

# CORNER EXPRESS (TEXACO) EMERGENCY ENFORCEMENT ORDER



The Washington State Department of Ecology has issued Emergency Enforcement Order No. 00TCPER-1901 to Mr. Marvin Bain, the owner and operator of the Corner Express (Texaco) in the City of Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington. Mr. Bain has been identified as the potentially liable person (PLP) for the Site. The Order was issued to him under the authority of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA RCW 70.105D) and requires remedial actions to be taken at the Corner Express (Site).

The Site is located at 1131 Morgan Street (southwest corner of Morgan Street, [Highway 2], and 12<sup>th</sup> Street) in Davenport. It is bounded by Morgan Street on the north and 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the west. The Corner Express operated as a retail gasoline station until it was closed for business in July, 2000.

Ecology has determined the underground storage tank (UST) system at the Site was not properly closed as provided for under Chapter 90.76 RCW and Chapter 173-360 WAC. The UST system is a likely source of gasoline, as free product, that was discovered in a groundwater monitoring well immediately downgradient from the Site.

The Order requires Marvin Bain to provide for the proper inspection of each of the USTs and the removal of any remaining product from the tanks. The Order also provides for the completion of a Site Assessment to identify the source of any release. A written report is to be provided to Ecology documenting the work completed under the Order.

Ecology invites the public to review and comment on the Emergency Enforcement Order from **December 29, 2000 through January 29, 2001**. The shaded box on the right provides information where documents may be reviewed and comments submitted.

## **SITE BACKGROUND**

There are five underground storage tanks at this Site. In certified letters dated June 26 and July 20, 2000, Ecology advised Marvin Bain of specific non-compliance issues regarding these tanks. In these letters, Ecology provided a Notice of Correction and a Compliance Schedule for the tanks to be brought into compliance. Ecology received no response. Among the non-compliance issues, an Ecology inspector noted violations related to the leak detection systems for the piping and the tanks.

## **FACT SHEET: DECEMBER 2000**

### **REPOSITORIES: (For document review)**

**Davenport Public Library  
411 Morgan  
Davenport, WA  
(See page 2 for hours)**

**WA Department of Ecology  
Eastern Regional Office  
4601 N. Monroe  
Spokane, WA 99205-1295**

### **Questions and Submission of Written Comments:**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:  
December 29, 2000 through  
January 29, 2001.**

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In December 2000 Ecology learned of the discovery of gasoline, as free product, in a groundwater monitoring well located less than 100 feet to the north and hydraulically downgradient of the Site. This well had been installed as part of a Remedial Investigation at Priceless Gas, a former retail gasoline station directly north of Corner Express. The characteristics of the gasoline discovered in the well led Ecology to determine that the Corner Express Site is a likely source of the contamination.

The discovery of gasoline in the groundwater and lack of information regarding the current status of the underground storage tanks represents a significant threat to human health and the environment. The Order is intended to ensure that any continuing threat is addressed in a timely manner.

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Any gasoline that exists as free product in the groundwater will be recovered and appropriate measures to control the movement of contamination off-site will be taken. Following this initial response a Remedial Investigation will be initiated to determine, in part, the extent of the contamination and to develop information to be used in selecting an appropriate cleanup strategy.

### **HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?**

- ◆ **Review** the Emergency Enforcement Order for the Corner Express (Texaco) Site.

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

You may review documents in the Davenport Library during regular hours:  
Monday 2-5 p.m.;  
Wednesday 10:30–11:30 a.m. and 2-5 p.m.;  
Thursday 7-9 p.m. and  
Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

- ◆ Send in your written comments **December 29, 2000 through January 29, 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.**

Ecology will review all written comments received on the Enforcement Order. A Responsiveness Summary of the comments and answers to questions will be prepared, if appropriate, and made available at the information repositories listed in the shaded box on page one