

# ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



ASARCO Superfund Site, Ruston/Tacoma, Washington

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

August 2006

## Public meetings planned to discuss sale & cleanup of Asarco smelter site

Join us at one of two public meetings on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss EPA's proposed settlement with Point Ruston, LLC (owned by MC Construction) regarding the sale and cleanup of the Asarco smelter property and some adjacent lands.

### 30-day public comment period to be announced

The U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will be announcing a 30-day public comment period on the proposed settlement, called a Consent Decree. EPA expects the announcement to be published in the Federal Register during the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Immediately after the announcement is published, EPA will notify you with details about how to get copies of the Consent Decree and where to submit

Date: **Tuesday, August 22, 2006**

Time: **2:00 to 4:00 p.m. or  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

Place: **Asarco Information Center  
(old Ruston school)  
5219 North Shirley, Ruston**

your comments. This information will also be posted on our website as soon as it is available: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/asarco>

*(Note: DOJ is acting on behalf of EPA in its role as EPA's representative on legal matters before a court.)*

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## Background

As part of the Asarco bankruptcy proceedings, Point Ruston, LLC, of Lacey, Washington, has agreed to purchase the 67-acre former smelter property in Ruston/Tacoma from Asarco. As a condition of the sale agreement, Point Ruston, LLC is responsible for the remaining smelter cleanup work, as well as cleanup on some adjacent lands.

EPA, the U.S. Department of Justice, and Point Ruston, LLC have negotiated a settlement, called a Consent Decree, for the remaining cleanup work.

The proposed Consent Decree was lodged in federal court on July 27, 2006. A notice will be published in the Federal Register during the week of August 7, 2006, followed by a 30-day public comment period. After addressing comments received during the public comment period, the U.S. Department of Justice will ask the court to finalize the Consent Decree.

Residential yard cleanups in North Tacoma are not part of this Consent Decree and will continue to be funded through the Asarco Trust Fund.

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**For information about residential yard sampling  
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**Asarco Information Center**  
Staffed by MRC Construction  
Monday through Thursday 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
(253) 759-6015



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