## **Heather Tschaekofske**

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Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 1:39 PM

**To:** Heather Tschaekofske

Subject: RE: Correction: Notice of Application / 2023104664 - Britcher / 654 Sandra Lee Court SE,

Olympia

Hello Heather,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the Notice of Application for Project 2023104664. Development in this area prompts the following comment:

This proposed project at 654 Sandra Lee Court SE in Olympia, is located in an area that may have been contaminated with heavy metals due to the air emissions originating from the old Asarco smelter in north Tacoma (visit Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume map search tool: <a href="https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/dirtalert/">https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/dirtalert/</a>).

Soil contamination from the former Asarco smelter poses a risk to human health and the environment. Children are at especially high risk from direct exposure to contaminated soil. Construction workers, landscapers, and others who work in the soils are also at risk.

Ecology recommends Thurston County consider adopting future policies related the Tacoma Smelter Plume. Ecology also recommends the following actions prior to issuing permits for residential development projects that involve the movement or alteration of soil:

- Sample the soil and analyze for arsenic and lead adhering to the <a href="2019 Tacoma Smelter Plume Model Remedies Guidance">2019 Tacoma Smelter Plume Model Remedies Guidance</a>. Please contact Diana Ison with the Southwest Regional Office (SWRO), Toxics Cleanup Program at 360-999-9593 or via email at <a href="mailto:diana.ison@ecy.wa.gov">diana.ison@ecy.wa.gov</a> for guidance about soil sampling within Tacoma Smelter Plume. The soil sampling results should be sent to Ecology for review.
- If lead or arsenic are found at concentrations above the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup levels (Chapter 173-340 WAC); construction workers, landscapers, and others should be notified of their occurrence. The applicant should contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Ecology Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407-6300.
- If lead, arsenic and/or other contaminants are found at concentrations above MTCA cleanup levels, the applicant should:
  - Enter into the Voluntary Cleanup Program with Ecology prior to issuance of any site development permits for this proposal and/or the initiation of any grading, filling, or clearing activities. For more information on the Voluntary Cleanup Program, visit Ecology website at <a href="https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process/Cleanup-options/Voluntary-cleanup-program">https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process/Cleanup-options/Voluntary-cleanup-program</a>.
  - 2) Obtain an opinion letter from Ecology stating that the proposed soil remediation will likely result in no further action under MTCA prior to the issuance of any site development permit and/or the initiation of any grading, filling, or clearing activities.

- 3) Prior to finalizing site development permits, the applicant should obtain a "No Further Action" determination from Ecology indicating that the remediation plans were successfully implemented under MTCA.
- If soils are found to be contaminated with arsenic, lead, or other contaminants, extra precautions should be taken to avoid escaping dust, soil erosion, and water pollution during grading and site construction. Site design should include protective measures to isolate or remove contaminated soils from public spaces. Contaminated soils generated during site construction should be managed and disposed of in accordance with state and local regulations, including the Solid Waste Handling Standards regulation (Chapter 173-350 WAC). For information about soil disposal contact the local health department in the jurisdiction where soils will be placed.

For assistance and information about Tacoma Smelter Plume and soils contamination, contact Diana Ison at (360) 999-9593 or via e-mail at diana.ison@ecy.wa.gov.

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Subject: Correction: Notice of Application / 2023104664 - Britcher / 654 Sandra Lee Court SE, Olympia

The previous email was sent out with the incorrect project description in the body of the email.

## Please see the attached Notice of Application for:

Project: 2023104664 (Reasonable Use Exception)

Located at: 654 Sandra Lee Court SE, Olympia

Lead Project Planner: Heather Tschaekofske, Associate Planner

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**Description:** The proposal is a Reasonable Use Exception request for permitting of proposed residential addition within the mapped Nisqually hillside overlay district, characterized as a special landslide hazard area. The subject property zoning is Rural Residential - One Dwelling Unit per Five Acres (RR 1/5) in unincorporated Thurston County.

## Comment period ends at 4:00 pm on November 7, 2023

# **APPLICATION SUBMITTALS CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE:**

- 1. Follow this link: https://weblink.co.thurston.wa.us/dspublic
- 2. You can search by putting in **Project** number 2023104664

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3/18/2024

### Re: 654 Sandra Lee Court SE, Project No. 2023104664

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Thurston County Project No. 2023104664. This project is located at 654 Sandra Lee Court SE in Olympia, Washington. The property is comprised of one Thurston County Tax Parcel (Parcel No. 65120000400), with an area of 1.08 acres. The proposed project is located in an area predicted to have arsenic and lead in the soil because of the air emissions from the old Asarco Smelter in Ruston, Washington (Figure 1).

The subject property is currently developed with a single residence. High-Tech Building & Design (High-Tech) are working with the property owners to add an addition to the existing structure. Ecology recommended soil sampling to evaluate the levels of arsenic and lead in the soil prior to project commencement. Ecology also recommended enrollment in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) if lead or arsenic are found at concentrations above the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A cleanup levels.

On behalf of High-Tech, Adapt Consulting (Adapt) collected soil samples on the portion of the property where the addition is proposed, on January 23, 2024 (Figure 2). Adapt followed the recommended guidance in the Department of Ecology's Tacoma Smelter Plume Model Remedies Guidance.

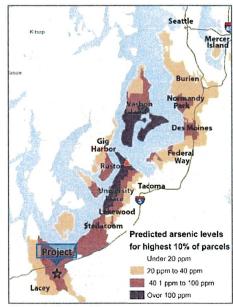


Figure 1. Vicinity Map

## THE MTCA SOIL CLEANUP LEVELS:

Average arsenic ≤ 20 mg/kg Average lead ≤ 250 mg/kg AND Maximum arsenic < 40 mg/kg

Maximum arsenic ≤ 40 mg/kg Maximum lead ≤ 500 mg/kg In January 2024, eight soil samples were collected and analyzed from

five locations. Five samples were collected from 0 to 6 inches below ground surface (bgs), and three samples were collected from 6 to 12 inches bgs.

Adapt submitted the soil samples to Friedman & Bruya, Inc., in Seattle, Washington for analysis of arsenic and lead concentrations with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 6020B. Adapt prepared a report summarizing the results of soil sampling<sup>1</sup>. Ecology reviewed the report and concluded that the average soil concentrations were below the cleanup level of 20 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) for arsenic and 250 mg/kg for lead (Table 1). Similarly, no samples exceeded the maximum allowable concentration for a single soil sample of 40 mg/kg for arsenic or 500 mg/kg for lead.

Table 1. Summary of Soil Sampling

Sample Depth (inches)	Arsenic mg/kg (EPA 6020B)			Lead mg/kg (EPA 6020B)		
	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Average
0-6 soil	4.56	20.4	10.4	12.1	50.4	21.0
6-12 soil	4.93	9.89	7.7	5.52	16.0	10.6
MTCA Method A	cleanup level	40	20		500	250

Bold values represent concentrations above the MTCA Method A cleanup level.

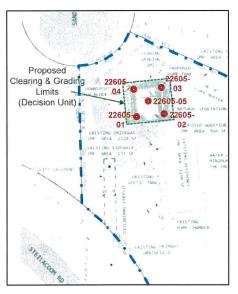


Figure 2. Soil sample locations

Ecology does not recommend this property enter the Voluntary Cleanup Program. No soil remediation for the contamination associated with the Tacoma Smelter Plume is needed for this property.

Please note, this is <u>not</u> a "No Further Action" determination for the property since the property was not enrolled into the VCP with Ecology.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adapt Consultants, Limited Arsenic & Lead Soil Sampling Screen. February 2, 2024