

Hungry Whale Site



Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Proposed

The Washington Department of Ecology and the Port of Grays Harbor have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW) order to perform a remedial investigation of the soil and groundwater at the Hungry Whale Service Station and Deli site. An agreed order is a legal document between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs), to ensure that proposed site investigation and cleanup activities are conducted in a timely fashion, in accordance with MTCA and other applicable laws and regulations. Public participation in decisions regarding this site are defined in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70.105D RCW.

Public comments on this proposed agreed order are welcomed. Supporting documents can be viewed at one of the INFORMATION REPOSITORIES listed in the right-hand column.

You may submit comments from September 21 through October 21, 2006. The box to the right provides information about where to review the agreed order, as well as where to submit comments.

Site Background

The Hungry Whale Grocery is an active service station/convenience store located at the intersection of Montesano Avenue and Wilson Street in Westport. Gasoline contamination was confirmed in October 1990 when soil samples collected from areas surrounding two underground storage tanks (USTs) which were no longer in use revealed high levels of total petroleum hydrocarbons. In March 1991, Ecology's contractor performed a tank closure at the site. One UST was closed in place by cleaning and filling with sand and a concrete slurry. A second UST was removed. At the time of tank closure, a thin layer of free product was found to be floating on the surface of the water that had collected in one of the tank excavations.

In November 1991, Ecology hired a contractor to perform a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) at the site. Soil and ground water samples confirmed the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene in excess of state cleanup standards. Hydraulic oil and lead were also found.

A cleanup remedy called enhanced biosparging was selected and implemented between October 1997 and October 1999 under a 1994 agreed order between the Port of Grays Harbor and Ecology. While hundreds of gallons of petroleum hydrocarbons were removed,

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INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

The documents can be viewed at the following locations:

Location address

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pollutants remain above state cleanup levels today.

What Is Being Done?

A new agreed order for the RI/FS is now necessary to identify alternative cleanup technologies that will meet cleanup standards. The agreed order requires the Port of Grays Harbor to complete the remedial investigation and feasibility study. The remedial investigation will summarize existing data and develop a conceptual site model. The feasibility study will assemble applicable remedial technologies and analyze each in relation to this site.

What happens next?

Public comment on the agreed order will be considered and the order may be modified, based on the comments received. Following the RI/FS, Ecology will prepare a Cleanup Action Plan, which will specify the cleanup action based on the selected remedy. After the requirements of the RI/FS Agreed order have been satisfied, an agreed order to implement the new Cleanup Action Plan will be negotiated between the Port and Ecology.

Ecology wants to keep you informed

Please contact Guy Barrett, Ecology's site manager, at (360) 407-7115 or Gbar461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or concerns regarding the investigation at the Hungry Whale site.

Ecology is providing you this update so you are well informed regarding the Hungry Whale project. If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, or have suggestions on how to keep the Westport community better informed, please contact Guy Barrett.

Location Map

