Public Health
Seattle & King County

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Property Access Agreement for Soil Sampling

Tacoma Smelter Plume Soil Sampling

Owner Name_____
Last First

Street Address _____
Street City State Zip

Mailing Address _____
Street/PO Box City State Zip

Phone (Day)_____(Evening)_____

E-mail address_____

Property Access (circle one): Sample anytime / Schedule an appointment: _____
Best time(s) / Day(s)

Dogs: Yes/No **Locked Gates:** Yes/No **Septic**: Yes/No **Underground Utilities:** Yes/No

Safety Hazards: Are there any unsafe areas we should stay away from? Please describe:

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Agreement Language

This section describes what you are agreeing to if you sign this form. Please contact the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) if you have any questions or concerns (bottom of page).

I am the **owner** of the property identified above, and give my permission for representatives of the Washington Department of Ecology to enter the property and take soil samples to analyze for **arsenic** and **lead**. Note that if you are not the property owner, your landlord must provide a signed access agreement to allow Ecology and its representatives to collect a soil sample from the property listed above.

I understand that the data collected from my property are subject to requests for public disclosure under the Public Record Act or the Freedom of Information Act. Ecology must provide the data, including my name and address, if requested under these acts. However, my name and address will not be published in any report generated by the Washington Department of Ecology or its representatives. I understand that I may have to disclose data collected from my property on Form 17 (Real Property Transfer Disclosure Statement) at time of sale.

I agree to hold harmless the Washington Department of Ecology and its employees, agents, and representatives from any and all liability arising directly or indirectly from the sampling, testing, evaluation, and disclosure related to the subject project.

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Property owner signature Date

Please return your completed form in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to Jessica Smith, GeoEngineers, 8410 154th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052, or email it to jasmith@geoengineers.com.
If you have questions about this form, please contact Jessica Smith of GeoEngineers at (425) 861-6070.

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For almost 100 years, the Asarco Company operated a copper smelter in Ruston, Washington. Air pollution from the smelter settled on the surface soil over a vast region of the Puget Sound basin. Arsenic, lead, and other heavy metals are still in the soil as a result of this pollution. The extent of contamination is called the Tacoma Smelter Plume and covers parts of Pierce, King, Thurston, Snohomish and Kitsap counties.

Arsenic and lead can pose a health risk if you and your children come into contact with contaminated dirt over a long period of time. This program screens soils for contamination that may pose a health risk, especially to children. Soil test results and education can help you understand the risks in your yard and how to protect yourself.

Next Steps

1. Fill out and sign the enclosed access agreement. Mail it back in the postage paid envelope.
2. Staff from GeoEngineers, the sampling company, will call you to set up a time to collect samples. It is best for you to be home to ask questions and explain what areas of the yard you use the most.
3. The sampler will take 4-6 soil samples from one or two areas of your yard. They will dig small holes about six inches deep, take the samples, and refill the holes.
4. Once the lab results are ready, you will receive a letter explaining what we found. If you have high levels, we will call to talk about next steps.

Please be aware
This program does not pay for any soil cleanup. Ecology is planning a limited yard cleanup program for the most highly contaminated areas. However, most of King County does not fall within this area.

If you have questions, please contact me at (206) 263-8534 or charles.wu@kingcounty.gov.

Thank you for your interest!

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