

# Pasco Landfill cleanup: Recent groundwater contamination



The thermal treatment system for soil contamination in Zone A of the Pasco Landfill.

## Comments accepted:

5:00 p.m. November 20, 2024 –  
 11:59 p.m. January 20, 2025

## Submit comments

### Online:

[https://go.ecology.wa.gov/  
 CommentPascoLandfill](https://go.ecology.wa.gov/CommentPascoLandfill)

### Mail:

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## Review documents

### Online:

[https://go.ecology.wa.gov/  
 PascoLandfill](https://go.ecology.wa.gov/PascoLandfill)

### In print:

Please contact Erika Beresovoy  
 at [Erika.Beresovoy@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Erika.Beresovoy@ecy.wa.gov)  
 or 509-385-2290 to request  
 print documents.

## Site info

### Address:

Kahlotus Rd. & Hwy 12  
 Pasco, Franklin County

Facility Site ID: 575

Cleanup Site ID: 1910

## Amendment to legal order and cleanup plan ready for public review and comment

From April 2021 – June 2022, over 35,000 drums of hazardous waste were removed from Zone A (see map, Page 2) in the closed Pasco Landfill and taken to Grand View, Idaho, and Arlington, Oregon, for safe disposal. Since April 2024, underground thermal treatment has removed and destroyed about 9,100 pounds of chemicals from contaminated soil around the area where the drums were buried.

Recently, some chemicals being removed from the treatment process were not fully captured by the system and traveled to groundwater. Groundwater is not a source of drinking water in the area, and people are not currently at risk. Increased chemical recovery in Zone A is underway to correct this situation.

### You are invited to review and comment on the amended Enforcement Order to address groundwater contamination.

Ecology is requiring the parties responsible for cleanup to:

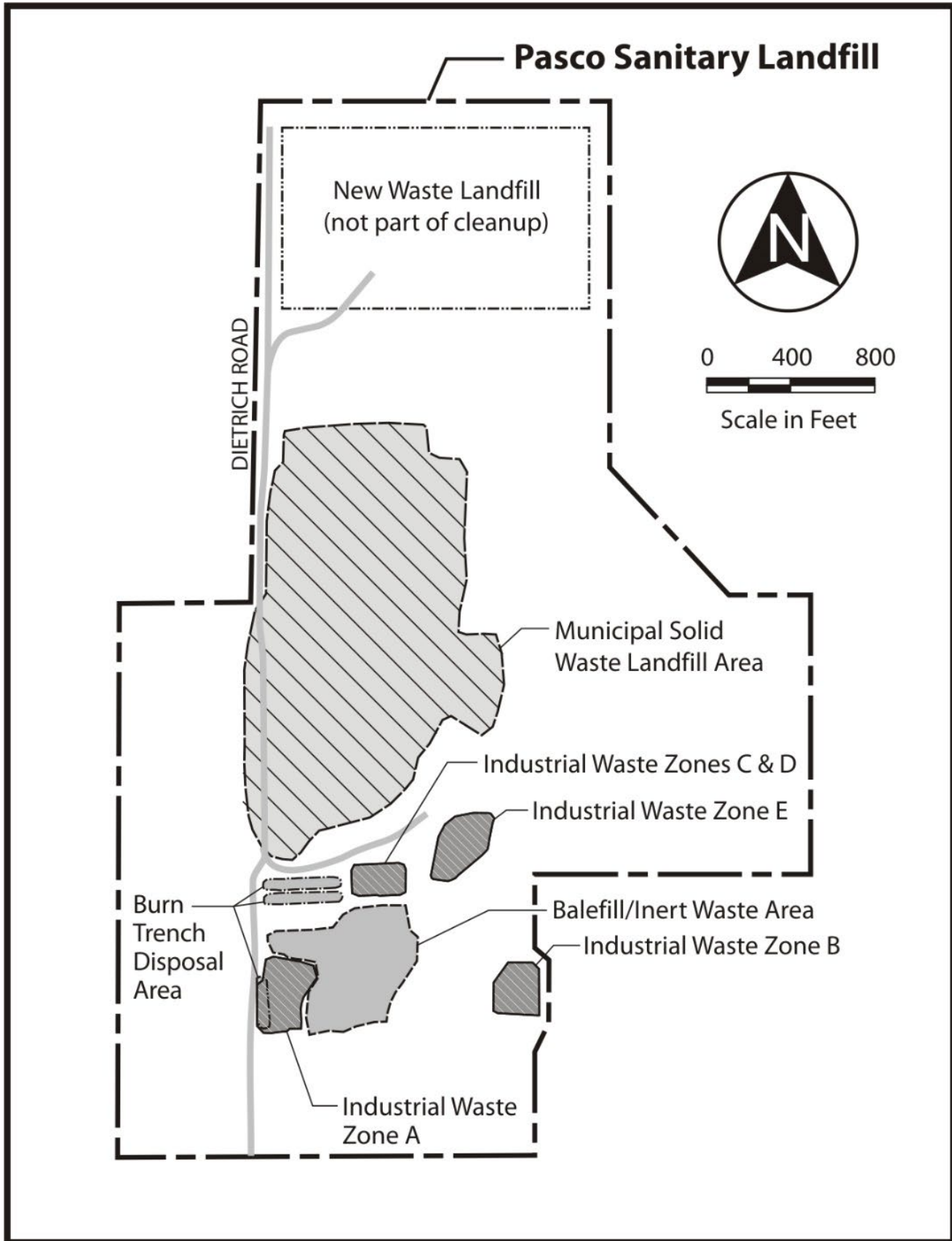
- Increase groundwater monitoring and treat the recent groundwater contamination to contain it
- Protect air quality in nearby buildings by assessing whether contaminant levels in groundwater could cause unsafe levels of contaminants to build up indoors

The amended Enforcement Order includes the Cleanup Action Plan and scope of work and schedule for completing the new activities.

## Next steps

The Enforcement Order amendment went into effect November 20, the day we issued it. The parties responsible for cleanup have already begun the required work to address the situation as quickly as possible. We are working closely with them to ensure public safety.

We planned a 60-day comment period to allow people more than 30 days to respond after the community receives this notice in the mail. We will hold a public meeting if 10 or more people request it.



Zone A is in the southern part of the Pasco Landfill. Groundwater generally flows to the southwest.

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## Pasco Landfill cleanup: Addressing recent groundwater contamination

### Amendment to legal order and cleanup plan ready for public review and comment

You are invited to review and comment on amendments to the 2019 Enforcement Order, Cleanup Action Plan, and scope of work and schedule for the Pasco Landfill. The amendments require the parties responsible for cleanup to address recent groundwater contamination that was released during soil treatment following the 2022 removal of over 35,000 drums of hazardous waste.

### Public Comment Period

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