

Agreed Order for Interim Action Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Agreed Order for Interim Action that addresses petroleum contaminated soil (PCS) and groundwater at the Ken's Auto Wash II site located at 1013 E University Way in Ellensburg. Contamination extends south beyond the property into the City of Ellensburg right-of-way.

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 *December 23, 2013 through January 23, 2014*.

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

Site Background

In 1995, a leak was detected from the underground storage tank (UST) system at the Ken's Auto Wash II site. In October and November 2000, PCS was excavated and a compound to enhance bioremediation was added into the former tank pit. In all, approximately 520 tons of PCS was removed, along with the extraction of about 5,200 gallons of contaminated groundwater. Despite this remedial action, contaminated soil and groundwater remained.

In 2003, Ecology and the property owner negotiated an Agreed Order to complete a draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). As part of the formal agreement, the owner would determine the full extent of contamination and review options for cleanup. In 2005, the USTs were removed and more compounds to enhance bioremediation were injected into the groundwater. In 2011, three additional injection events were performed with groundwater monitoring showing decreasing but persistent levels of contamination.

Comments Accepted

December 23, 2013 through
January 23, 2014

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Ellensburg Public Library

209 N Ruby St
Ellensburg WA 98926
Phone: (509) 962-7250

Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat.-Sun.: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Contact Roger Johnson,
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5208>

Facility/Site ID #: 3892

Cleanup Site ID #: 5208

This new agreement between Ecology and the owner calls for the addition of bioremediation compounds to reduce groundwater contaminant concentrations and to continue to assess the groundwater for regulatory compliance.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes.

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>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

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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