

Legal Agreement and Cleanup Plan Available for Public Comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is amending an Agreed Order (legal agreement) for the cleanup of the Tony's Short Stop (Tony's) site. The site is located at 326 South Main Street in Montesano.

Tony's is planning an interim action, which is a partial cleanup. The interim action (see map on page 3) will:

- Remove soil contaminated with petroleum-related chemicals.
- Treat any remaining contamination with compounds that naturally break contaminants into less toxic substances (bioremediation).

Tony's will also further investigate contamination and assess the feasibility of different options for final cleanup.

Three documents are available for review and comment at locations listed to the right:

- **Agreed Order Amendment**—Updates the original legal agreement between Ecology and the liable parties.
- **Interim Action Work Plan**—Describes the proposed interim cleanup action tasks.
- **State Environmental Policy Act Determination and Checklist**—Describes the potential negative impacts of the cleanup work and how they will be lessened.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Ecology is accepting comments on the SEPA documents from **September 20 - October 3**. Comments on the Agreed Order Amendment and Interim Action Work Plan will be accepted from **September 20 - October 19**. The box to the right shows document review locations and where to submit comments.

Ecology will review and consider all public comments. Ecology may, if necessary, ask Tony's to make changes to the work plan based on comments, even after the work has begun. Tony's may begin work on the interim action after the SEPA comment period ends on October 3.

Site Investigation and Cleanup

Tony's has sampled soil, groundwater, and soil gas on and off the property. Petroleum hydrocarbons and some of their breakdown products have been found above cleanup levels both on and surrounding the property. The highest levels of contaminants were on the property in the interim action area.

Comments Accepted

on

SEPA Documents

September 20—October 3, 2011

Interim Action Work Plan

September 20—October 19, 2011

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6957>

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Tony's is also conducting a vapor intrusion investigation. Vapor intrusion is contamination moving from soil and groundwater into the air in buildings (see box below). The goal of this study is to determine if there are any immediate health risks to people using buildings on or near the property. Tony's sampled indoor air at Value Drug and soil gas on and off the Tony's Short Stop property.

Based on the results, Ecology is requiring Tony's to:

- Propose an interim action to begin cleaning up the most contaminated area.
- Take more groundwater samples to determine the site boundary.
- Analyze soil gas test results to determine if additional indoor air tests are needed. Ecology may request indoor air testing based on this study.
- Develop a system to provide fresh air to the Tony's building.

Site Background

In 2004, Ecology began an area-wide investigation of known and suspected contamination in downtown Monteseano. This led to the discovery of soil and groundwater contamination caused by historical and current activities.

WHAT IS VAPOR INTRUSION?

Volatile chemicals, such as benzene and other petroleum-related chemicals, can evaporate from the soil and groundwater and move through spaces in soil as a gas. The gas can then enter buildings through cracks and other openings in the foundation. This is vapor intrusion.

Indoor air can be tested to see if soil gas has entered a building. You can find fact sheets about vapor intrusion and indoor air testing on Ecology's website (see box on page 1).

Underground storage tanks used by former and current gas stations have leaked petroleum products and created a large area of contamination. Ecology also detected chlorinated solvents in the groundwater at some locations downtown.

Ecology identified several contaminated properties and entered into legal agreements with liable parties to begin the formal cleanup process. In 2007, Ecology entered into an agreed order with Tony Kim and M&TK, Inc. to begin cleanup at the Tony's Short Stop site.

Other Cleanups in the Downtown Area

Ecology's groundwater investigation resulted in three formal cleanup sites: Tony's Short Stop, Whitney's Chevrolet and Brumfield Twidwell (see map on page 3). Pick-Rite Thriftway entered the Voluntary Cleanup Program in 2010. Work to investigate and clean up these sites is underway.

▶ Brumfield Twidwell

Some contaminated soil and underground storage tanks were removed from the site in 2006. The remedial investigation, feasibility study and cleanup action plan—to clean up and manage contamination—are nearly finished. Ecology will hold a public comment period on the cleanup plan this fall when the reports are complete.

▶ Whitney's Chevrolet:

In April 2011, Ecology held a public comment period for an interim action at the Whitney's Chevrolet site. This interim action will include removing six underground storage tanks and cleaning up some contaminated soil. Whitney's began work in early September. Whitney's will also complete their remedial investigation and do a feasibility study to evaluate possible final cleanup actions.

▶ Pick-Rite Thriftway

In 2010, Pick-Rite Thriftway entered the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The site's owners are investigating the site to determine the nature and extent of contamination. They plan to remove several underground storage tanks and contaminated soil from the site in the next several months.

Tony's Short Stop

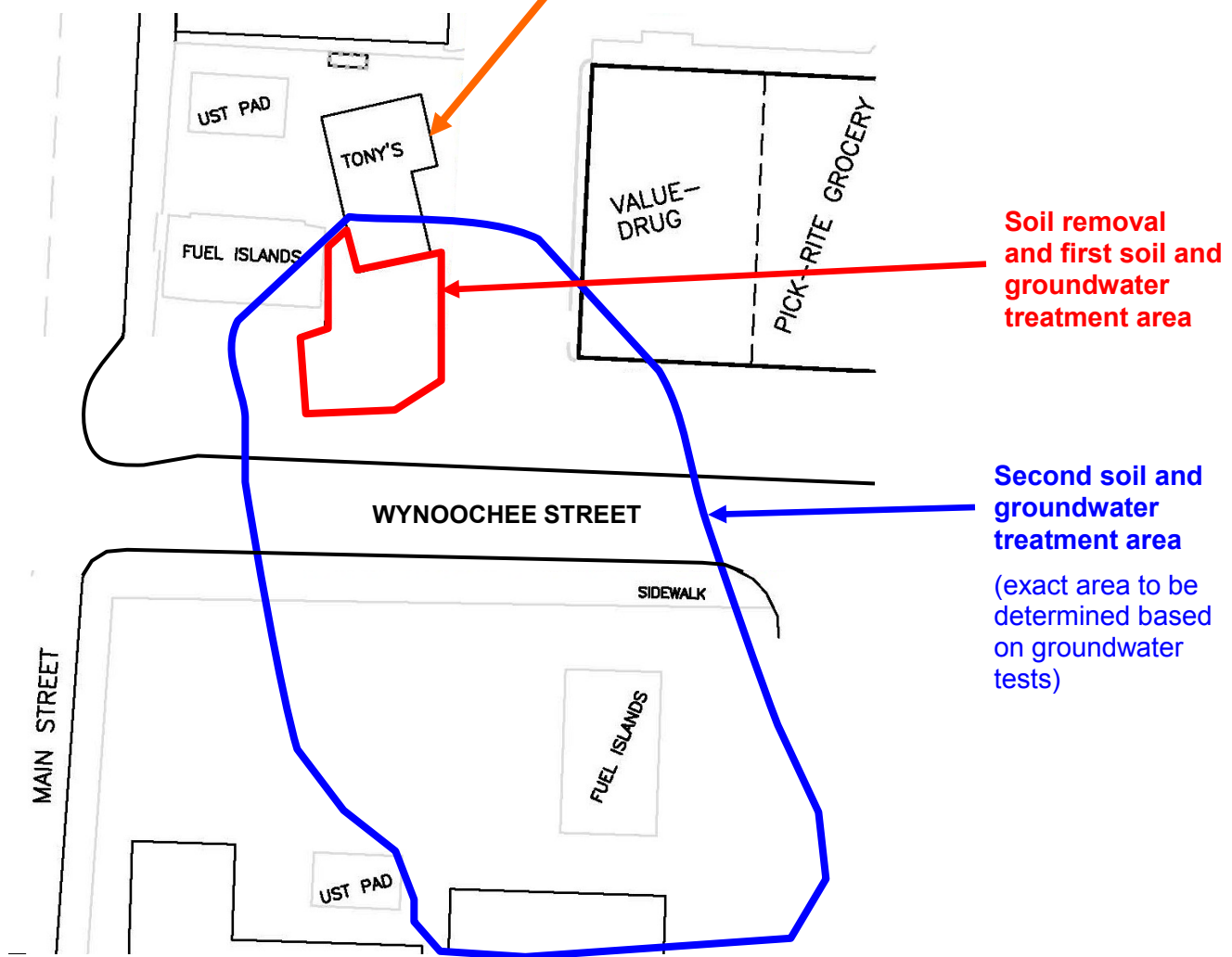
Cleanup Sites in Downtown Montesano

Legend

- ★ Brumfield Twidwell
- ★ Pick-Rite Thriftway
- ★ Tony's Short Stop
- ★ Whitney's Chevrolet



Tony's Short Stop Interim Action

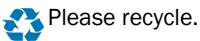




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Tony's Short Stop Montesano, WA

Ecology seeks public comment on a legal agreement, interim cleanup plan, and SEPA determination

Interim Action Work Plan

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SEPA Documents

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Why Cleanup Matters

Soil and groundwater at the Tony's Short Stop site are contaminated with petroleum-related chemicals. These chemicals can pose a threat to human health and the environment and must be cleaned up. Removing soil contaminated with petroleum-related chemicals will take away the major known source of contamination at the site.

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