



Bower Home Port Townsend Site Responsiveness Summary—No Comments

Today's Date: November 4, 2019

Cleanup Site ID: 2806
Facility ID: 4516080
Address: 914 F Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368
County: Jefferson

Ecology held a comment period from September 26 to October 27, 2019, to give the public an opportunity to comment on Ecology's 2019 Periodic Review of the Bower Home Port Townsend Site.

Ecology received no public comments during the comment period and finalized the 2019 Periodic Review Report.

Relevant Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation: WAC 173-340-420(5)

Document for public review during the comment period

Draft Periodic Review Report

Site background

Environmental cleanup was completed at the site and the 2019 periodic review showed that the cleanup work remains effective in protecting the health of people and the environment. This is the site's second periodic review.

The Bower Home Port Townsend site is a residential building. In 2003, an above ground storage tank, containing approximately 200 gallons of home heating oil, failed and released the oil onto the soil below the tank. The owner excavated two to three yards of soil where the tank had spilled and replaced the tank. Oxygen-releasing chemicals were placed in the soil to improve the speed of microbial breakdown of the oil.

In 2007, the owner removed an additional 40 cubic yards of soil, but more digging close to the building would have undermined the structure. Sampling confirmed the soil more than 15 below the building was contaminated, but groundwater was not contaminated. Because the contamination is located deep in the soil under the basement of the building, there is no direct exposure to people and the environment.

Because some contamination remains on the site, an environmental covenant was placed on the property in 2009. The covenant restricts any activity that may interfere with the cleanup action or could result in release or exposure of contaminated soil to people or the environment.

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