

An Open Letter to the Residents of the Town of Ruston

The Town would like to introduce to you Asarco and Hydrometrics. As you are probably aware, Asarco was ordered by EPA to conduct a residential remediation (cleanup) in Ruston and North Tacoma. Hydrometrics, Inc. has been hired by Asarco to perform the cleanup. Asarco will be asking each property owner to enter into an "Access Agreement" that will allow for sampling of their property. Depending on the results property owners may be asked for an Access Agreement for cleanup of their property.

The Town believes it is to everyone's advantage to complete this cleanup as quickly as possible. We know it will cause a disruption to our neighborhood but feel the sooner the cleanup is completed the sooner our neighborhood will return to "normal". The Town urges it's residents to cooperate with Asarco and Hydrometrics, Inc. during the sampling process and the actual remediation. Please take the time to listen to Asarco and Hydrometrics, Inc. and read the Access Agreements carefully so you understand fully what is requested of you.

The Town has been working with Asarco and EPA to try and reduce the impact to our residents during the remediation. We believe Asarco and Hydrometrics, Inc. will do the best possible job following the guidelines and requirements EPA has given them. Asarco and/or Hydrometrics, Inc. should be able to answer fully any questions you may have but please feel free to contact the Town during any part of this remediation for any assistance the Town may provide you.

The Town wishes to thank all for their cooperation. Let the cleanup begin!

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