



WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF  
E C O L O G Y

# Banks' Property

## Yakima County

### Ground Water Investigation Proposal

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the J.C. Penney Company are proposing an Agreed Order, under terms of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW), for a ground water investigation of potential volatile organic compound contamination in the ground water under the Banks' Property. The Banks' Property, located at 102 North Naches Avenue in Yakima, is the former location of the J.C. Penney Automotive Parts and Service department. The Agreed Order and work plan for the proposed ground water investigation are available for public review during the comment period beginning July 26, and ending August 27, 1999.

#### Background

In March of 1993, Ecology received a report on the removal of an underground storage tank used by J.C. Penney Automotive Parts and Service department and the discovery of petroleum and solvent contamination in the ground. The report described the removal of contaminated soil, but questions remained about contamination that may have remained at the facility. A ground water study is considered the best way to determine if any contamination at the site is impacting the environment.

#### Ground Water

Water in the ground under the site was not investigated for contamination during the underground storage tank cleanup.

Ground water is to be investigated under the Agreed Order because contamination spreading through the environment would likely become mixed with the ground water as it moves through the ground.

The ground water investigation will include the installation of four wells designed for ground water sampling. Water sampling from the monitoring wells will help determine if any contamination is present in the ground water, which direction the ground water is moving, and what seasonal changes occur in the ground water.

#### What Happens Next?

At the conclusion of the public comment period, comments will be responded to and, if necessary, the Agreed Order will be amended to address community concerns.

Results from the proposed ground water investigation will be used to determine what, if any, cleanup actions are needed to address contamination concerns at the former J.C. Penney Automotive center. Any cleanup actions that may be required as a result of the environmental investigation under the Agreed Order will be announced and the public will have an opportunity to comment on proposed action plans.

#### FACT SHEET

#### July 1999

##### Public Comment Period

July 26, 1999 through  
August 27, 1999

##### Documents are available for public review at:

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