

Draft Interim Action Plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, and Public Participation Plan available for public review and comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the Former Darrington Exxon, located at 1025 Darrington Street, Darrington, WA 98241.

The Former Darrington Exxon property historically had been used as a gas station since 1978. Ecology records indicate that the underground storage tanks (UST) site was last registered and operated in 1986. The site was abandoned in 1997. In 1999 the gas station was declared a derelict site under Darrington Town Law. The building and pumps were removed from the parcel by the Town of Darrington. Up to eleven underground storage tanks still remain on the property. Based upon available funding Ecology is proposing an interim action plan to remove the underground storage tanks, clean up potentially contaminated soil, and groundwater on the Former Darrington Exxon Site.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Draft Interim Action Plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist, and Public Participation Plan.

- **Review** the Draft Interim Action Plan, SEPA checklist, and Public Participation Plan.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration during the public comment period which will end on April 8, 2009.

Comments Accepted

March 9 – April 8, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/darrExxon/darrExxon_hp.html

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Draft Interim Action Plan

Ecology is proposing an interim remedial action to remove up to eleven underground storage tanks and the potential cleanup of contaminated soil and groundwater on the former Darrington property. Additional site investigations will be conducted to determine the extent of potential contaminant migration and to evaluate feasible alternatives to cleanup contamination that extends beyond the property boundary.

Public Participation Plan

The public participation plan is designed to promote meaningful community involvement during the cleanup process. The plan outlines and describes the tools and approaches that Ecology will use to inform the public about site activities, and it identifies opportunities for the community to become involved in this process.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

The SEPA environmental checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) are also available for public review at this time. This checklist evaluates potential environmental impacts if this cleanup action is conducted. Ecology has reviewed this checklist and has determined that no significant adverse environmental impacts will be caused by this project.

Investigation at the Site

Through the use of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), eleven potential underground storage tank (USTs) were located on the parcel. Five of the eleven potential USTs (1, 2, 4, 5, and 6) have exposed fill ports contained product. Through the use of a bailer it was determined that:

- UST 1 contained no chlorinated solvents but had confirmed PCBs.

- UST 2 contained no chlorinated solvents or PCBs.
- UST 4 contained no chlorinated solvents or PCBs.
- UST 5 and 6 contained no product.

All product was removed such as 1,300 gallons from UST 4, 200 gallons from UST 2, and approximately 1,200 gallons of non-recoverable sludge was not removed from UST 2. Product from UST 1 was found to contain only 4 milligrams per kilogram PCBs and was therefore not removed. Furthermore, no fill ports were located for UST 3, 7, 8,9,10, or 11, which were located beneath a mixture of concrete slabs and not visible from the surface.

In addition, two borings were completed and groundwater was not encountered. None of the USTs appear to be located below the water table. Based upon visual observations and technical results, there is no evidence of soil contamination where the samples were taken. Further evaluation of the site was recommended based upon the unknown condition of the tanks, and product that was not able to be evaluated.

This proposal includes excavation of all underground storage tanks, and remediation of potentially impacted soils and groundwater at the site. Contaminated soil will be removed from the property and disposed at a permitted site. The excavated area will be backfilled with clean structural fill.

Contaminants of Concern

The following hazardous substance are potential **chemicals of concern** (COCs) for subsurface soil and groundwater at the site:

- Petroleum hydrocarbons
- Polychlorinated biphenyls
- Diesel range petroleum hydrocarbons

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What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for any suggested changes. If no significant changes are necessary, the Draft Interim Action Plan, SEPA Checklist, and Public Participation Plan will be final.

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui to request a meeting at nlui461@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>


You may also read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* at this link to learn more about the public comment process.





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