

Interim Action Plan and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on its plans to conduct an interim action to address petroleum contaminated soils (PCS). An interim action is a partial cleanup designed to significantly reduce contaminants and/or exposure to contaminants. Ecology is also issuing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS), at the Bonjorni Site (Site) located at 5281 Vantage Highway, Ellensburg, Washington. The interim action will include excavation and removal of petroleum contaminated soil.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Action Plan and SEPA Documents. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Interim Action Plan, SEPA Checklist, and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *December 20, 2012 through January 22, 2013*.

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

Site Background

The site has known petroleum contaminated soil (PCS), and potentially contaminated groundwater. This is due to a release of petroleum from former underground storage tanks (USTs), which were used in the operation of a service station.

The tanks and fuel dispenser lines were removed in 2000. PCS encountered during the tank removal activities was used to backfill the excavations. The extent of the contamination was not evaluated, nor was complete sampling for contaminants performed. Groundwater was not encountered at that time, although depth to groundwater is roughly estimated between 5 to 15 feet below ground surface.

Comments Accepted

December 20, 2012 through
January 22, 2013

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) 972-7250

Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat-Sun: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office

15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
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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=6775>

Facility/Site ID #: 85894558

Cleanup Site ID #: 6775

Proposed Interim Action

The cleanup action will include removal of the source area of PCS and replacing it with clean backfill. Groundwater treatment with an oxygen releasing compound may be used. This would help stimulate microorganisms to assist in breaking down petroleum into non-toxic products.

Determination of Non-Significance

After reviewing the SEPA environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes.

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.*

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and respond to all comments submitted in the comment period. Ecology will either respond to each commenter individually, or prepare a written responsiveness summary and send it to all commenters. A responsiveness summary is typically prepared if we receive a large volume of comments. If Ecology does prepare a responsiveness summary, it will also be placed on the website listed in the box on Page 1.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español: (509) 575-2490

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