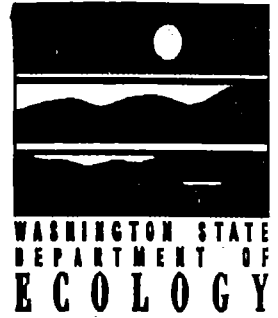


# CASCADE NATURAL GAS, Yakima County



## Finishing the Cascade Natural Gas Cleanup!

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is preparing to file a Consent Decree for cleanup actions at the Cascade Natural Gas facility in Sunnyside. The Consent Decree is filed in court under the authority of Chapter 70.105D RCW the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and will require the Cascade Natural Gas Corporation to conduct long-term monitoring of the groundwater beneath the site. This is the final part of the Cleanup of the Cascade Natural Gas Sunnyside facility.

### What has been Done?

Cascade Natural Gas is the current owner of the facility at 512 East Decatur in Sunnyside, Cascade Natural Gas has accepted the responsibility of site cleanup. Contamination on the site is related to the operation of underground storage tanks on the property. Past owners of this site, including Yakima County and two auto dealerships, have also operated the underground storage tanks that have

been removed by Cascade Natural Gas.

Cleanup actions began when Cascade Natural Gas removed four underground storage tanks and associated petroleum contaminated soils from the Sunnyside facility. Cascade Natural Gas has removed and remediated all known contaminated soil at the site. In addition, Cascade Natural Gas has investigated potential contamination in the groundwater beneath the site by installing and monitoring wells and monitoring sewer and storm water drains near by.

The independent action of removing and treating contaminated soils removed contamination which may have reached groundwater. In addition, a combined remedial investigation/ feasibility study was conducted under an Agreed Order negotiated with Ecology. This remedial investigation/ feasibility study provided information used in determining what additional cleanup actions are needed at the Site.

**October, 1997**

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**Public Comment Period on Reason for fact sheet:**

October 13, 1997 to  
November 14, 1997

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### What needs to be done?

The remedial investigation/feasibility study identified long-term ground-water monitoring and intrinsic bioremediation as the preferred alternative for concluding the cleanup. Ecology has selected this cleanup action based on the remedial investigation/feasibility study.

### What is Intrinsic Bioremediation?

Intrinsic Bioremediation is the breakdown (destruction) of contamination by bacteria that naturally existing in the ground.

To breakdown contamination, the bacteria use it as food for living and growing. It is necessary to measure and monitor the amount of petroleum contamination remaining in the ground water to determine how well the bacteria are able to destroy the contamination at the Cascade Natural Gas facility.

### What Can You Do To Help?

Your comments on the proposed consent decree and the chosen cleanup action are welcome October 7 through November 7, 1997. Please see the box on page 1 for locations where the proposed consent decree is available. Written

comments should be submitted to the Ecology site manager, Don Abbott, at the Department of Ecology, 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima WA 98902.

### Public Meeting/Hearing

In addition to the comment period there will be a combined public meeting and hearing held at the Sunnyside Council Chambers in the Law & Justice Center on, 401 Homer in , Sunnyside. The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM, October 30, 1997. You are welcome to attend, discuss the consent decree and express your views on the chosen cleanup action.

This map of the Cascade Natural Gas facility at 512 East Decatur includes well locations for monitoring contamination in the groundwater.

