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Mr. Art Segal
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Re: Ecology response to comments on Proposal to Remove Olympic Pipe Line Co Kent Site located at 74th Avenue South and 259th Street, Kent, WA from the Hazardous Sites List.

Dear Mr. Segal:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) appreciates you taking the time to comment on the proposal to remove the Olympic Pipeline Kent Block Valve cleanup Site from the Hazardous Sites List.

From December 2, 2016 through January 3, 2017, Ecology held the Public Comment period for delisting the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. Ecology received your comment on November 30, 2016. The No Further Action (NFA) letter for the Olympic Pipe Line Co Kent site was finalized on January 17, 2017.

You expressed a concern about how long it has taken to complete the cleanup. The clean-up of this Site actually began in 1989 with several soil excavations. Following that, a ground water treatment system was installed and operated for a number of years. The ground water finally met State clean-up standards in 2016. Therefore, Ecology has been able to issue the NFA letter.

If you have any questions regarding the cleanup of the Site, please contact me at (425) 649-4446.
Sincerely,

Dale Myers
Project Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program
Northwest Regional Office



Art Segal email comment received 11/30/2016

Dale,

I received Publication # 16-09-090 December 2016.

Why are the RI/FS Report and the Draft Cleanup Action Plan being prepared now - 26 years after the original investigation and cleanup activities?

It is baffling as to why 26 years have passed without these actions being done.

As a resident of NE 47th Street since 2007, I know that at least two gasoline filling stations have operated on that corner continuously as long as I have lived in the neighborhood.

Why were they permitted to operate? Why wasn't this action taken in 1990, or any time since then?

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