

Chevron Bulk Plant, Morton Wolfe & Parks Site



Interim Cleanup Action Starts Soon

Clean up of some contaminated soils at the Wolfe and Parks site, formerly known as the Chevron Bulk Plant, will soon be underway. The specific interim clean up action will include removal of approximately 1,000 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil to an approved landfill. Once the soil is removed, the excavation will be backfilled with clean soil as needed by the current property owners.

This soil removal is an interim cleanup action to prepare the site for placement of an historic train depot. Completion of this interim cleanup action and placement of the train depot is scheduled for mid-October, 2005. Additional cleanup actions may occur in the future at other locations on the site.

Removal of the contaminated soil is consistent with an enforcement order (Order #DE 03TCPSR-5715) between the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and Chevron Texaco, Dana and Diana Wolfe, and Janet Parks. The order was signed in January 2004 and issued in compliance with the state Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D).

Removal of the contaminated soil is described below in more detail. Please see the right hand column (box) for details on where you may view the work plan for removing

the contaminated soil and other relevant documents, and who to contact for more information.

Site background

The Wolfe and Parks site is located at 149 and 167 Main Avenue, Morton (see location map in this update). The one-acre site was once a Standard Oil (now Chevron Texaco) bulk fuel storage plant, with a warehouse, fuel storage tanks and associated piping.

Dana and Diana Wolfe and Janet Parks once owned the two parcels where the bulk fuel storage facility existed. In June 2005, the Cowlitz River Valley Historical Society (CRVHS) acquired the eastern parcel of the former terminal site from Dana and Diana Wolfe. CRVHS also plans to acquire the southeastern portion of the western parcel owned by Janet Parks.

The CRVHS plans to develop the property as a tourist attraction featuring a renovated historical railway depot. Plans call for an existing partially-restored depot building to be moved onto the site mid-October, 2005. Future development plans for the property include construction of a parking area, museum, and restrooms.

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Questions & comments should be directed to:

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You may review the work plan and other documents at the following locations:


Centralia College East
701 Airport Way
Morton, WA 98356
(360) 496-5022, ext. 0

WA Department of Ecology
SWRO Toxics Cleanup Program
300 Desmond Drive
Lacey, WA 98504-7106
(360) 407-6365
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Web Sites

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/chev_morton/chev_morton.html

www.ecy.wa.gov, "Public Events Calendar"

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The Lewis County Health Department conducted an initial site investigation in May 2003. Sampling of the soil confirmed there was petroleum contamination and clean up was needed before the site could be developed.

The January 2004 enforcement order requires Chevron Texaco, Wolfe, and Parks to conduct a remedial investigation of the petroleum contamination, and conduct a feasibility study of clean up alternatives for the site.

Remedial investigation activities began in May 2004. Soil and groundwater sampling locations were selected. Thirty nine soil borings were taken and twelve monitoring wells were installed. Quarterly sampling of the wells was done October 2004 through July 2005. Contaminants of potential concern found in the borings and groundwater samples include gasoline-range hydrocarbons, oil-range hydrocarbons, and BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and xylene) compounds. This information is contained in a brief summary available at the information repositories listed on the front of this sheet.

The remedial investigation for the whole site is scheduled for completion December 2005 and will be made available for public review and comment.

Interim Cleanup Action: What is being done?

The soil and groundwater investigation for the part of the property where the train depot will be placed is complete. A brief summary of the soil and groundwater investigation is available for your review at the locations listed on the front of this sheet.

Figure X (attached) shows the location of soils to be removed and the future refurbished train depot. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soil will be excavated from the site. The soil will be hauled by truck to Waste Management's Roosevelt Landfill in eastern Washington.

The removal of contaminated soil will be performed now rather than after the placement of the train depot, since placement of the train depot will make the soil more difficult and costly to remove at a later date. According to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-430, an interim cleanup action may occur any time during a site cleanup process. An interim action may be done to clean up contamination which may cost substantially more to clean up later.

Status of Feasibility Study and Cleanup Action Plan (CAP)

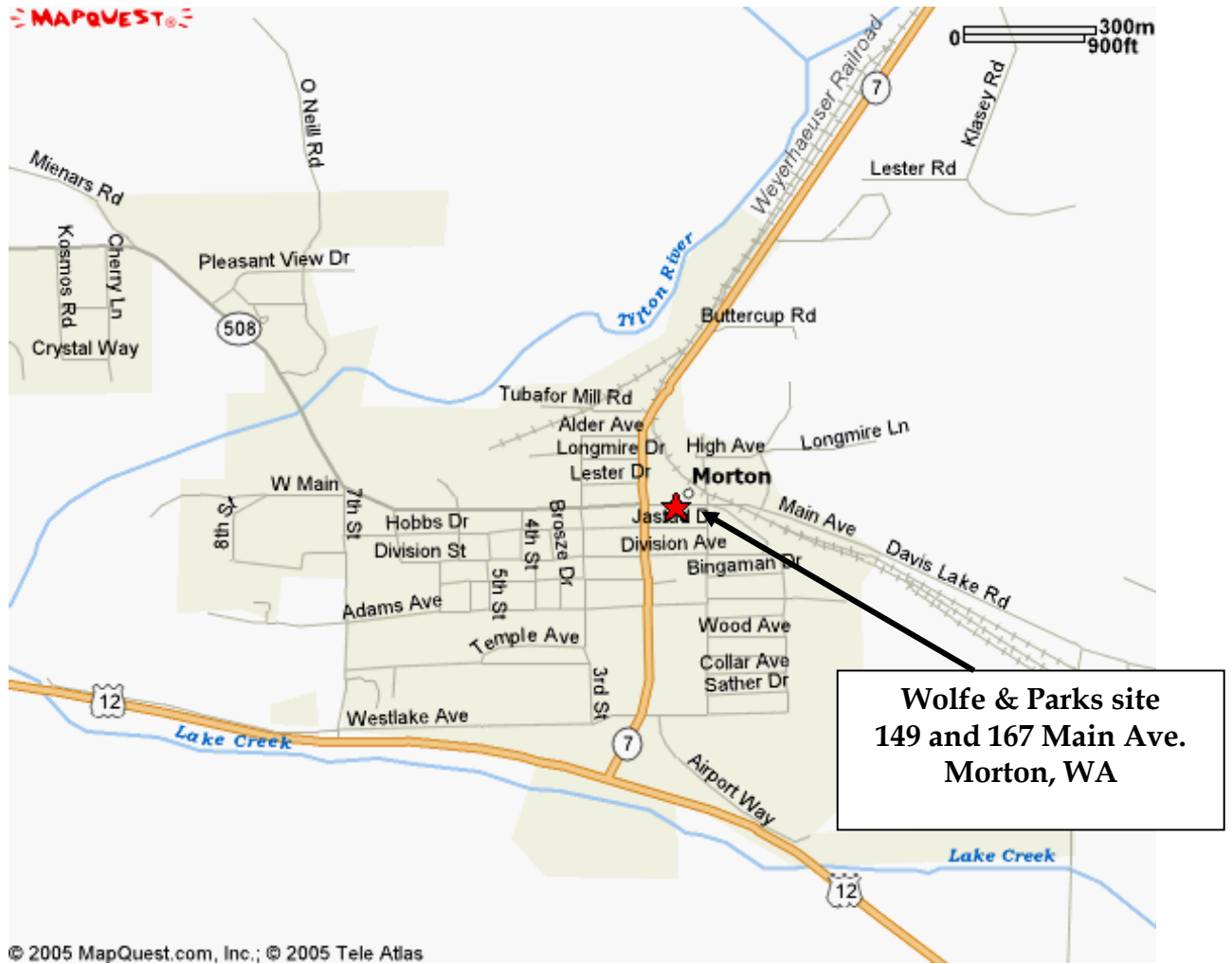
The draft feasibility study and draft cleanup action plan for the whole site should be ready for public review and comment April 2006. Once these documents are reviewed by Ecology and the public, a final cleanup action plan will be developed in compliance with the enforcement order.

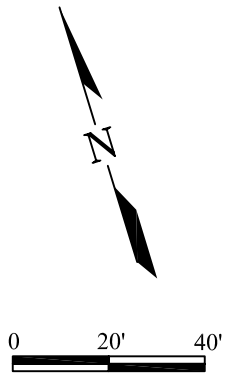
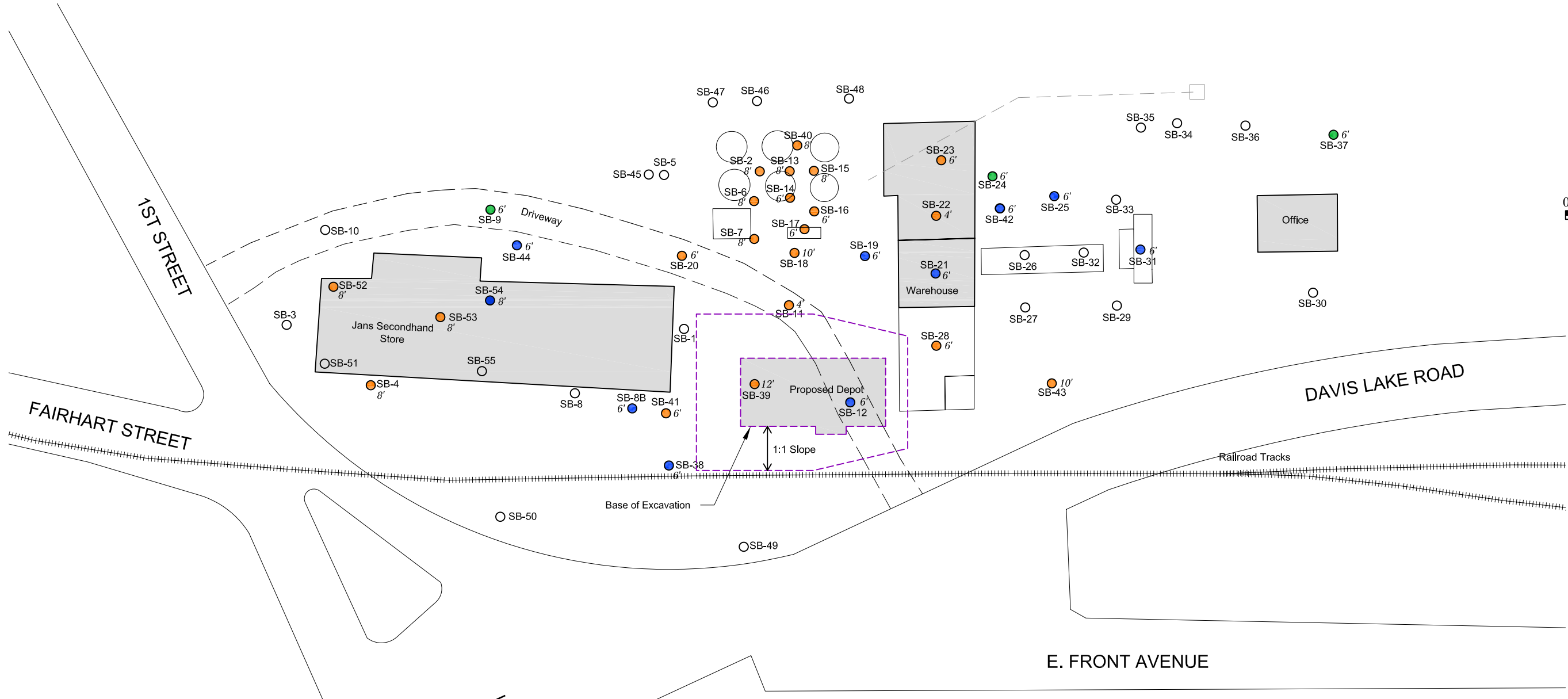
Ecology wants to keep you informed

Please contact Guy Barrett, Ecology's site manager, at (360) 407-7115 or Gbar461@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or concerns regarding the removal of contaminated soil from the Wolfe and Parks site.

Ecology is providing you this update so you are well informed regarding the Wolfe and Parks project. If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, or have suggestions on how to keep the Morton community informed, please contact Cedar Bouta, Ecology's public involvement coordinator, at (360) 407-6245 or Cebo461@ecy.wa.gov.

Location Map





LEGEND:

GASOLINE - RANGE HYDROCARBON CONCENTRATIONS (mg/kg)

- < 30
- 30-60 (2x)
- 60-300 (50x)
- 300-3000 (100x)
- > 3000

6' APPROXIMATE DEPTH TO BASE OF CONTAMINATION

MTCA METHOD A CLEANUP LEVEL = 30 mg/kg

HISTORIC STRUCTURE
 CURRENT STRUCTURE
 PROPOSED STRUCTURE
 EXCAVATION LIMITS



FORMER BULK TERMINAL
NO. 30-2095
149 AND 167 MAIN AVENUE
MORTON, WASHINGTON

FIGURE X
SHEET TITLE 1
SHEET TITLE 2

FILE NAME: 302095-Depot.dwg DATE: 07/22/2005