

Interim Action Plan and SEPA DNS Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on its plans to conduct a partial cleanup, also known as an interim action, for petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater at the L & L Exxon Site (Site) located at 1315 Lee Boulevard in Richland.

The partial cleanup is designed to significantly reduce contaminants and/or exposure to contaminants. Ecology is issuing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for potential environmental impacts related to the cleanup.

Proposed Interim Action

The proposed partial cleanup will address the groundwater contamination at the Site. Oxygen-releasing and other compounds will be injected underground to break down petroleum and PCE contamination into non-toxic products. Also, extraction wells will be installed to allow contaminated groundwater and vapors to be vacuumed out and removed from the Site. Groundwater will be monitored to measure the effectiveness of this cleanup.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Action Plan. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Interim Action Plan, SEPA Checklist, and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *October 15, 2014 through November 14, 2014*.

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

Site Background

The Site had a service station that operated from about the 1950s until the 1990s. In 1999, a total of five underground fuel tanks, fuel dispensers, and associated piping were removed. Sampling

Comments Accepted

October 15, 2014 through
November 14, 2014

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Richland Public Library

955 Northgate Drive
Richland, WA 99352
Phone: (509) 942-7454

Hours:

Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Fri.-Sat.: 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday: closed

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office

15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
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By appointment only:

Contact CRO Public Records
Coordinator at
cropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=7128>

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Cleanup Site ID #: 7128

results showed petroleum contamination in soil above state regulated cleanup levels. Although a large portion of the contaminated soil was removed, further efforts to clean up groundwater at the Site were unsuccessful.

In addition to petroleum contamination, groundwater at the Site is also contaminated with perchloroethylene (PCE) from another property, New City Cleaners. PCE is a chemical commonly used for dry cleaning and metal degreasing.

Determination of Non-Significance

After reviewing the SEPA environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

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. PCE is also harmful to human health and the environment, and is a probable human carcinogen.

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.

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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