

# Emergency Enforcement Order Issued to Eliminate Exposure to Contaminated Groundwater

## Site Background



The Smith Maas Site (Site) is located on the southeastern bank of the Columbia River at 22841 US Highway 97, Orondo, Washington, Douglas County. A single family residence is located on the property. After a

shallow domestic well was installed in June 2009, the occupant reported their tap water smelled and tasted like fuel. The occupant complained to the local health district (the Chelan-Douglas Health District) and collected samples. The occupant shared their sample results with the health district, who requested additional assistance from the Department of Ecology (Ecology). Ecology collected samples as well in January 2010. From the samples collected, benzene, naphthalene, and manganese exceed state cleanup levels, and therefore pose a health risk to the current property occupants. Benzene and naphthalene are carcinogens (cancer-causing agents). This tap water is currently the property's sole source of drinking water and general household water supply.

The most likely contaminant source is an underground storage tank (UST) which formerly supplied home heating oil to the house and is located within 50 feet of the well.

## Emergency Enforcement Order Issued

Based on this information, Ecology has issued an Emergency Enforcement Order (Order) to both the current and former owner requiring them to provide commercially-available bottled drinking water to anyone occupying property. This enforcement order is considered an emergency order because of ongoing exposure and risk presented by the contaminated well water.

## Comments Accepted

February 11, 2010 through  
March 15, 2010

### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Laura Klasner - Site Manager

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Toxics Cleanup Program  
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## DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

### Chelan Community Library

417 S Bradley St  
Chelan, WA 98816  
Phone: (509) 682-5131  
Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri: 10 am - 6 pm,  
Tues, Thurs: 10 am - 8 pm,  
Sat: 11 am - 4 pm, Sun: closed

### WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office  
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200  
Yakima, WA 98902

By appointment only:

Contact Roger Johnson,  
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(509) 454-7658

### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/smithMaas/smithMaas\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/smithMaas/smithMaas_hp.html)

Facility Site ID #: 19087

## Smith Maas Site

Ecology has named Mr. Bradley R. Smith and Ms. Brenda K. Maas (current property owners) and Mr. Ray A. Nelson (former property owner) as potentially liable for this contamination.

### Public Comment Invited

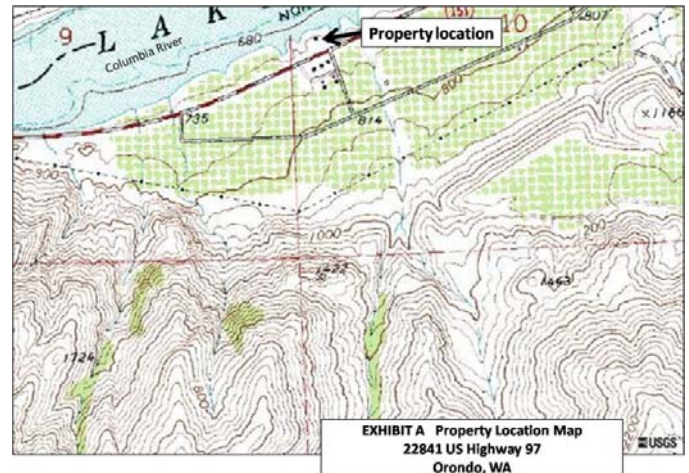
Ecology is asking for your comments on the Emergency Enforcement Order. You are invited to:

- Review the Enforcement Order.
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *February 11, 2010 through March 15, 2010.*

See the box on the front for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

### What Happens Next

Ecology's immediate concern is ensuring current and future occupants are not drinking contaminated water. At a later date, Ecology will require further action to investigate how far the contamination has spread and what options are available for cleanup. At this point, the current property owners have provided an alternative drinking water supply and therefore, are in compliance with Ecology's requirements of the emergency order.



### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*

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