

# Coleman Oil Biodiesel Spill



Coleman Oil Biodiesel Spill – Sheen of petroleum on the Columbia River in 2017

## Comments accepted:

October 2 – October 31, 2019

## Submit comments:

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## Investigation Reports Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to review and comment on investigations done at the Coleman Oil Biodiesel Spill site, located at 3 East Chehalis Street in Wenatchee.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the following investigation reports for the Site:

- *“Supplemental Remedial Investigation Report,”* dated December 4, 2018.
- *“SRI Addendum - Uplands Soil Characterization Report,”* dated March 6, 2019.
- *“Quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Report - March 2019,”* dated May 28, 2019.
- *“SRI Addendum - Sediment Characterization Report,”* dated May 22, 2019 and revised July 17, 2019.

Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted October 2, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

## Site Background

Coleman Oil Company (Coleman Oil) is the current owner of the site. Although it is currently not in operation, the site was used in the past as a bulk fuel yard. On March 17, 2017, a citizen saw an oil sheen on the Columbia River. The oil sheen was generally next to the junction of the Chehalis and Worthen Streets in Wenatchee.

## What Has Been Done

An investigation by Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was done with the full cooperation of Coleman Oil.

This investigation showed the source of contamination to be leaking underground piping at the site. The leaky piping connected a 20,000-gallon diesel above ground storage tank (AST) to a truck fuel loading rack.

Stopping the sheen on the river was the highest priority. Ecology spill responders and Coleman Oil put out floating barriers to contain the oil sheen, excavated contaminated soil, and drilled recovery wells to pump out diesel before it reached the river. These activities are called “Interim Actions.” An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of the contamination. It’s meant to reduce exposure to harmful chemicals while a long-term cleanup plan is worked on.

Interim Actions began in 2017 and continue today.

Right now, the Interim Actions seem to have mostly stopped sheen on the river. The amount of diesel in groundwater has been going down. Pumping of the recovery wells will be needed until the petroleum (gasoline and diesel) is no longer in groundwater and no sheen is seen on the river.

In addition to the Interim Actions, Coleman Oil has done investigations at the site to figure out where all the soil and groundwater contamination is located. Now that the investigation reports are complete, they are available for the public to review them.

After the investigations, a feasibility study will be done. The feasibility study will show different ways to clean up the remaining contamination.

## Why This Work Matters?

The petroleum contamination is in both soil and groundwater and is above state standards. Cleanup will improve human health and environmental conditions at the site.

## What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting if requested by 10 or more people.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement, such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology’s Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.

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