

Kens Auto Wash II



Comments accepted:

July 28, 2020 - August 27, 2020

Submit comments:

Online:

<http://tcp.ecology.commentinpu.com/?id=hH3SQ>

Or by mail to:

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Site info:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5208>

Facility Site ID: 3892
Site Cleanup ID: 5208

Document review locations:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our standard physical locations are all closed; documents are currently available electronically only on the Kens Auto Wash II cleanup website link above.

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Kens Auto Wash II site, located at 1013 East University Way in Ellensburg. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The site is currently ranked a “2” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

You are invited to:

- Review and comment on the “Kens Auto Wash II No Further Action” letter dated April 9, 2020
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted July 28, 2020 through August 27, 2020

Site Background

The site, built in 1988, is currently operating as a convenience store and car wash and was historically used as a gasoline station.

In 1996, a leak was discovered after a tightness test was performed on a gasoline fuel line connected to an underground storage tank (UST). Initial investigations were conducted and revealed that gasoline had leaked to soil and groundwater.

In late 2000, approximately 520 tons of contaminated soil and 5,500 gallons of contaminated groundwater was removed and disposed of offsite. An oxygen-release compound was injected into the groundwater monitoring wells in an attempt to promote biodegrading of gasoline contamination in the groundwater.

Toxics Cleanup Program

In 2003, Ecology and the former site owner entered into an Agreed Order to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) outlining the expectations, process, and schedule for site cleanup. A Remedial Investigation (RI) uses data to see how far contamination has spread. A Feasibility Study (FS) outlines options to clean up the contamination.

In 2005, the USTs were removed and an oxygen-release compound was again injected to continue treating the groundwater contamination but had limited results. In 2006, the RI/FS was completed.

In 2011, an accelerated natural biological plan was implemented. This involved injecting petroleum degrading microbes, surfactants, and nutrients into the monitoring wells. This plan resulted in a reduction in contamination in the groundwater, but monitoring revealed persistent elevated levels of petroleum remained above state cleanup standards.

In 2013, an Agreed Order was entered into to implement an Interim Action. An Interim Action is a partial or short-term cleanup of contamination and is meant to reduce exposure to harmful contaminants while a long-term cleanup plan is worked on. A Supplemental Feasibility Study was conducted and the RI/FS Agreed Order was closed.

In 2015, a new approach was performed under the Interim Action. This involved injecting chemical oxidants into the monitoring wells for microbial growth. This approach produced favorable results and soil and groundwater monitoring has shown that any remaining contamination has continued to remain below state cleanup standards.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Ecology has determined that the cleanup actions performed at the site has reduced or eliminated soil and groundwater contamination to below state cleanup levels and the site no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. If no changes are necessary, the site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

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>.

Kens Auto Wash II Site Map



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Map Courtesy of HartCrowser Sampling and Analysis Report

Toxics Cleanup Program
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Map Courtesy of Bing Maps

Public comment period

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The Washington State Department of Ecology is providing an opportunity for you to review and comment on the proposed removal of the Kens Auto Wash II site, located at 1013 East University Way in Ellensburg, from its Hazardous Sites List.

See inside for site information and details on how to comment.