

Wondrack (Ellensburg)

Kittitas County



Remedial Investigation to Proceed

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Chevron Products Co. signed an Agreed Order June 12, 2002, to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for the petroleum contaminated soil at the Wondrack property. An Agreed Order is a legal document between Ecology and Potentially Liable Person(s) to ensure that proposed site investigation and cleanup activities are conducted in a timely fashion in accordance with Model Toxics Control Act and other applicable laws and regulations.

The investigation will begin in August and will focus on discovering the breadth and depth of petroleum contamination that is off property boundaries. Once started, the site investigation should be completed within one month. The investigation will include excavation and sampling both on and off the property. Traffic on 15th and Water Streets may be impacted during a this short time interval. There will be traffic controls during this period. In addition, when contaminated soils are encountered, there may be unpleasant odors during a short time period. The odors should abate quickly.

The Feasibility Study will be completed within several months of the Remedial Investigation. It will incorporate data found during the investigation and will present and discuss various options for site remediation. Ecology will select the most appropriate cleanup option. This option would be exercised either in late 2002 or in 2003.

Site Background

The site is located at the northwest corner of 15th Street and Water Street, Ellensburg, Washington. The Chevron Oil Company owned and operated this bulk fuel distribution

site until 1980. The site is presently owned by Mr. Joseph Wondrack. The site has not operated for about 18 years.

Three feet of aged hydrocarbon contaminated soils were found in Water Street in the fall of 1995 during trenching for a new city sewer line. Subsequent sampling in the spring of 1997 on the Wondrack property by the Kittitas County Health Department under contract to Ecology found up to six feet of aged hydrocarbons. Based on these soil analyses, Ecology scored the site by the Washington Ranking Method, one being the greatest potential risk to human health and the environment, and five being the lowest risk. The site scored a "2".

Since 1997, the Chevron Products Company has had a consultant install eight monitoring wells to analyze groundwater quality. Groundwater analyses found low levels of diesel, gasoline, and BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes).

What is Being Done?

The City of Ellensburg plans to resurface 15th Street during the same timeframe that the off-property investigation by Chevron will take place. The City and Chevron's contractor, Delta Environmental, will work together on 15th and Water Streets towards their respective goals. This will minimize construction impacts.

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