Brown Boys Feed Kittitas County



Emergency Enforcement Order for Emergency Removal and RI/FS Proposed

An Emergency Enforcement Order issued by the Washington Department of Ecology names the Brown Brothers as responsible for immediately cleaning up diesel contaminated soil at the Brown Boys Feed silage operation on Old Vantage Road in Kittitas County. The Emergency Enforcement Order is issued in accordance with the Model Toxics Control (MTCA) and other applicable laws and regulations to ensure that immediate cleanup activities and possible site investigation are conducted in a timely manner to mitigate immediate threats to human health and the environment.

Your comments on the proposed Emergency Enforcement Order are welcome between January 7, 2002 and February 6, 2002. The box to the right provides information about where to review the documents as well as where to submit comments.

Site Background

On August 9, 2001, the Department of Ecology responded to a report from the Washington State Patrol that six to eight tanker truck loads of untaxed red diesel fuel had been dumped on the ground at a silage site in Kittitas County. During the site visit spill responders observed a diesel release next to an aboveground storage tank and that equipment at the site was

being used to cover the release with dirt and silage. Results from analysis of soil samples confirmed the presence of #2 diesel in the soil.

On August 24, 2001, Brown Brothers was contacted by Ecology's Toxic Cleanup Program regarding their intentions to immediately remediate the spill. At that time, Brown Brothers said they intended to clean up the site as soon as possible and would hire a consultant. A consultant was hired; however cleanup at the site did not occur. On November 8, 2001, Brown Brothers informed Ecology that they did not know when they would decide to conduct the cleanup.

What is Being Done?

The Emergency Enforcement Order requires Brown Boys Feed and Brown Brothers to conduct an emergency removal of diesel contaminated soil. The emergency removal will mitigate imminent threats to human health and the environment. If, after the emergency removal is completed, contaminated soil is left at the site or groundwater contamination is found at the Brown Boys Feed site a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) will be conducted.

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Public Comment Period:

January 7, 2002 to February 6, 2002

Documents are available for public review at:

Ecology Central Regional Office address listed above

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The Remedial Investigation will determine the nature, extent, and magnitude of the remaining site contamination. If groundwater contamination is confirmed, interim actions may be conducted to stop the off-site migration of contaminated groundwater, and to remove the source.

The Feasibility Study will evaluate other site cleanup alternatives. Ecology will oversee the project to ensure that all terms of the Enforcement Order are satisfied.

What Happens Next?

Public comment on the Emergency Enforcement Order will be considered and the Order may be modified, if necessary, based on the comments received. The work for the emergency removal should be completed in the spring of 2002. Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study should be completed by fall 2002. Results of the RI/FS will guide selection of the final, detailed cleanup action, which will be conducted under a separate legal agreement. Further formal public comment opportunities will occur after completion of the emergency removal and after the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study is completed with a draft Cleanup Action Plan.

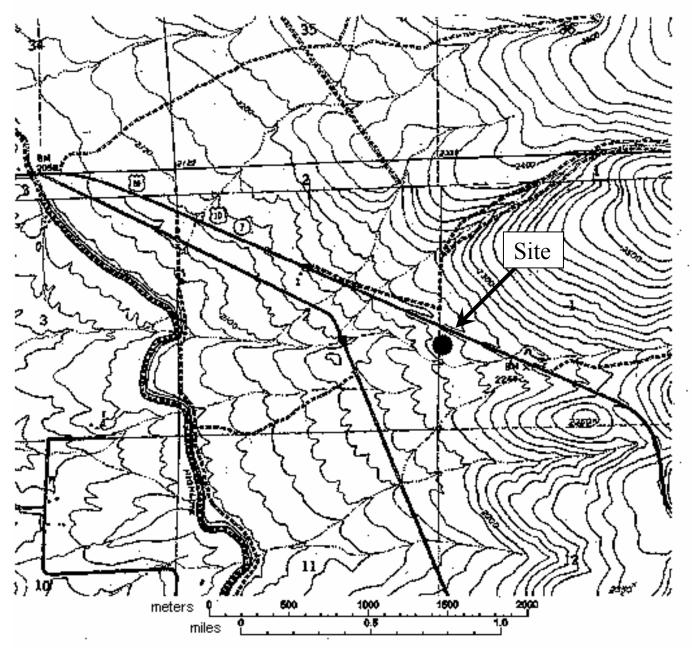
Ecology Wants Your Comments!

You are invited to review and comment on the Emergency Enforcement Order through **February 6, 2002**. The public comment period presents an opportunity to have your ideas and comments heard by Ecology. Copies of the Emergency Enforcement Order and other information are available at the locations listed in the box on page one. To review more detailed site documents, contact Ecology's Central Regional Office records center at (509) 454-7658 to schedule an appointment.

You are encouraged to submit your written comments to Brian T. Deeken, Project Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box on page one. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received, and may revise the Emergency Enforcement Order. Updates of the site activities will be provided to those who submit comments or request to be placed on the site mailing list (if you received this fact sheet from Ecology, you are already on the site mailing list).

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Brown Boys Feed Site Location Map



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