

# CHS Auburn Cleanup Site

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April 6 - May 7, 2018

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## Consent Decree and Environmental Documents Available for Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and CHS Inc., will enter into a legal agreement called a consent decree that requires cleanup at the CHS Auburn site (also known as Cenex Valley Supply Coop). The consent decree, along with final Remedial Investigation (RI) and final Feasibility Study (FS) reports and a draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP) are available for public review and comment.



## Site Background

CHS Auburn cleanup site is generally located at 238 8th Street SE in Auburn, Washington. The site covers approximately 10 1/2 acres. The CHS property is currently used as a retail gasoline/fuel station and convenience store. They also fill propane tanks and deliver propane for home heating.

In May 1994, a small crack in a gasoline pipe was discovered adjacent to the aboveground tanks at the CHS facility. The pipe was repaired and tests were conducted that indicated that a gasoline release occurred (with traces of diesel) and that soil and groundwater were contaminated at the site which include several other properties in the immediate area.

The following chemicals of concern have been identified: petroleum hydrocarbon compounds (diesel, gasoline, oil, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes).



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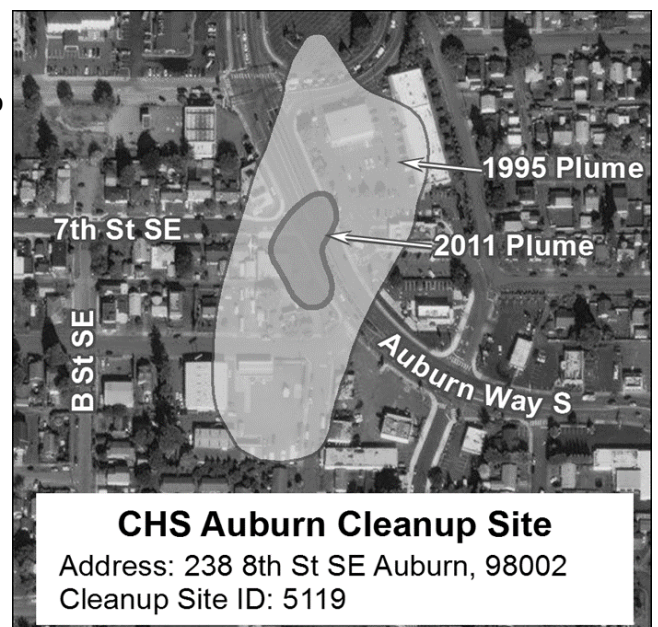
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Since 1994, interim actions have been taken to address the contamination:

- Groundwater pump-and-treat from 1994 to 1996.
- Removal of storage tanks (14 underground storage tanks and 12 above ground storage tanks). Excavation and disposal of contaminated soil (over 8,000 tons) at the source property (the former bulk fuel storage area of the CHS Auburn facility) in 1997 and 1998.
- Air Sparging (AS) and Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) from 1994 to present. SVE was phased out in 1999. A portion of the AS system (the down-gradient system) was shut down in 2007. The rest of the system is in operation.
- Groundwater monitoring from 1997 to present.

The contaminated groundwater plume has reduced in size since 1994 (see figure below). The DCAP will address the remaining soil and groundwater contamination in a targeted area of the site located south of the intersection of 7th Street SE and Auburn Way S, and along the southwest side of the Auburn Way S. right-of-way. Specifically, the following actions would be taken under the cleanup:

- Focused air sparging,
- Monitored natural attenuation (relying on natural processes to decrease concentrations of contaminants, along with long-term monitoring), and
- Institutional controls (administrative and legal controls that help minimize the potential for human exposure to contamination and/or protect the integrity of the remedy).



## State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Ecology is the SEPA lead agency. Ecology has determined that the proposed actions will not have probable significant adverse impacts on the environment and issued a DNS. Ecology will not finalize the DNS until the 30-day comment period is over.

### Public Comments Invited

You are invited to comment on the following documents:

- Final RI report, which describes the nature and extent of contamination and remediation at the site;
- Final FS, which describes alternatives evaluated to clean up the site and the preferred alternative;
- DCAP, which describes the proposed remedial alternative to clean up the site;
- Draft Consent Decree, the legal agreement filed in court that requires CHS Inc. to conduct the cleanup;
- SEPA Checklist and DNS.
- Updated Public Participation Plan. The plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process.

Send your written comments to Jerome Cruz at [jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov) or mail to 3190 160th Ave S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008. Please indicate CHS Auburn Cleanup Site in your comment.

### What Happens Next?

After the 30-day comment period, Ecology will review and respond to the comments received during the public comment period. If no significant changes are made the documents will become final.



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## **CHS Auburn Cleanup Site**

**Ecology Seeks Public Comments on the draft Consent Decree and Environmental Documents**

**Public Comment Period: April 6– May 7, 2018**



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**Borradores de los Documentos Ambientales y Decreto de Consentimiento de la CHS Auburn**  
**Comentarios Públicos: del 6 de abril hasta el 7 de mayo, 2018**

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