

# Temple Distributing Carson Oil



Temple Distributing Carson Oil – Photo Courtesy of Google StreetView

## Comments accepted:

March 1 – March 31, 2023

## Submit comments:

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## Site info:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/11985>

**Facility Site ID:** 95474961

**Site Cleanup ID:** 11985

## Document review locations

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## Draft Interim Action Work Plan is Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the Interim Action Work Plan (IAWP) for the Temple Distributing Carson Oil site, located at 808 South Columbus Avenue in Goldendale.

### You are invited to:

- Review the Interim Action Work Plan, dated December 13, 2022
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023

## Site Background

The property was used by several owners and operators for bulk petroleum (gasoline and diesel) distribution and storage from the 1920s through 2012 when operations were ceased. Fuel storage and equipment have since been removed.

In February 2012, approximately 970 gallons of gasoline were accidentally released from an overfilled aboveground storage tank. Environmental investigations confirmed that soil and groundwater was contaminated with gasoline, diesel fuel, and other petroleum-related products above state cleanup levels. Later in 2012, a limited excavation was conducted as an interim action to remove affected soil. An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of contamination and is meant to reduce exposure to harmful contaminants while a long-term cleanup plan is worked on.

Ecology issued an Enforcement Order (DE 14134) in April 2017 requiring additional investigation work and a Feasibility Study to determine how best to address residual petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater. An Enforcement Order is a legal document issued by Ecology requiring remedial action(s) to be performed at the site. Remedial actions are cleanup activities at contaminated sites. A Feasibility Study (FS) outlines options to cleanup contamination.

### What Has Been Done?

In April 2012, 415 tons of the petroleum-contaminated soil were excavated to a depth of about 6 to 8 feet and disposed of off-site. Confirmation soil samples were collected from the base and walls of the excavation area.

In April 2015, soil and groundwater samples were taken from the street right-of-way, north of the site. Additional contamination above state cleanup levels was discovered.

In accordance with the 2017 Enforcement Order and Remedial Investigation Work Plan, additional borings and monitoring wells were installed in April 2018. Based on the initial sample results, additional borings were completed in December 2018 to define the extent of contamination in the soil to the south and west of the release area. The locations and results from the investigations are detailed in the IAWP and why an Interim Action is needed.

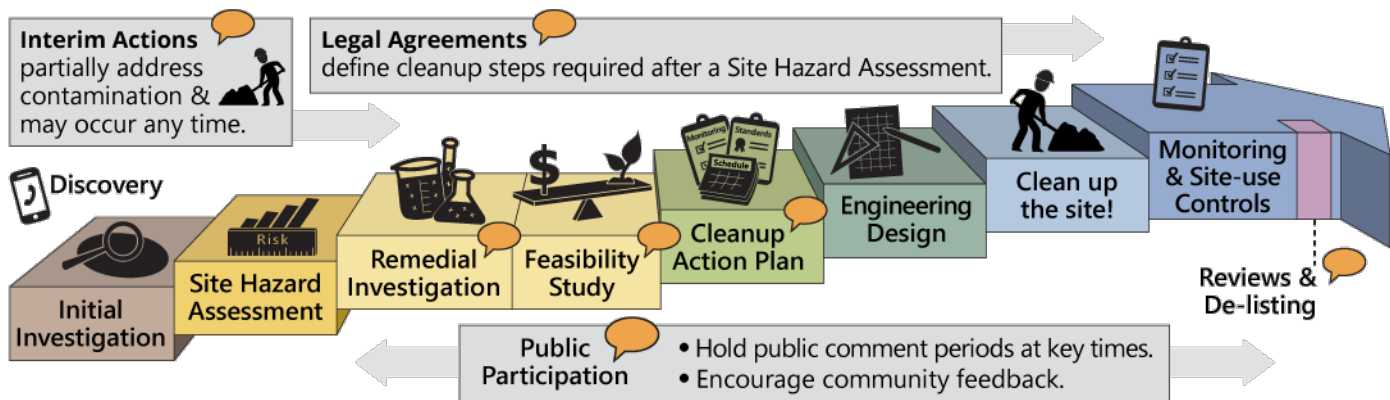
### What is Proposed?

As described in the draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) and to address cleanup objectives, the IAWP proposes the following:

- Excavate and properly dispose of about 820 cubic yards of soil to a depth of about 5 to 9 feet from six targeted excavation areas.
- Backfill the excavated areas with clean soil.
- Decommission two monitoring wells and install three new monitoring wells as part of a long-term groundwater compliance-monitoring program.
- Focus on safety during implementation, including control of truck traffic and dust during excavation.

### The Cleanup Process

Temple Distributing Carson Oil follows Washington’s cleanup process.



## Temple Distributing Carson Oil site map



The site located in the south- central area of Goldendale in Klickitat County.

### What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received and will hold a public meeting if 10 or more people request one. Ecology may amend the IAWP based on your comments. If no revisions are necessary, the IAWP will become final, and the remedial action described above will begin.

For information about opportunities for public involvement (e.g., meetings, open houses) at other sites, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at [ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing](https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing).



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