

Toxics Cleanup Program**June 2011**

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review and Comment

Ecology is proposing to remove the Wondrack Ellensburg Site ("Site") from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a "2" on the list. Sites can be ranked from "1" to "5." A rank of "1" is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List. The Wondrack Ellensburg Site is located at W 15th Avenue and N Water Street in Ellensburg. You are invited to:

- **Review** the SAIC Remedial Excavation Report; SAIC Request for No Further Action for Former Standard Oil Bulk Facility #1001157 and Soil Management Plan within it; Soil Management Plan Addendum; and No Further Action letter.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *June 30, 2011 through August 1, 2011*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The Site operated as a bulk fuel distributor from the 1920s to the early 1980s; releases of petroleum contaminants occurred over the years. In November 1995, the City of Ellensburg discovered a thick seam of petroleum impacted soil while replacing a sewer line in North Water Street. The discovery location was adjacent to the Wondrack Site. A subsequent investigation by the Kittitas Health Department in 1997 on the Wondrack property discovered extensive petroleum impacted soils. In 1998, groundwater monitoring wells were installed and quarterly sampling begun.

Comments Accepted

June 30, 2011 through
August 1, 2011

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Ellensburg Public Library

209 N Ruby St
Ellensburg, WA 98926
Phone: (509) 962-7250

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 8 pm
Friday: 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday - Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office

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By appointment only:

Contact Roger Johnson,
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(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3189>

Facility Site ID #: 25139

Cleanup Actions

A complete remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) on the Site was performed in 2002. During this investigation a contaminated soil and groundwater plume was discovered that extended off the property boundaries and under 15th Avenue. As a result of this investigation, three more groundwater monitoring wells were installed and monitored. The RI/FS was completed in 2004.

In 2005, under the Voluntary Cleanup Program, Chevron (Standard Oil) had contractors excavate the Wondrack property of all contaminated soils greater than MTCA Method A cleanup levels. About 4,850 tons of contaminated soils were delivered to the East Wenatchee Regional Landfill. A minor amount of groundwater contamination remained in one well south of the Wondrack property. By 2010 it had been remediated, and in 2011, Chevron's consultant, SAIC, sent a No Further Action letter and submittal to Ecology with a Soil Management Addendum that was requested by Ecology.

Contaminated soils may still exist under the newly asphalted 15th Avenue. Due to the existence of six utilities under the street and sidewalks, excavation in the 250 feet of street and sidewalk was impractical and economically unfeasible. The Soil Management Plan and Addendum obligates Chevron to have a consultant present during any ground disturbing activity in the 250 feet of roadway, and if contaminated soils are found that are above MTCA Method A cleanup levels, to properly address and dispose of them.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action

Based on the remedial actions taken from 1998 to 2010, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Ecology proposes to remove the Site from the Hazardous Sites List.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. If no changes are necessary, the Site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

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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