

## **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 Moxee POTW (Public Owned Treatment Plant) Site (Site) located at 7520 Postma Road in Moxee, Washington.

The 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 cleanup will address soil and groundwater petroleum contamination at the Site. Oxygen-releasing compounds and other bioremediation enhancing compounds and microbes will be injected underground to promote the chemical and biological break down of petroleum contamination into non-toxic products. Soil samples will be collected and 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 *November 5, 2014 through December 5, 2014*.

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

### **Site Background**

The eastern half of the Moxee POTW property is currently being used as a public works shop servicing City of Moxee equipment.

### **Comments Accepted**

November 5, 2014 through  
December 5, 2014

#### **Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

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#### **DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS**

##### **Moxee Library**

255 W Seattle  
Moxee WA 98936  
Phone: (509) 575-8854

##### **Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,  
Tuesday, Thursday: 12 p.m.-7 p.m.,  
Friday, Saturday: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.,  
Sunday: Closed

##### **WA Department of Ecology**

##### **Central Regional Office**

15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200  
Yakima, WA 98902

By appointment only:

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

##### **Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6057>

Facility/Site ID #: 42788675

Cleanup Site ID #: 6057

The Site was formerly operated as a POTW for treating municipal sewage from 1976 through 2008. Moxee municipal wastewaters are now treated at the Yakima regional wastewater treatment facility.

In 1996, a release of petroleum products was discovered during the removal of a leaking underground storage tank (LUST). The tank was used for fueling City vehicles. Petroleum contamination has been confirmed for both soil and groundwater. Nitrate contamination has also been confirmed in groundwater on the eastern property boundary and is suspected to be from a neighboring property, the Moxee Simplot facility.

### 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. Nitrate at high concentrations is also harmful to human health and the environment. Nitrate is a chemical commonly found in sewage and used in fertilizers, and can cause low oxygen blood levels if consumed.

### 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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