

# NORTH COLFAX PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION SITE



## Studies to Determine Extent of Petroleum Contamination in Soil and Groundwater

The Washington State Department of Ecology proposes to enter into an Agreed Order with the Colfax Grange Supply Company, Inc., CHS, Inc., and Time Oil Co. These companies are identified as the potentially liable persons (PLPs) responsible for cleaning up the site-related petroleum contamination. The Agreed Order requires the PLPs to conduct a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. The Remedial Investigation determines what contaminants are present, where they are located and the amount in soil and groundwater. The Feasibility Study identifies and evaluates cleanup alternatives.



Looking from the Grange cardtrol area toward the Food Mart across the street

The North Colfax Petroleum Contamination site is made up of two facilities at different locations. One facility is the Food Mart 041, owned by Time Oil Co. located at 804 North Main Street. The other facility is part of the Colfax Grange Supply Company,

Inc. located at 105 East Harrison Street. The Grange property includes an unattended fueling station called a cardtrol. The cardtrol is near the southeast corner of Tyler and North Main streets at 102 East Tyler, which is directly across the street from the Food Mart facility (see the Site map on page 2). The boundaries for the site may change depending upon where contamination is discovered during the remedial investigation.

The site is located in Colfax, Whitman County, Washington and is approximately 1000 feet south of the Palouse River and east of the South Fork of the Palouse River (Figure 1).

## Why Studies are Necessary

- Petroleum found in soil and groundwater at certain site locations exceeds state standards.
- More information is needed to determine where and how much petroleum contamination may be in soil and groundwater.
- Appropriate cleanup alternatives need to be evaluated that will be most protective of human health and the environment.

## How You May be Involved

You are invited to review and comment on the Agreed Order which includes a Scope of Work,

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## Comments Accepted

August 2, 2007 through August 31, 2007

## Document Review Locations

Whitman County Library  
102 S. Main, Colfax, WA 99111  
509/397-4366

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. – 8 pm  
Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. – 6 pm  
Saturday & Sunday 1 – 5 pm

## WA Department of Ecology

Eastern Regional Office  
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## Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/colfax/colfax\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/colfax/colfax_hp.htm)

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Schedule, and Public Participation Plan. Comments will be accepted **August 2 2007 through August 31, 2007**. The box on page one provides locations for reviewing documents and sending comments.

### Site Background

Two known releases of petroleum occurred at the site. The first release was discovered in 1999 when the Time Oil Co. upgraded the gasoline convenience store known as Food Mart 041. Petroleum was found in soil and groundwater during the upgrade of the facility. Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in 2001 and 2002. Samples from

some of these wells found petroleum in groundwater beyond the facility's boundaries. As a result, Ecology asked Colfax Grange Supply, Inc. to install monitoring wells at their facility which is across the street from the Food Mart.

The second release happened in 2004 when CHS, Inc., delivered unleaded fuel to the Grange's cardtrol facility. During the fuel delivery, CHS, Inc. overfilled the tank, releasing petroleum to the ground. Efforts were made to clean up contamination by removing a section of the concrete cover and underlying soil where the release occurred. Additional groundwater

monitoring wells were installed. Samples from these wells show petroleum in groundwater. Ecology and the PLPs are proposing to work together to clean up any remaining contamination.

### What Happens Next

Ecology will review all written comments received about the Agreed Order during the 30-day comment period. Based upon the responses, Ecology may revise the Agreed Order. If no changes are necessary, the Remedial Investigation will begin after the 30-day comment period.

