

# PRICELESS GAS SITE



## ENFORCEMENT ORDER, DRAFT CLEANUP ACTION PLAN and SEPA DNS

The Washington State Department of Ecology invites the public to review and comment on an Enforcement Order for a Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP) and State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance (SEPA DNS) for cleanup activities at the Priceless Gas site. The site is located in the city of Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington.

An Enforcement Order (Order) is being issued by Ecology to Merit Truck Stop, Inc., (Merit) under the authority of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCRA RCW 70.105D). Under this Order, Ecology directs certain cleanup actions be completed to address petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater at the former Priceless Gas site. The DCAP selects the cleanup actions that will be implemented at the site and outlines other requirements necessary to complete the work.

Ecology is also proposing to issue a SEPA DNS. The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA, Chapter 197-11 WAC) requires governmental agencies to consider potential environmental impacts of a project before making decisions. After review of the completed environmental checklist and other site specific information on file,

Ecology (as the lead agency) has determined that the cleanup of site-related petroleum products will not have a probable adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS).

The Order, DCAP and SEPA DNS may be reviewed at the repositories listed in the shaded box on the right. The box also indicates where comments may be sent and additional information obtained.

**Public comments will be accepted April 24, 2003 through May 23, 2003.** These documents will become final after the 30-day comment period. If ten or more persons request a public meeting on the Order, DCAP and SEPA DNS, Ecology will hold a meeting to receive comments.

### SITE BACKGROUND

The former Priceless Gas site is located at 1110 Morgan Street in Davenport, approximately 30 miles west of Spokane. The site is located on the northwest corner of Morgan Street (Highway 2) and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. It is bounded by Morgan Street on the south and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on the east (See Site Map, Figure 1).

The Priceless Gas facility was used as a retail gas station and

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convenience store until June 1998, when the four underground storage tanks (UST) were closed. Merit Truck Stop, Inc., /F.O.F. Inc., was the operator of the facility. On November 13, 1998, Ecology's Emergency Spill Response Team responded to a call from the owner of a home located directly north of the Priceless Gas facility. The homeowner was concerned with an apparent gasoline odor in his home and stated that gasoline contaminated water was seeping through the rock wall of his basement.

Follow-up investigations confirmed that there had been a release(s) from the UST system. It was also determined that the Priceless Gas site was a source of the gasoline contaminated groundwater that was getting into the homeowner's basement.

As part of an independent action, between December 1998 and January 1999, Merit provided for the decommissioning and removal of all of the USTs, the dispensers, and associated product piping. Petroleum contaminated soil was also removed from the site.

Ecology also issued an Enforcement Order in 1999 that required Merit to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) in response to the release(s) at the Priceless Gas site.

The Remedial Investigation, along with earlier interim actions, included: the installation of seventeen soil borings, ten of which were developed into monitoring wells; four separate tank excavations; approximately ten backhoe trenches; soil sampling from each of the trenches, soil borings and tank excavations; groundwater sampling from the tank excavations and each of the monitoring wells; and removal of approximately 700 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil.

The Final RI/FS Report identified petroleum contaminated soils and contaminated groundwater associated with a release(s) from the Priceless Gas site. The report also reviewed selected cleanup options. Ecology's evaluation and selected cleanup actions are documented in the DCAP. The proposed actions include:

- Recovery of any gasoline found on the groundwater;
- Installation of a trench for the purposes of intercepting and treating groundwater;
- Removal of petroleum contaminated soils encountered during site work;
- Backfilling of excavated areas with clean backfill;
- Using institutional controls to control access and potential exposure to

contaminated soils/groundwater;

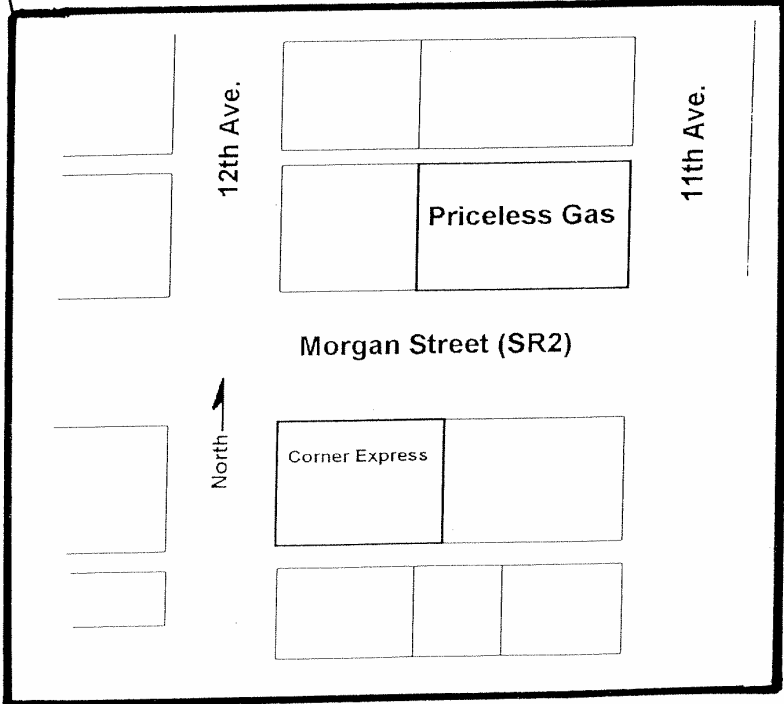
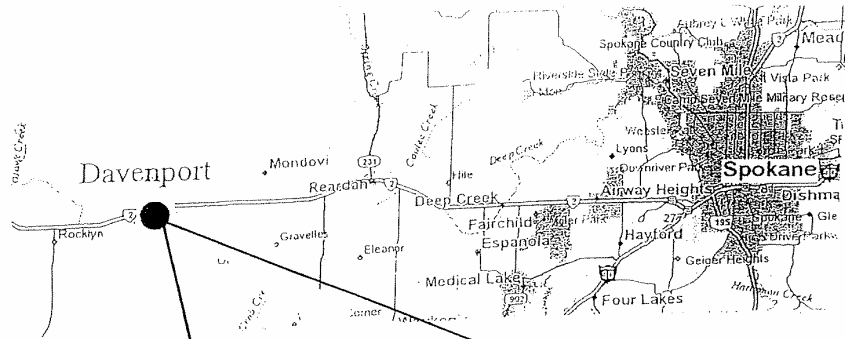
- Long-term groundwater monitoring at existing monitor well locations; and
- Grading and compacting of soils.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

At the end of the comment period for the Order, Draft Cleanup Action Plan and SEPA DNS, Ecology will consider all comments received and incorporate changes, if appropriate. A Responsiveness Summary may be prepared to answer written comments, if applicable.

## HOW YOU MAY BE INVOLVED

- ◆ **REVIEW** the Enforcement Order, Draft Cleanup Action Plan and SEPA DNS at the repository locations listed in the box on page one.
- ◆ **SEND** in your written comments **April 24, 2003 through May 23, 2003** to: Michael Boatsman, Site Manager at Ecology (see box on page one for details).
- ◆ **SHARE** this information with any individuals or groups you think should be informed about the site.



**FIGURE 1. SITE MAP**