

Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed site investigation at Tidrick's Quality Transmission (Site). The Site is located at 1802 South 1st Street in Yakima.

The Site has soil contaminated with petroleum, metals, and solvents, which most likely came from the previous automotive businesses that operated on the property for nearly 40 years. Two drywells on site, as well as a waste oil underground storage tank (UST) are the primary sources of contamination, although poor management of hazardous waste contributed to the shallow soil contamination. Ecology has drafted an Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The Remedial Investigation will gather information about the nature and extent of the contamination. A Feasibility Study, which outlines potential cleanup options, will be prepared following the RI.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Agreed Order. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *November 22, 2013 through December 23, 2013*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

Following a complaint of oil dumping at the site, Ecology determined during a site inspection in 1992 that a release of hazardous substances had occurred. In 1994, results from limited sampling by the Yakima Health District confirmed the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, and chlorinated solvents. Subsequently, three existing USTs were removed, the largest of

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Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Yakima Valley Regional Library

102 N 3rd Street
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Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9 am – 9 pm
Thursday - Friday: 9 am – 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm
Sunday: 12 pm – 4 pm

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4944>

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which had contained waste oil, and the south drywell was sampled. The results of soil sampling showed the presence of petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, and chlorinated compounds at concentrations greater than what is protective of human health and the environment.

In 2007, the site underwent another inspection prompted by visible evidence of improper storage and handling of hazardous waste. The investigation showed more soil contamination impacting the stormwater drain. Limited sampling of the soil showed heavy oil and metals concentrations at levels considered unsafe for human health and the environment.

Why This Cleanup Matters

The soil contamination at this Site exceeds levels safe for human health and the environment and it is unknown whether the contamination has reached groundwater.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review all comments received. At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary. We will send this document to those who commented and post it online. We will make changes to the Agreed Order if needed based on public comments.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns.
Thank you.

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español: (509) 575-2490

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