

# Chevron 97502 Site



*Chevron 97502 cleanup site in Sedro-Woolley, May 2019*

## Comments accepted:

June 22 – July 21, 2020

## Submit comments:

**Online at** [www.bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron97502-Comments](http://www.bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron97502-Comments)

### Or by mail to:

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 WA Department of Ecology  
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## Document review options:

[www.bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron97502](http://www.bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron97502)

In consideration of public health and safety, Ecology cannot offer in-person review options at this time.

If you need document review assistance, please contact Ecology:

### Ian Fawley

Outreach Specialist  
[Ian.Fawley@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Ian.Fawley@ecy.wa.gov)  
 425-324-5901

## Site info:

Facility Site ID: 61112475  
 Site Cleanup ID: 6368

## Formal cleanup process beginning

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on an agreed order (legal agreement) and a public participation plan for the Chevron 97502 cleanup site (Site).

The Site is located at the corner of Ferry and Metcalf Streets in downtown Sedro-Woolley, WA. The City of Sedro-Woolley (City) currently owns the Site property. Chevron USA Inc. (Chevron) operated a service station at the Site from 1950 until 1991.

The legal agreement between Ecology, the City, and Chevron will require the City and Chevron to evaluate cleanup options and create a cleanup plan. A future legal agreement will require the City and Chevron to design and carry out the work described in the cleanup plan.

The following documents are available for review and comment:

- **Agreed Order:** legal agreement between Ecology, the City, and Chevron that requires the City and Chevron to characterize the Site (Remedial Investigation), evaluate cleanup options (Feasibility Study), and create a draft Cleanup Action Plan.
- **Public Participation Plan:** document that explains how people can participate in the cleanup process.

## Online public meeting

In consideration of public health and safety, Ecology will hold an online public meeting to provide more information and answer questions:

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

(Please plan to join 10 minutes before meeting to connect audio.)

## Pre-Meeting Registration and Information

- Visit Ecology's webpage for registration and login details: [www.bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron97502](http://www.bit.ly/Ecology-Chevron97502)
- Call Ian Fawley, Outreach Specialist, 425-324-5901, for dial-in options and other online meeting support.

## Location and background

The Chevron 97502 property is located at the northwest corner of Ferry and Metcalf streets in downtown Sedro-Woolley. The 0.21 acre property is currently owned by the City and has been in use as Hammer Heritage Park since 2005. The park is paved with concrete pavers and contains a gazebo, planters, and public restrooms. The park is the location of the Sedro-Woolley Farmers Market and other community events.

A gas station operated on the property from 1950 until 1991. Six underground storage tanks and three fuel pump islands were removed between 1991 and 1992 when the gas station was decommissioned.



*Aerial view of Chevron 97502 Site, July 2018*



*1960s picture of the Sedro-Woolley service station (then referred to as "Gateway Chevron Service") and the location of the current cleanup site. (Skagit River Journal)*

## Contamination

Past environmental investigations showed petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater that exceeded cleanup levels allowed under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA):

- Gasoline and diesel-range hydrocarbons
- Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX)

### En español

El Departamento de Ecología le invita a revisar y comentar acerca de los documentos para el sitio que está contaminado Chevron 97502 en Sedro-Woolley.

Si le gustaría recibir este documento en español, por favor llame a Gretchen Newman al 360-407-6097 o envíe un correo electrónico a [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov). Traducciones de avisos públicos para este sitio de limpieza se preparan bajo solicitud.

# Toxics Cleanup Program

## Previous cleanup work

As a part of the Site’s 1992 underground storage tank decommissioning, approximately 1,800 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed from the Site. Testing in 2007 found light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL or petroleum products that float on top of groundwater). Approximately 1,500 gallons of contaminated groundwater were removed by vacuum truck. A 2008 soil vapor investigation found soil vapor levels were below MTCA levels of concern. Groundwater was treated in 2009 and approximately 560 gallons of contaminated liquid were removed. Routine groundwater monitoring in 2013-2014 found that contaminated groundwater beneath the Site remains above MTCA cleanup levels established to protect human health and the environment.



Hammer Heritage Park, May 2019

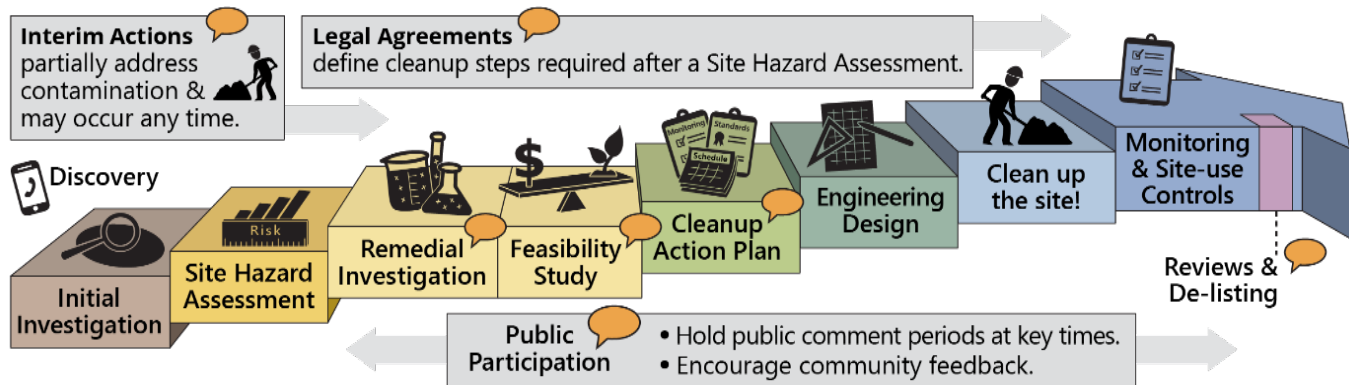
## Funding

The City is eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of remedial action costs from Ecology through the state’s Remedial Action Grant Program, which helps pay for the cleanup of publicly-owned sites. The Legislature funds the grant program with revenues from a tax on hazardous substances.

## Washington’s formal cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA; [Chapter 70.105D RCW](#)<sup>1</sup>) is Washington’s environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. Ecology enacts the MTCA and oversees cleanups.

The [MTCA site cleanup process](#)<sup>2</sup> is completed in steps (see graphic below) over a variable timeline.



## What happens next?

- **June 22 – July 21, 2020:** 30-day public comment period.
- **June 30, 2020; 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.:** Online public meeting.
- **2020:** Respond to comments, finalize documents, and begin remedial investigation/feasibility study.

<sup>1</sup> <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/publications/9406.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process>

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## Chevron 97502 Site Formal cleanup process beginning



*Aerial view of Chevron 97502 Site, July 2018*

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### Información en español incluida

**Accommodation Requests:** To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-255-4382 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.