

Wondrack (Ellensburg) Kittitas County



Draft Cleanup Action Plan Submitted for Review and Comment

The Department of Ecology is asking the public to comment on a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP). The draft CAP is a plan for the cleanup of the Wondrack (Ellensburg) site.

Your comments on the draft CAP are welcome through September 7, 2004. The box at the right gives information about where to review the documents as well as where to submit concerns.

Site Background

The site is located at the northwest corner of 15th and Water Streets in Ellensburg. The Chevron Oil Company (Chevron) owned/operated this bulk fuel distribution site until 1980. The site is presently owned by Mr. Joseph Wondrack. The site has not been operated for about 20 years.

Three feet of aged hydrocarbon soils were found in Water Street in the fall of 1996 during trenching for a new city sewer line. Subsequent sampling in 1997 on the Wondrack property by the Kittitas County Health Department under contract to Ecology found up to six feet of aged hydrocarbons. Based on soil analyses, Ecology scored the site by the Washington Ranking Method, one being the greatest potential risk to human health and the environment, and five being the lowest. The site scored a "2".

Since 1997, the Chevron Products Company had a consultant install eight monitoring wells to analyze groundwater quality. Groundwater analyses found low levels of diesel, gasoline, and BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes).

Agreed Order for an RI/FS signed and completed

An Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) between Ecology and the Chevron Products Company was signed in June 2002. The RI/FS field work was completed in August 2003. The Final RI/FS report was accepted by Ecology in July 2004.

Street field samples were taken in the summer of 2003 while the City of Ellensburg resurfaced 15th Street. The aged hydrocarbon soil plume was found to extend from the Wondrack property south to the sidewalks on the south side of 15th Street. Gasoline, diesel, kerosene, lube oil, and BTEX were found throughout the Wondrack property and in a defined soil plume under 15th Street and sidewalks.

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Public Comment Period:

August 6, 2004 to
September 7, 2004

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What is Being Done Now?

Chevron's consultant (SAIC) has submitted a draft CAP for Ecology and public review. They have proposed to excavate and haul about 3,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil to an off-site permitted landfill during three weeks of November and December 2004 (11/29/04-12/17/04).

To gauge cleanup success, Chevron has also agreed to install two new monitoring wells after excavation. Chevron will quarterly sample and analyze the groundwater quality of these two wells for a year. Chevron will also quarterly sample and analyze other existing downgradient wells and one upgradient well for a year after the cleanup. Based on the quarterly groundwater sample results from these wells, a No Further Action determination for the site may be given in 2006 by Ecology.

How can you be involved?

You are invited to review and submit written comments on the draft CAP. The 30-day public comment period will run from August 6, 2004 to September 7, 2004. Ecology will respond in writing to all written comments received.