

# SOUTH WILBUR PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION SITE DRAFT CONSENT DECREE



## Agreement Proposed for Petroleum Cleanup

The Washington State Department of Ecology is proposing to enter into a Consent Decree with Lincoln County. The decree is a legal document that formalizes the agreement between Ecology and Lincoln County to clean up petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater at the South Wilbur site. It also ensures the cleanup will proceed in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Contamination at the site is a result of fueling activities that have taken place since the early 1930s. The site is located in the city of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington (Fig. 1).

## Documents for Review

You are invited to review and submit comments on the Consent Decree **September 30, 2004 through October 29, 2004**. See the box at the right for locations to review documents and send comments.

## Site Background

The site consists of three properties located near the intersection of Front Avenue and Anne Street, south of downtown Wilbur. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Lincoln County Maintenance Facilities have both been in operation since the early 1930s;

however, the WSDOT facility was closed in 1996. The former Lincoln Mutual #3 fueling station operated from the 1960s through the 1980s. These parties have been identified as responsible parties for contamination at the site. However, Lincoln Mutual #3 and WSDOT have declined to sign the Consent Decree.

## Contamination Discovered, Investigations and Work Begin

Contamination was first discovered by WSDOT during site assessments in June 1995. The assessments were part of a standard procedure necessary to close the facility. Soil sampling conducted as part of the assessments showed petroleum contamination; therefore, additional investigations were recommended.

WSDOT completed three phases of work:

- installation of four groundwater monitoring wells on their property;
- installation of three additional monitoring wells upgradient on the Lincoln County property; and
- installation of 18 temporary boreholes further upgradient.

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*Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website:*  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites\\_information.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html)  
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