

Plan Proposed to Clean Up Site

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on its plans to conduct an interim action at the former Roby's Service Station (or Site) at 800 Buena Road in Buena. An interim action is a partial cleanup of the contamination. The partial cleanup will include excavation of contaminated soil and removal of a waste oil tank.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Remedial Action Plan. You are invited to:

- Review the Interim Remedial Action Plan
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *March 15, 2012 through April 16, 2012*.

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

Site Background

In 1993, workers digging near the streets to install new sewer lines found petroleum contamination in the soil. In 1997, Ecology conducted an investigation which confirmed petroleum contamination above state cleanup levels in soil, and also in groundwater. The contamination is believed to have come from underground storage tanks (USTs) at the Site. Therefore, in 2001, five USTs were removed from the Site and Ecology installed a network of wells to monitor the petroleum contamination in groundwater. In the mid-2000s, the steel service station structure burned, making the building unusable. The burned out building was demolished in preparation for additional investigation, which took place in November 2011.

2011 Investigation Results

Ecology's contractor conducted soil and groundwater sampling at the Site to determine exactly where the contamination is located. Contamination from the leaking tanks includes gasoline, diesel, heavy oil, and some solvents. All contamination is above state cleanup levels.

In addition, an approximately 500-gallon capacity waste oil tank was discovered and remains under the surface at the site.

Comments Accepted

**March 15, 2012 through
April 16, 2012**

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Buena Post Office

770 Buena Road
Buena, WA
Phone: (509) 865-3097
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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=1937>

Facility/Site ID #: 93453337

Proposed Interim Action

Ecology considered several options for cleanup. The option preferred by Ecology is excavating the contaminated soil and hauling it by truck to a landfill for disposal. The Interim Action will take place this spring (2012).

The excavation will require heavy equipment on Site including a front-end loader, hydraulic excavator, bulldozer, or similar mobile equipment.

In addition, the remaining UST will be removed by a licensed contractor.

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 xylene.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and respond to all comments submitted in the comment period. Ecology will either respond to each commenter individually, or prepare a written responsiveness summary and send it to all commenters. A responsiveness summary is typically prepared if we receive a large volume of comments. If Ecology does prepare a responsiveness summary, it will also be placed on the website listed in the box on Page 1.

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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