

# Shell Puget Sound Refinery Cleanup Activity



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## Comment period: Nov 28, 2018 – Jan 4, 2019

We invite you to comment on Agreed Order DE 16082 and the associated State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance on a cleanup activity at the Shell Puget Sound oil refinery's non-hazardous waste landfarm Solid Waste Management Unit 55 (SWMU 55).

An agreed order is a legal document that describes who is responsible for contamination and what they must do to clean it up.

## Proposed cleanup

The refinery proposes to build three new above ground petroleum storage tanks at SWMU 55.

Before this can take place, the refinery must complete cleanup activities that protect human health and the environment. Activities include testing soils and removing them as necessary, and constructing containment berms and a clean soil cap.

Potential releases of hazardous substances include total petroleum hydrocarbons, BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene), carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), and mercury.

## Commenting

Effective comments tell us if we correctly applied current laws, rules, and regulations to this action. They:

- Are specific. Tell us what your concern is and how you think the order and/or SEPA determination should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the conditions and requirements in the SEPA checklist and/or order.
- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

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When the comment period ends, we'll review the comments received and make appropriate changes before finalizing the order.

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## Facility information

Located at 8505 South Texas Road in Anacortes, the refinery processes between 135,000 and 160,000 barrels of crude oil each day to make a variety of petroleum products.

SWMU 55 originally started as a land treatment farm in 1973. It received waste until 1979 and was inactive until 1985, when it was restarted as a non-hazardous waste land farm. It received a wide variety of wastes including catalysts, wastewater treatment sludges, refinery scale, oily wastes, cooling tower sludge, resins, sandblast sand, clay and sand filter media, and petroleum contaminated soil.

