

Proposed Removal of Environmental Covenant and Draft Periodic Review

The Washington Department of Ecology invites you to comment on our proposal to remove an environmental covenant (called an EC, see back) for the Astro Western Station cleanup site at 13117 NE Highway 99 in Vancouver. You may also comment on a draft periodic review report. The box to the right shows where to find:

- The Draft Periodic Review Report - We review cleanup sites at least every five years to make sure they still protect human health and the environment. Cleanup actions at this site are protective.
- The property's EC, recorded in 2009 and EC removal request.
- A No Further Action letter issued in 2009.

We will accept comments through **September 22, 2014** (see box). We will respond to comments at the end of the comment period.

Site Background and Cleanup

In the past, the site was a gas station and convenience store. Leaks from underground storage tanks polluted the site with:

- Gasoline-range petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH-G) in soil.
- Benzene and 1,2 Dichloroethane in groundwater.

In 1996, the property owner cleaned up the site by removing soil and polluted groundwater. They left some TPH-G contaminated soil in place.

The property owner recorded an EC in 2009. The EC prohibits the use of site groundwater and activities that could expose TPH-G that remains in soil. It also requires long-term groundwater monitoring. We approved the cleanup in 2009.

Proposed EC Removal

Based on our periodic review, we propose removing the EC because:

1. No petroleum has been found in groundwater samples since 2005. As a result, the groundwater monitoring called for in the EC can stop.
2. The remaining soil contamination is 20 feet below ground. This is under what state cleanup law considers safe for human contact with soil contamination (15 feet).
3. Based on current site conditions and that no benzene exists in soil, Ecology updated the site's cleanup level for TPH-G in soil. The TPH-G that remains in soil is below this new cleanup level and meets soil cleanup standards.

Now that cleanup is complete and contamination is below cleanup levels, the EC is no longer needed. Once the EC is removed, the site will no longer require reviews.

Comments Accepted

**August 21 – September 22,
2014**

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6528>

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Astro Western Station 607 Vancouver, WA

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Public Comment Period:

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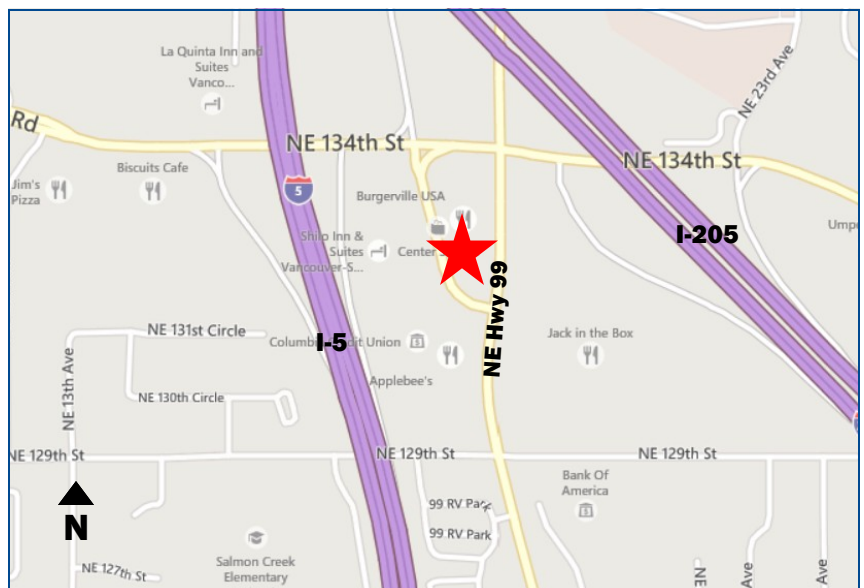
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What is an Environmental Covenant (EC)?

An EC (also called a restrictive covenant) is a legal document. It prohibits activities that may result in the release of a hazardous substance that remains on a site after cleanup. An EC is attached to the property deed and filed with the County Assessor.



The Astro Western Station 607 cleanup site is located at 13117 NE Highway 99, Vancouver.