



# ENVIRONMENTAL FACT SHEET

*Basin Oil, King County, Washington August 2007*



*The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are working together to ensure that the Basin Oil site does not pose a threat to people or the environment.*

## Cleanup Progresses at Basin Oil

Since May 2007, the owner has been cleaning up the Basin Oil Company property in the South Park neighborhood. This site is on the west side of the Duwamish River, across Dallas Avenue South from the Terminal 117 area of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site. Ecology has the lead for the cleanup and has been overseeing the owner's work to ensure the proper removal and disposal of materials from the site.

## EPA Assesses Basin Oil

In May, EPA began a "removal site assessment" at Basin Oil. The assessment was the result of a referral from Ecology. EPA and its contractors sampled 22 of about 1,000 drums on the property and all eight above-ground storage tanks. The sampling showed that the drums and tanks contained mostly waste oil, a finding consistent with the use of the site for recycling oil. The sampling was to determine the presence of contaminants that would make the waste oil regulated as a hazardous waste. One sample was considered a regulated waste because it was flammable at a low temperature. EPA has provided sampling data to Ecology and remains available to help ensure that the cleanup is completed.

## What Happens Next?

Ecology will continue to work with the owner to reduce risks on site and close the Basin Oil facility. Ecology will also continue to update you on the cleanup.

## How Can You Be Involved?

Ecology encourages you to stay informed and involved by:

- Becoming familiar with the cleanup process and keeping up with Ecology's planned activities by reading fact sheets and other documents as they become available.
- Signing up for Ecology's mailing list for this site by contacting Justine Asohmbom of Ecology.



*EPA's contractors sampled tanks at Basin Oil in May 2007 to check for hazardous substances.*

## For More Information:

### General Information

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