

Agreed Order Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Comet Trailer Corp site, located at 501 South 1st Street in Selah. A remedial investigation provides information about what contamination is present, and how far it extends. A feasibility study will compare different ways to clean up the site. It includes information about how much the cleanup will cost as well as how long it will take.

Public Comment Invited

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

- **Review** the Agreed Order.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *May 11, 2015 through June 10, 2015*.

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

Site Background

In December 1991, soil contamination associated with a truck trailer manufacturer was documented during an Ecology initial investigation. Sandblast waste piles contained heavy metals, and storm drain catch basin sludge contained heavy metals and volatile organic compounds. Wells to monitor groundwater were also installed in 1995 and 2010 and have been sampled periodically.

In 1992, Ecology conducted a Site Hazard Assessment to determine the relative risk that this Site posed to human health and the environment. Ecology determined that the Site posed a high risk (rank of 1, 1 being the highest on a 1 through 5 scale) and it was placed on the Hazardous Sites List.

In December 2003, Mr. Bud Owens and Ecology entered into an Agreed Order to conduct a RI/FS for the Site. In August 2004,

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Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Selah Public Library

106 S 2nd St
Selah, WA 98942
Phone: (509) 698-7345

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

WA Department of Ecology

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

By appointment only:

Contact CRO Public Records
Coordinator at
cropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4198>

Facility/Site ID #: 503

Cleanup Site ID #: 4198

during the initial remedial investigation, petroleum free product (diesel range organics and/or heavy oils) was discovered floating on groundwater in one of the groundwater monitoring wells. The petroleum release is thought to be associated with a historical bulk fuel facility. In 2010, an independent remedial action was conducted to remove the petroleum free product and contaminated soil. The RI/FS from the 2003 Agreed Order was not completed and the current property owner, the Bud Owens Family Limited Partnership, have entered into an Agreed Order to replace the existing Agreed Order and complete a RI/FS.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and petroleum are harmful to human health and the environment. These contaminants are present in the soil and/or groundwater at the Site.

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and respond. We will make changes to the Agreed Order if needed based on public comments.

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.

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.*

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

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