

# PRICELESS GAS REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/ FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT



The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received the draft Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Report for the Priceless Gas Site. The Site is located at 1110 Morgan Street, in the City of Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington. The RI/FS Report documents work completed pursuant to Enforcement Order No. DE-99-TC-E102 as issued to Merit Truck Stop, Inc.

The Enforcement Order, issued under authority of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) 70.105D, required Merit Truck Stop, Inc. to conduct and report on a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study at the Priceless Gas property. The purpose of the RI/FS was to collect, develop, and evaluate information regarding the petroleum contamination at the Site and potentially affected areas in order to select an appropriate cleanup action.

Specifically, the Remedial Investigation was to define the type, extent, and degree of soil and ground water contamination at the facility and all off-site affected areas. It was also to identify the impacts of the contamination on the affected areas. The Feasibility Study was to identify and evaluate alternative cleanup actions.

Ecology invites the public to review and comment on the RI/FS Report **September 7, 2001 through October 7, 2001**. The box at the right indicates where information is available and where comments may be sent.

## **SITE BACKGROUND**

Priceless Gas is located at 1110 Morgan Street, Davenport in Lincoln County. This facility is bounded by Morgan Street (Highway 2) on the south and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on the east (Figure 1). Priceless Gas was operated as a retail gas station until June 1998 when the four underground storage tanks (UST) located on site were temporarily closed (Figure 2).

On November 13, 1998, Ecology's Spill Response Team personnel responded to a call from the homeowner adjacent to the Priceless Gas property regarding gasoline vapors in his home and possible gasoline product seeping through the rock wall in his basement. Ecology initiated an emergency investigation to determine the source of the petroleum. Four USTs at the Priceless Gas site were inspected and all remaining product was pumped out by Ecology's contractor.

**FACT SHEET:  
SEPTEMBER 2001**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**September 7, 2001 through October 7, 2001**

### **REPOSITORIES:**

**Davenport Public Library  
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Davenport, WA**

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During the emergency response, a test pit was dug on the Priceless Gas property just north of a 10,000 gallon diesel UST and a 12,000 gallon unleaded gasoline UST. Another test pit was excavated directly north of the Priceless Gas Site at the south edge of the resident's property. Analytical results of the soil samples obtained from each of the excavations confirmed diesel and gasoline contamination above MTCA Method A Cleanup levels for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and gasoline constituents benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes (BTEX).

On November 23, 1998 Olympus Environmental was hired by Merit Truck Stop, Inc. to begin excavating north of the 10,000 gallon diesel UST and 12,000 gallon unleaded gasoline UST where petroleum contaminated soil had been identified during the emergency response investigation. Decommissioning of the UST system began on December 4, 1998. The pumps and piping were removed on January 20, 1999. Soil samples obtained from each of the excavations during the decommissioning identified TPH and BTEX contamination above MTCA Method A Cleanup levels, confirming a release(s) from the UST system.

On November 25, 1998 Olympus installed two monitoring wells at the residential property. Ground water samples obtained from the monitoring wells identified TPH and BTEX contamination above MTCA Method A Cleanup levels.

In June 1999 Ecology issued the above-referenced enforcement

order directing Merit Truck Stop, Inc. to complete an RI/FS. In the course of the UST removal and the RI field work, over 700 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil has been removed from the site. The RI/FS Report documents this as well as all other work completed on the Site to date.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

After the 30-day comment period, written comments submitted will be answered by Ecology in a document called a Responsiveness Summary. The summary will be made available at the information repositories listed on page one.

Following final approval of the RI/FS Report, a Cleanup Action Plan will be developed. This plan will be based on the information developed in the RI/FS and any other available and relevant information. The Plan will include a schedule for work to be completed as part of the selected cleanup alternative. Ecology will invite public comment on the Cleanup Action Plan.

### **HOW YOU MAY BE INVOLVED:**

- **Review the RI/FS Report for the Priceless Gas Site.**

To review documents at Ecology's Spokane office, contact Johnnie Harris at (509) 456-2751 for an appointment. Reviews may be scheduled Monday through Thursday 8-5 p.m. by appointment.

You may review documents in the Davenport Library during regular hours.

- **Send written comments September 7, 2001 through October 7, 2001 to :**

Michael Boatsman (see box on page one for details).

- **Share this information with any individuals or groups you think should be informed about the Site.**