

Toxics Cleanup Program**September 2013**

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

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Storey Gas Station site (Site) from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “1” on the List. Sites can be ranked from a “1” to “5”. A rank of “1” is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the List, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Site List. The Storey Gas Station Site is located at 1310 E 1st Street, in Cle Elum. You are invited to:

- **Review** the *Final Cleanup Action Report*, dated August 2002; *Final Cleanup Action Report*, dated January 2003; *Groundwater Quality Monitoring Report*, dated September 12, 2003; and the Environmental Covenant.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *September 19, 2013 through October 21, 2013*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The Storey Gas Station (Storey) Site consists of the following two parcels:

- Steiner’s Garden Tracts #2; East 20 feet of Lot 28, Lot 29 (Parcel #20-15-2552-0029-00),
- Steiner’s Garden Tracts #2; Lot 21 and East 20 feet of Lot 22 (Parcel #20-15-2552-0021-00).

The Site consists of a service station with seven aboveground storage tanks (ASTs). It began operation in 1949 with three ASTs. From 1949 to present, the number and type of tanks, both aboveground and underground, have changed. Following the site cleanup activities, the underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed and the aboveground facilities were upgraded. Currently, there are no USTs at the Site.

Comments Accepted

September 19, 2013 through
October 21, 2013

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Carpenter Memorial Library

302 Pennsylvania Ave
Cle Elum, WA 98922
Phone: (509) 674-2313

Hours:

Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday:	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Thursday:	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Friday:	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday:	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday:	closed

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office

15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902

By appointment only:

Contact Roger Johnson,
Roger.Johnson@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology’s Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4064>

Facility/Site ID #: 401

Cleanup Site ID #: 4064

Storey Gas Station

What Has Been Done?

In September 1999, Storey Gas Station (Storey) performed a Remedial Investigation in which soil samples were collected to find out the lateral and vertical extent of petroleum contamination on the Site. The Remedial Investigation (RI) included an Interim Cleanup Action, during which approximately 600 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils (PCS) were removed. The excavated soil was stockpiled onsite and bioremediated until the contaminants concentrations were below cleanup levels.

For the contaminated soil left in place, an environmental covenant was recommended in the Cleanup Action Plan to manage the remaining PCS.

Environmental Covenant

On July 25, 2013, the environmental covenant recommended in the Cleanup Action Plan was filed and recorded with the deeds of the two parcels of property included in the Site. An environmental covenant restricts future land use and is recorded with the deed of the property. It runs with the land and is binding on future owners, although a process exists for removing an environmental covenant if Ecology agrees. The environmental covenant requires Ecology approval before coming into contact with contaminated soil or groundwater for activities such as building demolition or installation of utilities.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on the cleanup completed and the recording of the environmental covenant, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review 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

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns.
Thank you.

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español: (509) 575-2490

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