



October 11, 2023

Responsiveness Summary

Comment Period: September 1 through October 2, 2023

- **Site Name:** New City Cleaners
- **Site Address:** 747 Stevens Drive, Richland
- **Facility Site ID:** 327
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 4894

Document for Review and Comment:

Draft Cleanup Action Plan

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) received one (1) comment by email on September 28, 2023 during the public comment period for the New City Cleaners Site. The comment was from Sukbhir Sandhu.

Comment 1: A Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment was performed in September, 2023. I will provide a copy of the Phase 2 report at your request. Part of Phase 2 study included groundwater samples collection. Analytical results indicated the presence of chlorinated solvents in groundwater samples. A search of Ecology's online database of Cleanup Sites identified a potential source of the PCE at a site across the street from my property, to the west. New City Cleaners, Ecology Facility Site ID 327 at 747 Stevens Drive. New City Cleaners has been used for commercial dry-cleaning operations continuously since the late 1940's. Dry-cleaning operations have reportedly utilized PCE since 1974. Historical releases of PCE at the New City site have impacted groundwater on and off the property. Impacted groundwater has migrated onto adjacent properties to the south and east of the site, including properties occupied by Albertson's grocery store which shares a property line with my location.

Response: *The cleanup actions described in the Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) are designed to decrease PCE contamination in groundwater and, therefore, will reduce concentrations of PCE in groundwater that is migrating off of the New City Cleaners property.*

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