

# Wondrack (Ellensburg) Kittitas County - Update



## Draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Submitted; Public Review/Comment Period Open

This is a Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) update of progress at the Wondrack site in Ellensburg, Washington.

Ecology and the Chevron Products Company signed an Agreed Order on June 12, 2002 to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater at the Wondrack property.

The site investigation was completed in April 2003, by Delta Environmental (Delta). The draft RI/FS was written and submitted by SAIC, Chevron's new consultant, on August 26, 2003.

### Site Background

The site is located in Ellensburg at the northwest corner of 15th and Water Streets. The Chevron Oil Company owned and operated the bulk fuel distribution plant there until about 1980. The plant has not operated for about 15 years. The site is presently owned by Mr. Joseph Wondrack.

Three feet of contaminated hydrocarbon soils were found in Water Street in the fall of 1995 during trenching for a new city sewer line. Subsequent sampling in the spring of 1997 by the Kittitas County Health Department found up to six feet of aged hydrocarbons in the Wondrack property soils. Based on soil analyses,

Ecology scored the site by the Washington Ranking Method, a score of one being the greatest potential risk for human health and the environment, and five being the lowest. The site scored a "2".

### What has been done recently?

In 1997, Delta installed eight monitoring wells to sample groundwater. Low concentrations of diesel, gasoline, Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes were found.

Since the June 12, 2002 Agreed Order, Delta worked with the City of Ellensburg during 15th Street resurfacing. Delta sampled at various depths in the street. Delta also sampled soils on the Wondrack property and on residential properties on the south side of 15th Street. Delta also installed and sampled four additional monitoring wells on the south side of 15th Street.

The investigation found contamination on the Wondrack property and under 15th Street, and very low concentrations of hydrocarbons under the south 15th Street residences.

The Feasibility Study that accompanied the Remedial Investigation discusses three options that the consultant believes are worth consideration for site cleanup.

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### Public Comment Period:

September 5, 2003 to October 5,  
2003

Documents are available for  
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The three include: (1) hotspot excavation and on-site soil treatment; (2) hotspot excavation and off-site soil treatment; and (3) containment.

Discussed with each option were: protectiveness, permanence, cost, long-term effectiveness, management of short-term risks, and ability to implement technically and administratively. Consideration of public concerns were to be addressed after the public comment period.

### **What comes next?**

When Ecology has reviewed and incorporated public comments into the Draft RI/FS, SAIC will complete a Final RI/FS. When it is accepted by Ecology, SAIC will write and submit to Ecology a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP).

Ecology and the public will have an opportunity to review this CAP and after this review, Ecology will select the most appropriate and effective cleanup action for the site. Chevron's consultant will then implement the CAP.

### **Ecology would like your comments on the draft RI/FS**

Copies of the draft RI/FS are available for public review at the Ellensburg Public Library at 209 North Ruby in Ellensburg, and at the Washington State Department of Ecology Central Regional Office at 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902.

Written comments on the draft RI/FS will be accepted from September 5, 2003 to October 5, 2003. Written comments should be sent to Richard Bassett, Ecology Site Manager, at Ecology's Central Regional Office address found in the box on page one or e-mailed to him at [rbas461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:rbas461@ecy.wa.gov).