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Comments accepted:

September 13–October 13, 2023

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Feasibility Study and Interim Action Work Plan Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to review and comment on a Feasibility Study and an Interim Action Work Plan for the Coleman Oil Biodiesel Spill site, located at 3 East Chehalis Street in Wenatchee.

Ecology is asking for your comments.

You are invited to:

- Review the *“Focused Feasibility Study – V4, Coleman Oil Company, Wenatchee, Washington,”* dated July 5, 2023
- Review the *“Interim Action Addendum #4 Work Plan – Remedial Excavation New MW14”* dated August 4, 2023
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration

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Site Background

In 1921, Standard Oil Company began operating the site as a bulk fuel facility. Over the years, bulk fuel operations continued, the property ownership changed, and the number and configurations of aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and structures on the site were modified, including the addition of an underground storage tank (UST), pump islands, and a cardlock system for inventory control and tank monitoring features.

In 2007, Coleman Services IV, LLC purchased the property. In the years since, features of the site have changed including some of the ASTs being replaced and some removed, and the office building and warehouse storage along with the truck fuel loading rack and associated piping dismantled and removed. Currently, only the UST, cardlock pump island and a fenced truck parking area to the south of the cardlock are in operation.

In 2017, a release occurred and a sheen was observed on the Columbia River. The release came from leaking underground distribution piping connected to an AST that contained renewable diesel known as R99. Inventory records revealed an estimated loss of approximately 4,500 gallons of R99.

What Has Been Done?

Investigations and interim actions began immediately at the site to address the release and included placing pads and booms to recover product, the removal and disposal of over 740 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil, and installation of groundwater monitoring wells with some of the wells fitted with pumps to collect groundwater and product.

The Interim Actions that began in 2017 and continue today have stopped the sheen on the river. Because of these actions, the amount of diesel and other petroleum hydrocarbons has been going down. Investigations have been done to determine where soil and groundwater contamination is located. Pumping of the recovery wells will be needed until the petroleum (gasoline and diesel) is no longer in groundwater and no sheen is seen on the river.

Why This Matters?

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment. The proposed Interim Action Work Plan will remove petroleum in the soil to help reduce groundwater concentrations of petroleum and associated chemicals and will occur under the existing Agreed Order. An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) outlining the expectations, process, and schedule for site cleanup. An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of contamination while a long-term plan is worked on. A Feasibility Study outlines options to clean up contamination.

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. If no revisions are necessary, the PLPs will proceed with the cleanup.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement, such as meetings, hearings, open houses, and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.



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