

Plan Proposed to Clean Up Site

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on its plans to conduct an interim action at the Gold Nugget Market (or Site) at 1041 Buena Road in Buena. An interim action is a partial cleanup of the contamination. The partial cleanup will include installation of an air-sparge system to address the contamination remaining in groundwater.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Remedial Action Plan. You are invited to:

- Review the Interim Remedial Action Plan
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *February 6, 2013 through March 8, 2013*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

In 1993, workers digging near the streets to install new sewer lines found petroleum contamination in the soil. In 1997, Ecology conducted an investigation which confirmed petroleum contamination above state cleanup levels in soil, and also in groundwater. The contamination is believed to have come from underground storage tanks (USTs) at the Site. Additional site characterization activities were completed in 2010. Monitoring wells were installed in the general area of the former USTs. Groundwater samples collected in 2010 and 2011 showed that the groundwater underlying the Gold Nugget Market is contaminated with gasoline and benzene at concentrations above state cleanup levels. There is also a small amount of petroleum contaminated soil remaining at the site.

Comments Accepted

**February 6, 2013 through
March 8, 2013**

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Buena Post Office

770 Buena Road
Buena, WA
Phone: (509) 865-3097
Hours:
Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

WA Department of Ecology Central Regional Office

15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902
By appointment only:
Contact Roger Johnson,
Roger.Johnson@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5818>

Facility/Site ID #: 28575673

Cleanup Site ID #: 5818

Proposed Interim Action

Ecology considered several options for cleanup. The option preferred by Ecology is excavating the remaining contaminated soil and hauling it by truck to a landfill for disposal. In addition, an air-sparging system will be installed to remediate the contaminated groundwater. The Interim Action will take place this spring (2013).

The excavation will require heavy equipment on Site including a front-end loader, hydraulic excavator, bulldozer, or similar mobile equipment.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and respond to all comments submitted in the comment period. Ecology will either respond to each commenter individually, or prepare a written responsiveness summary and send it to all commenters. A responsiveness summary is typically prepared if we receive a large volume of comments. If Ecology does prepare a responsiveness summary, it will also be placed on the website listed in the box on Page 1.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* and learn more about the public comment process.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns.
Thank you.

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español: 509-575-2490

If you need this document in a version for the visually impaired call the Toxics Cleanup Program at 509-454-7841. Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

