

Legal Agreement and Cleanup Plan Available for Public Comment

Department of Ecology is amending a legal agreement (Agreed Order) for the cleanup of the Whitney's Chevrolet site at 123 Pioneer Avenue in Montesano. The cleanup will now include an Interim Action to:

- Remove six underground storage tanks.
- Clean up soil contaminated with petroleum-related chemicals.

The agreement also requires some further investigation of contamination and submission of a draft Cleanup Action Plan. The liable parties must clean up any contamination not covered by the Interim Action.

Three documents are available for review and comment at the locations listed to the right:

- **Agreed Order Amendment**—Updates the original legal agreement between Ecology and the liable parties.
- **Interim Action Work Plan and Data Gap Investigation**—Describes the proposed cleanup actions and where more sampling is needed.
- **State Environmental Policy Act Determination and Checklist**—Describes the potential negative impacts of the cleanup work and how they will be lessened.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review public comments and finalize the Agreed Order Amendment, Interim Action Plan and SEPA Determination. Whitney's Chevrolet will then begin work to remove the underground storage tanks in Spring of 2011.

Site Background

The business run by Whitney's Chevrolet, Inc. used to store and sell gasoline. Underground storage tanks leaked fuel into the soil. The soil is contaminated with petroleum and related chemicals that can harm human health and the environment.

The three Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) are Whitney's Chevrolet, Caldwell Family Holdings, LLC, and Wynoochee Lodge #43, F&AM. They have been working on cleanup under a 2007 agreement with Ecology.

For more history about the site, visit Ecology's website or contact Diana Smith (see box to the right) for copies of older fact sheets.

Comments Accepted

March 23 through April 22, 2011

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

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(360) 249-4211

Montesano City Hall

112 North Main Street
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web site

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/whitneys/whitneys_hp.htm

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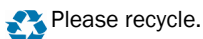




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Why Does It Matter?

Soil and groundwater at the site are contaminated with petroleum-related chemicals. These chemicals can pose a hazard to human health and the environment and must be cleaned up. Removing six underground storage tanks at the Whitney's Chevrolet site will take away the major known sources of contamination.

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