

Big B Mini Mart



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Comments accepted:

September 12 to October 12, 2016

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Cleanup Site ID #: 4901

Interim Action Plan & SEPA Determination of Non-Significance Available for Review and Public 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 former Big B Mini Mart Site (Site) located at 1611 Canyon Road in Ellensburg.

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 September 12, 2016, through October 12, 2016

Site background

In December 1990, soil and groundwater contamination from diesel fuel was discovered when an underground storage tank was replaced. At that time, approximately 420 cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed. Wells to monitor groundwater were also installed and sampled in 1990 and 1991.



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Groundwater sampling showed contamination above state cleanup levels. More recent sampling that occurred in 2015 still showed groundwater contamination above state cleanup levels. Additionally, pockets of liquid petroleum were found throughout the Site.

Proposed Interim Action

The interim action will recover diesel and gasoline liquids in the ground that pose a risk to human health and the environment. Underground storage tank (UST) removal will occur prior to or during the installation of the free product recovery system.

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 Interim Action 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. These contaminants are present in the soil and groundwater at the site. Gasoline may also migrate into utility vaults and other subsurface structures to potentially pose an explosion hazard.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and respond to all comments received during the comment period. Ecology will either respond to each commenter individually, or prepare a written responsiveness summary and send it to all commenters.

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

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