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# **PEDERSEN PROPERTY SITE, 419 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Montesano, WA**

## **Agreed Order For Access to Conduct a Remedial Investigation is Proposed**

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The Washington State Department of Ecology and the Jeffrey A. Pedersen Credit Trust have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW) order for the Trust (Owner) to provide access to Ecology so that Ecology can conduct a Remedial Investigation of the Property. The agreed order is a legal document agreed to between Ecology and potentially liable persons (PLPs), to ensure that proposed activities are conducted in a timely way, in agreement with MTCA and other applicable laws and regulations.

Your comments on this proposed agreed order are welcome through October 30, 2006. The box to the right provides information about where to review the agreed order, as well as where to submit comments.

### **Site Background**

The Pedersen Property site is located at 419 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Montesano, WA. Use of the property has included service stations that sold gasoline and diesel fuels, bulk petroleum product storage and dispensing to delivery trucks, and an auto repair shop. As a result of activities on the site, soil and groundwater have been polluted with petroleum hydrocarbons. These contaminants pose a threat to human health and the environment.

The Grays Harbor County Assessors Office lists The Trust as the owner of the Pederson Property. According to an Initial Investigation performed by Ecology in May 2003, petroleum hydrocarbons have been released to soils and groundwater at the Pederson Property. Ecology completed a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) for the Site, and by letter dated July 26, 2004, informed The Trust that the SHA resulted in a ranking of 1 for the Site.

## **September 2006**

**The public comment period is:  
September 30 through October 30, 2006**

**Please direct your questions and comments to:**

**Marv Coleman, Site Manager**  
SWRO Toxics Cleanup Program  
PO Box 47775  
Olympia, WA 98504-7775  
(360) 407-6259 (voice)  
(360) 407-6306 (TDD)  
E-mail: [MCOL461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:MCOL461@ecy.wa.gov)

**You may view documents at the following locations:**

**W.H. Abel Library**  
7125 Main Street South  
Montesano, WA 98563  
(Phone) 360-249-4211

**Montesano City Hall**  
112 North Main  
Montesano, WA 98563  
(Phone) 360-249-3939

**WA State Department of Ecology**  
Southwest Regional Office  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
300 Desmond Dr.  
Lacey, WA 98503  
(Phone) 360-407-6365  
(E-mail) [Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Lkoz461@ecy.wa.gov)

### **Ecology web sites:**

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pedersen/pedersen\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/pedersen/pedersen_hp.htm)

[www.ecy.wa.gov](http://www.ecy.wa.gov) then click on "Public Events Calendar"

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Ranking ranges from 1 to 5, with 1 representing the highest relative risk and 5 the lowest relative risk. This type of contamination represents a threat to human health and the environment. Current use of the property is as an automobile repair facility by Montesano Brake and Muffler. Based on the investigation and as attested to by the trust, the assets of the trust are limited and consist primarily of an income of \$900.00 per month for rent for the property located at 419 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Montesano, WA.

Due to the limited resources available in the trust and Ecology's concern that expedited action should be taken to determine the scope and nature of contamination at the site, Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest to utilize state funds available through the Clean Sites Initiative to undertake a Remedial Investigation of the site. Ecology will develop a scope of work to define the work to be done and will then utilize firms that are under contract to Ecology to perform the work. The remedial investigation is expected to result in a Feasibility Study that will describe remedial action options that apply to the site. This study will also recommend a preferred option for cleanup. Depending upon the findings of the Feasibility Study, decisions will then be made concerning how the cleanup will proceed.

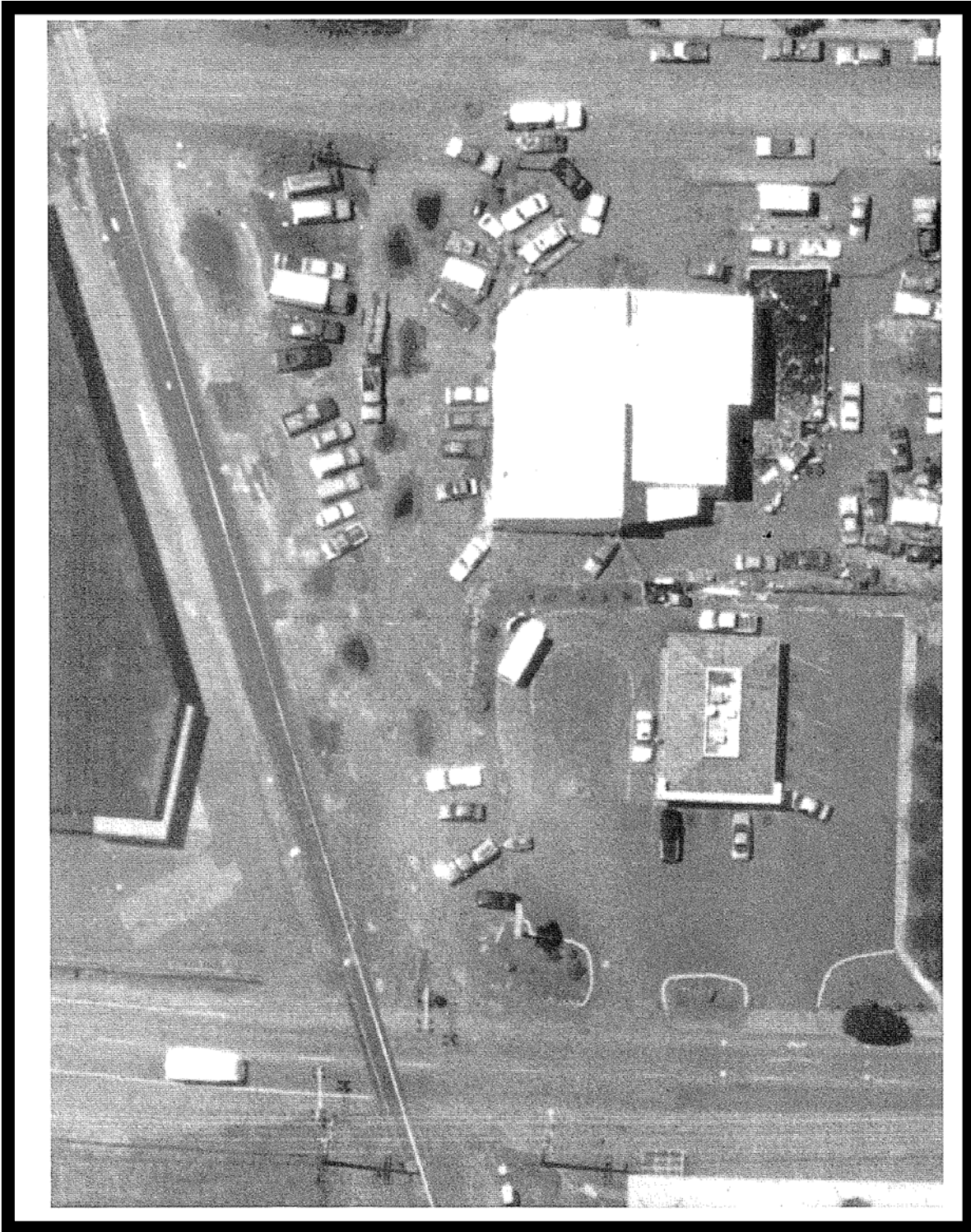
Ecology reserves its right to place a lien on the Site property consistent with Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5449, passed in the 2005 legislative session. Ecology may file a lien against property in order to recover Ecology's investigative and remedial action costs when Ecology is unable to recover these costs from a liable party. For more information regarding this new law, see:  
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/billinfo1/dspBillSummary.cfm?billnumber=5449>.

### **What Happens Next?**

Public comment on the agreed order will be considered and the order may be modified, if necessary, based on the comments received. When the results of an RI/FS are completed, a notice of its availability will be published in Ecology's Site Register publication. Further formal public comment opportunities will occur after the remedial investigation/feasibility study is completed and the cleanup action plan is developed.

### **Ecology Wants Your Comments!**

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed agreed order through **October 30, 2006**. The public comment period presents an opportunity to have your ideas and comments heard by Ecology. Information repositories, which include the agreed order, have been set up at the locations listed in the box on page one. To review more detailed site documents than those in the information repositories, contact Ecology's Southwest Regional Office records center at (360) 407-6365 to schedule an appointment.



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