

Recommendation for No Further Action based on  
Site Hazard Assessment  
Department of Natural Resources  
2211 Airport Road  
Cle Elum, Washington

**BACKGROUND**

The Department of Natural Resources operates a satellite office in Cle Elum. The DNR had two underground tanks that contained diesel and gasoline. In March of 1991 the tanks were removed from the site. During the removal of the tanks, two additional areas of possible contamination were identified.

The first area was petroleum contamination behind the garage. The DNR had been disposing of used motor oil from vehicle changes by pouring it on the ground. The second area was a fence post treatment area. Wooden posts were soaked in Pentachlorophenol for wood preservation. An open top 55- gallon steel barrel had been buried with the top flush with the ground surface. During the "dipping" process, numerous spills had occurred.

The disposal areas were excavated during the March 1991 tank removal. The open holes did not have groundwater in them. Samples were taken by E P Johnson Construction to delineate the extent of the contamination. Samples were also taken from the bottom of the excavation for conformational evidence that the excavations were clean. The sample results are detailed in the site assessment and independent clean-up action report. The contaminated soil was characterized and sent to a proper disposal facility.

**SITE VISIT**

On June 18th, 1996 the site was inspected by Gerald Tousley of the Kittitas County Solid Waste Department. Mr. Tousley met with Mrs. Eberlein, wife of the manager of the site. The site consists of the managers house, pumphouse, garage, flammable storage shed and an office building that is used jointly with the State Patrol. The pumphouse is located west of the garage approximately 100 feet and houses the well for the site. This well is between 90 and 110 feet deep. Behind the garage is where the two areas of contamination was located in March of 1991. The Department does limited preventative maintenance on the vehicles. Fueling, oil changes and repairs are either down at the main office in Ellensburg or at a local shop. There was no evidence of staining on the ground anywhere on the site.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

There is no documented evidence of recent spills. The current analytical data indicated that there is no residual contamination left at the site. The well on site is slightly upgradient from the former contaminated areas and is approximately 100 feet deep. The groundwater is used for private consumption. No groundwater contamination has been documented; and the potential for migration of any contamination that might of been missed is minimal due to the low permeability of subsurface soils. Based on the available information, the recommendation is made to remand this site to the status of No Further Action (NFA).