

Fuel Processors, Inc. Responsiveness Summary

Comment period: March 28–April 26, 2022

Cleanup Site ID: 76

Address: Woodland, WA

Facility ID: 810

County: Clark and Cowlitz

Comments received during the comment period

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received no comments during the comment period.

Comment received after the comment period

We received this comment by email after the comment period ended. Original version is in [Appendix A. Public Comment Received](#).

From DeeAnna Holland

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Ecology's Response

Hello DeAnna,

Thank you for your comment about the Fuel Processors Inc., cleanup site. We'll include your comment in the Remedial Investigation Report's responsiveness summary.

Our state cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), requires contaminated soil and groundwater cleanup to protect people and the environment. As the diagram below shows, there are many remaining steps in the cleanup process for the site—each with required activities that take time and resources to make the area usable again.

Ecology is currently finalizing the Remedial Investigation. The next step is requiring the Feasibility Study, where we will develop cleanup options. Then we will prepare a Cleanup Action Plan.

Due to unanticipated issues that may arise during the remaining steps, I'm not able to give you an exact timeframe. The remaining steps will include public comment periods and we'll reach out to the community during those periods for more input on the process.

We appreciate your comment and concern about the site. If you would like to talk more about the cleanup process, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Kaia Petersen, Site Cleanup Manager

Sheila Coughlan, Public Involvement Coordinator

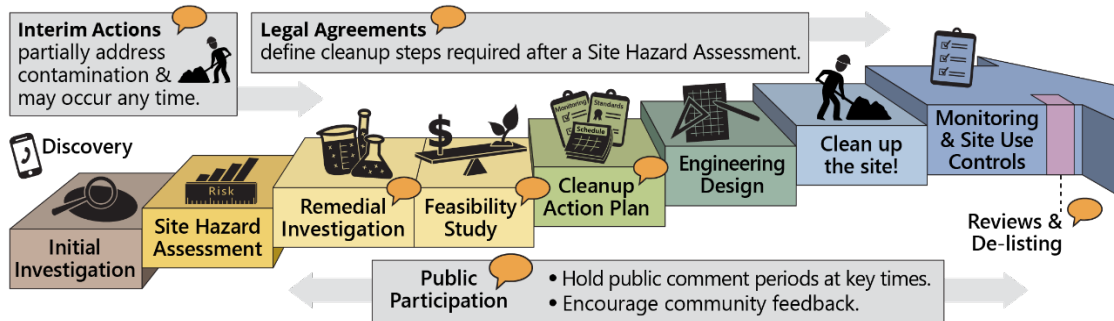


Figure 1: Steps in the MTCA cleanup process.

Documents for review and comment

[Remedial Investigation Part One](#)¹

[Remedial Investigation Part Two](#)²

[Public Participation Plan](#)³

Background

The Potentially Liable Parties (PLPs) responsible for cleanup at the Fuel Processors site are Fuel Processors, Oil Re-Refining Co., and Shell Oil Company. From 1930 to present-day, their past practices and other industries that used the site resulted in petroleum products and solvents release that contaminated soil and groundwater.

In 2019, the PLPs completed the Remedial Investigation (RI). It showed that soil and groundwater contain the following substances that may be harmful to human health and the environment:

- Weathered gasoline.
- Diesel fuel.
- Used oil products.
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from petroleum.
- Chlorinated solvents (commonly used as degreasers) such as trichloroethylene (TCE).
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals like lead and arsenic (that cause cancer).

The extent of soil and groundwater contamination is mostly limited to the property under the former tank farm, a loading rack canopy, and a warehouse building. Some contamination goes beyond the property boundary to the northwest, under the Bozarth Avenue right-of-way.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=105789>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=105790>

³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2204010.html>

Next steps

Ecology will approve and finalize the RI report and public participation plan. Then the PLPs will prepare a draft feasibility study that identifies contamination remedies and evaluates cleanup cost estimates. This will also be available for public comment.

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Appendix A. Public Comment Received

From: DeeAnna Holland <deeanna.holland@woodlandaction.org>

Sent: Sunday, May 1, 2022 12:23 AM

To: Coughlan, Sheila (ECY) <scou461@ECY.WA.GOV>

Subject: Fuel Processors Inc 701 Bozarth Woodland, Cowlitz County

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Thanks so much,

DeeAnna Holland

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