

Interim Action Plan and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance Available for Review and Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) recently performed two rounds of indoor air sampling at the Buckle My Shoe Early Learning Center. The Center is located at 108 South 3rd Avenue in Yakima. Ecology had been concerned about the threat to children from the tetrachloroethene (PCE) vapors in the air. Our testing results indicate PCE vapors are present and have impacted the indoor air quality. Therefore, Ecology plans to install and operate a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system. This system will remove and capture the PCE vapors before they enter the Buckle My Shoe Early Learning Center.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the SEPA checklist and Determination of Non-Significance. The Frank Wear Cleaners Site is located at 106 S 3rd Avenue in Yakima. You are invited to:

- **Review** the SEPA checklist and Determination of Non-Significance, Vapor Intrusion Report, Feasibility Study, and Remedial Investigation report.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *December 14, 2011 through January 16, 2012*.

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

Site Background

The contamination at Buckle My Shoe comes from Frank Wear Cleaners (Site), an old dry cleaning business that used to operate next door. Frank Wear Cleaners, Facility/Site ID #444, operated from the early 1940s to about 2000. Frank Wear Cleaners began using PCE as a solvent in the 1970s. Releases of PCE were discovered back in 1989, from soil sampling at the Site.

In 1994, Frank Wear Cleaners and Ecology signed an Agreed Order for a remedial investigation. Over 300 tons of contaminated soil were removed. Some treatment of groundwater contamination also occurred at that time.

Comments Accepted

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January 16, 2012

Submit Comments and Technical
Questions to:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4194>

Facility Site ID #: 444

Toxics Cleanup Program

Releases of PCE liquid occurred both inside and outside the Frank Wear building. PCE infiltrated the soil and migrated into the shallow groundwater.

The Frank Wear Cleaners' building was demolished in 2001, and an additional 432 tons of contaminated soil were removed. Groundwater has been monitored on a quarterly basis for several years. In mid July 2011, Ecology learned that a day care center operated on the Site. Review of existing groundwater data indicated PCE vapors might enter the building.

Determination of Non-Significance

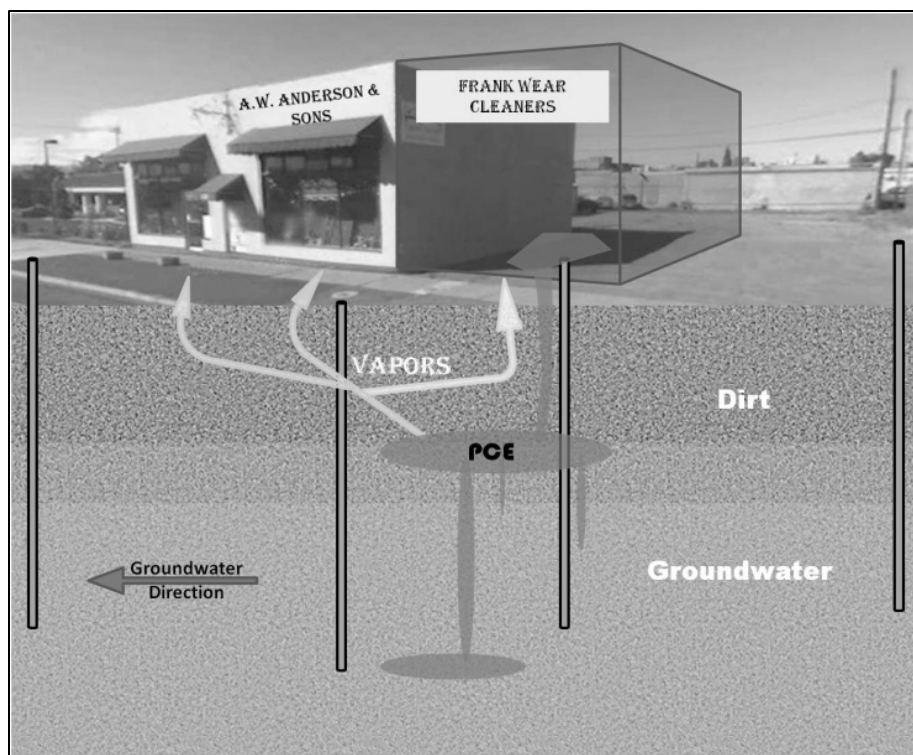
After reviewing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has decided the remedial investigation/feasibility study, interim action, and cleanup action plan will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. The checklist and Determination of Non-Significance are part of the documents available for public comment.

What Happens Next

Although the SVE system will address the indoor air contamination, Ecology is also taking steps to remedy the soil and groundwater contamination. This will happen through the development and implementation of a cleanup action plan. Ecology will continue to gather more information about the extent of contamination and the shallow groundwater system. Once a draft cleanup action plan is developed, Ecology will hold another public comment period. This is expected to occur in Summer 2012.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Contamination at the Frank Wear Site has the potential to adversely impact human health, primarily by contaminating indoor air quality. Cleaning up the contaminated soil and groundwater will remove the threat to human health.



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