

Wolfe & Parks Properties Site Responsiveness Summary

Today's Date: August 25, 2023

Cleanup Site ID: 342
Facility ID: 7937547
Address: 149 & 167 E Main Ave, Morton
County: Lewis
Site webpage: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/342>

Public comment period: January 26 to February 27, 2023

Document for public review during the comment period: Draft Second Periodic Review Report

Relevant Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation: WAC 173-340-420(5)

During the comment period, we received one comment. We considered the comment and made no changes to the second periodic review report.

Site background

Environmental cleanup is complete at the site and the periodic review showed the cleanup work remains effective in protecting the health of people and the environment.

From 1924 to the late 1970s, the site was a bulk fuel storage facility. The storage tanks and distribution system have been removed. Now there is a store and a restored rail depot museum on the site.

In 2003, petroleum contamination was found in the soil and groundwater at the site. To clean it up, contaminated soil was removed, and contaminated groundwater was treated.

Some of the contaminated soil could not be excavated without risking damage to buildings. Some contaminated soil is still at the site, covered by buildings and pavement.

After cleanup, monitoring showed that contaminant concentrations in groundwater decreased. The petroleum left in the soil does not appear to be adding to the groundwater contamination.

An environmental covenant was filed with the county in 2011. Among the covenant's restrictions, extracting groundwater at the site for any use is prohibited. Any activities that could result in the release of contaminants that remain at the site are prohibited without prior written approval by us.

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Comment

We'd like you to extend any comments on the remedial techniques used to address the residual contamination and any new scientific information for individual hazardous substances of mixtures present at the Site.

In conclusion, Oulwa Research Group supports the activity and efforts by the Department and appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. We look forward to working cooperatively with the Washington State Department of Ecology and other stakeholders to support pollution prevention efforts.

Signed, February 21, 2023 10:30 A.M. E.S.T.

Octavia Parker

Response

Thank you. Comment noted.