

New City Cleaners, Richland Benton County



Enforcement Order Issued for Remedial Investigation.

The Washington Department of Ecology has issued, under terms of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW), an enforcement order to Paul and Bettie Haverluk to conduct a remedial investigation (RI) of solvent and petroleum-contaminated soil and ground water at the New City Cleaners site in Richland.

Please Send Your Comments!

Ecology would like your comments on this enforcement order now through August 23, 1996. Please see the box to the right side of the page for details on information availability and where to submit your comments.

Site Background

The New City Cleaners site is located at 747 Stevens Drive in Richland. This retail dry cleaning facility continues to operate and is currently owned by Paul and Bettie Haverluk.

In April 1992, E.P. Johnson Construction, Inc. (Kennewick, Washington) completed a site assessment for the closure of underground storage tanks at the adjacent property at 701 Steven Drive. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) was discovered in ground water monitoring wells located south of the New City Cleaners' underground storage tanks. Samples from the wells showed the solvent contamination to be above the State of Washington Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) method A cleanup level.

On April 19, 1992, K. Kaser Co. Inc. (Kennewick, Washington) closed the four underground storage tanks located at New City Cleaners. The four underground storage tanks were reported to contain bunker oil (10,000 gallons), gasoline (300 gallons), tetrachloroethene and/or stoddard solvent (2

tanks, 1,200 gallons each). Samples taken during the removal of the underground storage tanks indicated contamination of soil and ground water with tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE), 1,2-dichloroethane, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and total petroleum hydrocarbons.

In March 1993, the Washington Department of Ecology assigned a Site Hazard Ranking of one (1) for New City Cleaners. A score of one (1) represents the highest level of concern relative to other sites and a score of five (5) the lowest.

What Is Being Done?

The enforcement order requires Paul and Bettie Haverluk to conduct a Remedial Investigation (RI). The RI will determine the nature, extent, and magnitude of site soil and ground water contamination. Ecology will oversee the project to ensure that all requirements of the enforcement order are fulfilled.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and respond to all written comments received. Ecology may amend the order based on the received comments. Additional opportunity for comment will be provided should the order be amended.

Results of the RI will guide a feasibility study to analyze site cleanup alternatives and the selection of the final detailed cleanup action. Further formal public comment opportunities will occur after the RI is completed.

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