and tenants to identify the best way to remove soil and replant each yard. A Community Health and Safety Plan (CHASP) which identify neighborhood cleanup activities that may impact the cleanup area (for example noise, zoned off cleanup areas, loading areas & haul routes) will be available for community review in late August.

Questions? Call us!

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The City of Seattle (City) and Port of Seattle (Port), under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are leading the cleanup of Terminal 117 (T-117). The T-117 cleanup is a part of the overall Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site. Under EPA's direction, the Port is leading the cleanup work that includes the river bank and sediments and land next to the river. The City is leading the excavation, soil removal and replacement of residential yards and the cleanup of adjacent public streets and the installation of a new stormwater treatment system.

