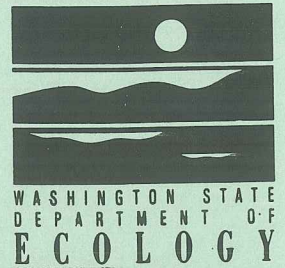


Truck City Truck Stop



Ecology Seeks Comment on Legal Agreement

This fact sheet has been prepared by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) to inform you of environmental cleanup actions at the Truck City Truck Stop in Mount Vernon, Washington. We also want to be sure you're aware of opportunities for public participation during the cleanup process.

Consent Decree Proposed

Ecology is proposing a Consent Decree with the owner of Truck City Truck Stop to investigate and cleanup petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater resulting from leaking underground storage tanks on the truck stop property.

The Consent Decree is a legal document filed with the court which formalizes an agreement between Ecology and the person or persons potentially liable for the cleanup. The Consent Decree ensures that a thorough investigation and cleanup are completed as required under the Model Toxics Control Act (Chapter 70.105D).

A Consent Decree was necessary at this site because the owner has been determined eligible for state financial assistance for the cleanup.

Public Invited to Comment

Public participation is a foundation of the Model Toxics Control Act (the state law governing hazardous waste cleanups).

Ecology knows that better cleanups result when citizens are well informed and have an opportunity to be involved in the process.

For this site you will have 30 days to review and comment in writing on the Consent Decree, State Environmental Policy Act documents and Public Participation Plan for this site. A public hearing will also be held during the comment period at which you can comment orally. Ecology has the option to make changes to the Consent Decree based on comments received, and all comments are taken into consideration.

The Consent Decree and supporting documents are available for review at the information repositories listed in the box on this page.

Comment Period:

June 1 - July 1, 1992

Public Hearing:

Wednesday
June 17, 1992
7:00pm
Skagit County Courthouse
Hearing Room A
700 S. 2nd St.
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

May 1992

Address written comments to Ecology's project manager:

John Stormon
Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
3190 160th Ave. S.E.
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452
(206) 649-7274

The Public Involvement Specialist for this site is:

Marianne Deppman
(206) 649-7254

The Consent Decree and supporting documents are available for review at the following information repositories:

Mount Vernon Library
315 Snoqualmie
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Attn: David Manard
(206) 336-6209

Department of Ecology
Central Files
3190 160th Ave. S.E.
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452
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Site History

Truck City Truck Stop is located at 1731 Old Highway 99 South, Mount Vernon, Washington.

The facility has been in operation since the early 1950's and continues to operate as a full service truck stop and cafe. The current owner Ernie O. Olmsted purchased the truck stop in 1982.

During a site assessment at the truck stop in 1989, diesel was found in both soil and groundwater at levels above state cleanup standards. In October 1991, Ecology determined that the six underground storage tanks serving the self service island on the west end of the truck stop were the source of the contamination. At that time the petroleum was removed from the tanks and the self serve island was closed.

Six additional underground storage tanks which supply the truck service island are located at the east end of the site. No contamination has been found associated with these tanks.

Two tanks of unknown content are also located in the area of the self serve island. Nothing is known at this time about these tanks except the location of their fill spouts.

Provisions of the Consent Decree

The Consent Decree outlines the following activities:

- removal of the eight tanks on the west end of the property
- Excavation and stockpiling of contaminated soil
- Conduct a remedial investigation to determine the nature and extent of the contamination
- Conduct a feasibility study to determine the appropriate final cleanup method
- Complete a cleanup action plan

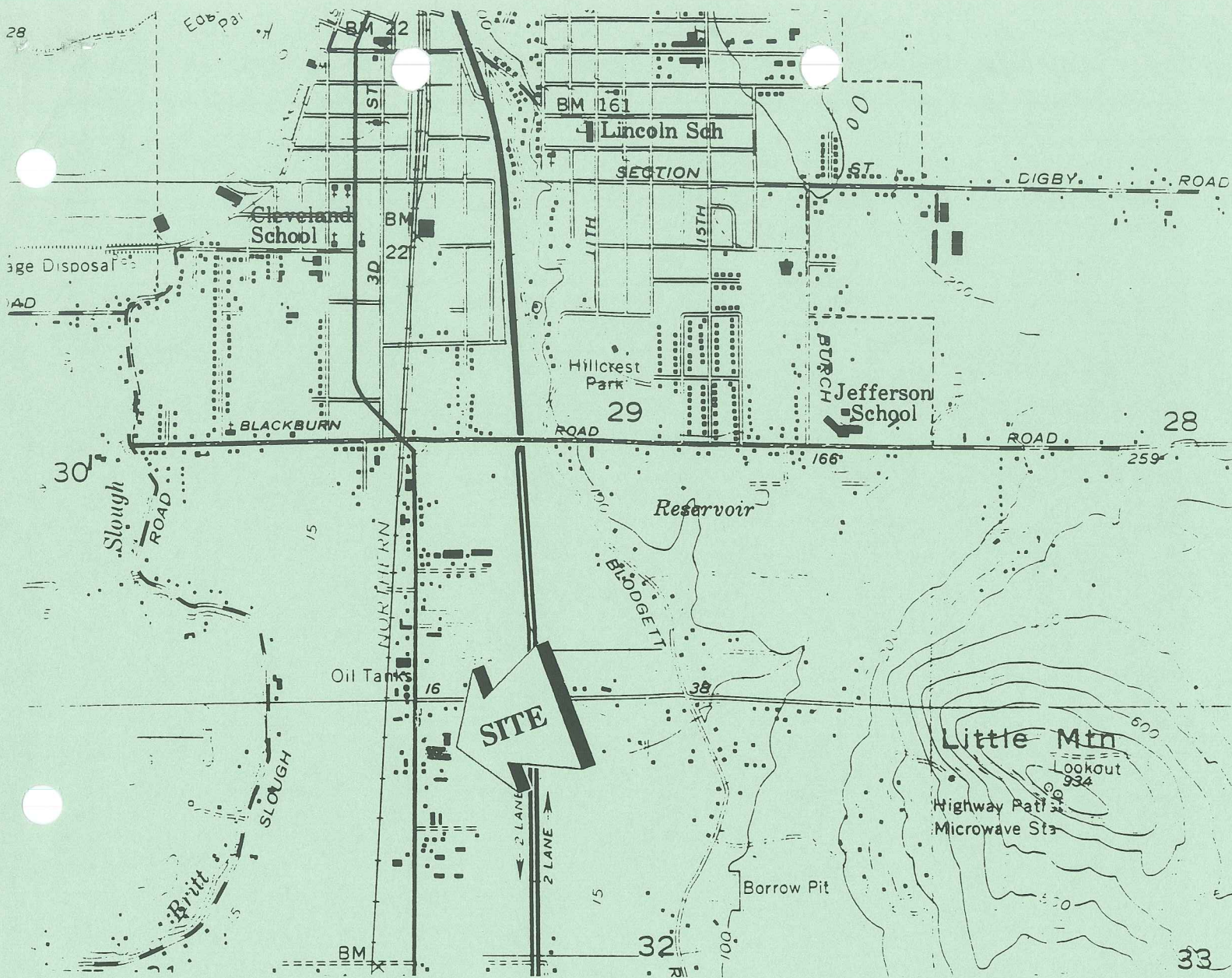
Work on the tank removal will begin immediately following the 30-day comment period.

What Happens Next?

All comments received during the comment period will become part of the official record and will be addressed individually in a document called a responsiveness summary. This document will be mailed to all commentors and will be available in the information repositories in early August.

When the cleanup action plan is complete, the public will be notified.

For more information contact Marianne Deppman, the Public Involvement Specialist for this site, at (206) 649-7254. Or you can contact the citizens advisory committee member in Skagit County, Bill DeHon, at (206) 424-5292. Citizens advisory committee members act as liaisons between Ecology and the public.



Yes, I would like to be included in a mailing list to receive further information about the Truck City Truck Stop Site.

Please complete the form below and return the self mailer to: Marianne Deppman, Dept. of Ecology, 3190 160th Ave. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008-5452.

_____ Name

_____ Organization

_____ Address Apt. #

_____ City State Zip

