

## **Draft Interim Action Plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, and Public Participation Plan available for public review and comment**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the Country Junction Store. The Country Junction Store is located at 5310 S.E. Hwy 160 (Mile Hill Drive), Port Orchard, WA 98366.

In August 1990 Ecology and owners of the Country Junction Store entered into a legal agreement called a Consent Decree that formally describes their working relationship and outlined the scope of work. The Consent Decree provided for partial financial assistance to clean up the property and required Ecology to implement activities to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater at the site. Ecology is currently proposing an interim action plan to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater on the Country Junction Store property. Additional actions will be required to clean up contamination located east of the property.

### **Public Comment Invited**

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Draft Interim Action Plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, and Public Participation Plan.

- **Review** the Draft Interim Action Plan, SEPA checklist, and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration during the public comment period which will end on March 30, 2009.

### **Comments Accepted**

February 27 – March 30, 2009

#### **Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

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#### **Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/countryJunction/cj.htm>

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### Draft Interim Action Plan

Ecology is proposing an interim remedial action to continue cleanup of the site. The proposed cleanup method has three components:

1. Excavation and disposal of accessible contaminated soil and removal of contaminated groundwater from the excavated area.
2. Injection of a chemical product into the ground in inaccessible areas of contamination. The compound will chemically destroy the contamination and leave harmless carbon dioxide and water.
3. Replacement of existing groundwater monitoring wells that are removed during excavation and installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells.

Groundwater monitoring wells will be monitored following construction activities to evaluate the effectiveness of this interim cleanup action.

### Public Participation Plan

The public participation plan is designed to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process. The plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process.

### State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

The SEPA environmental checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) are also available for public review at this time. This checklist evaluates potential environmental impacts if this cleanup action is conducted. Ecology has

reviewed this checklist and has determined that no significant adverse environmental impacts will be caused by this project.

### Site Background



Country Junction Store occupies approximately one acre of land at the southwest corner of the intersection of Hwy 160 (Mile Hill Drive) and Long Lake Road east of Port Orchard, Washington. The facility is a gas station and convenience store and has been in operation since the 1960s. At some time prior to 1985, the property was also used for bulk storage of heating fuel. The area around the site is mixed rural, residential and business. Petroleum contamination was discovered in soil on the property and reported to Ecology prior to 1990.

During August 1990, Ecology entered into a formal agreement, a Consent Decree, with the owner of Country Junction Store to perform cleanup actions and provide financial assistance. The Consent Decree and a Cleanup Action Plan were made available for public comment at that time.

Subsequently during 1990 five old underground storage tanks were removed from the property. All contaminated soil that could be excavated (1,500 cyds.) was piled on the property south of the store and remediated in place above the ground. Contaminated soil

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that extended towards Long Lake Road or that was too deep or close to the store could not be excavated. Wells to monitor contamination in groundwater were installed.

During 1991, a vapor extraction remediation system was constructed to clean up the subsurface contaminated soil remaining on the property. The remediation system was modified in 1995 to treat contamination in the groundwater as well, and this system operated until mid-1998 when it reached its capacity to remove contamination from the ground.

### Investigation at the Site

Sampling of the monitoring wells in 2003 indicated contaminant levels in groundwater had increased. An investigation of soil and groundwater at the site was subsequently done in 2004 to evaluate the remaining contamination. Results showed widespread groundwater contamination between the store and Long Lake Road that extended beneath the road and into Kitsap County park land to the east. The cause of the remaining contamination appeared to be from contaminated soil not remediated by the previous cleanup efforts and also possibly from a more recent release.

### Contaminants of Concern

The following hazardous substances are potential **chemicals of concern** (COCs) for subsurface soil and groundwater at the site:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons
- Diesel-range petroleum hydrocarbons

### What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for any suggested changes. If no significant changes are necessary, the Draft Interim Action Plan, SEPA Checklist, and Public Participation Plan will be final.

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui to request a meeting at [nlui461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nlui461@ecy.wa.gov) or at (425) 649-7117.


For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp> You may also read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* at this link to learn more about the public comment process.





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