

Skagit County Refineries Dangerous Waste Permits



Submit comments

Online at: tinyurl.com/ anacortesOWScomment

Or by mail to: Kim Wigfield Industrial Section P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

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Online document review

https://ecology.wa.gov/ Anacortes-Shell-Refinery

https://ecology.wa.gov/ Anacortes-Tesoro-Marathon-Refinery

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Comment period: April 7 – June 7, 2021

We invite you to comment on the draft dangerous waste corrective action permits for the Shell Puget Sound refinery and Teroro's Marathon refinery, both in Anacortes.

The draft permits include detailed requirements to investigate the refineries' oily water sewers and clean up any soil or groundwater contamination.

How to comment

You can send us your comments online or by mail. Effective comments tell us if we correctly applied current laws, rules, and regulations to this action. They:

- Are specific. Tell us what your concern is and how you think the permit should change.
- Are focused. Refer to the changes to the conditions and requirements in the permit.
- Describe the state or federal rules and regulations you think have not been applied correctly.

When the comment period ends, we'll review the comments received and make a final decision.

Attend a public hearing

We will hold an online public meeting to share information about the draft permits, followed by a hearing to accept oral comments:

May 20, 2021 Starting at 4 p.m. Online at https://tinyurl.com/anacortesOWSevent

Due to COVID-19, we will not hold an in-person public event and documents are available for review online only. If you need a hard copy document, please contact Angelina Ward at 360-407-6916 or angela.ward@ecy.wa.gov.



Facility information

Shell Puget Sound refinery

Located at 8505 South Texas Rd in Anacortes, this refinery turns crude oil into a variety of petroleum products, including gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, liquid petroleum gas, and residual fuel oil. On March 31, 1989, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a Permit for the Land Treatment of Dangerous Waste to Texaco Refining and Marketing (now Shell). The permit was modified several times but not renewed because land application of dangerous waste ended in 1995.

Tesoro's Marathon refinery

Located at 10200 West March Point Rd in Anacortes, this refinery also turns crude oil into a variety of petroleum products, including gasoline, heating oils, diesel fuel, liquid petroleum gas, and heavy fuel oils. On November 8, 1988, the EPA and Ecology issued a Permit for the Storage and Land Treatment of Dangerous Waste to the Shell Oil Company (now Tesoro). The permit was modified several times but not renewed because land treatment operations at the refinery ended in 1998.

Oily Water Sewer investigation and cleanup

The refineries are included as Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrective action facilities under the EPA's RCRA Corrective Action 2020 Initiative. This identifies the refineries' oily water sewers as solid waste management units with the potential for releases of hazardous substances into the environment. We're handling the investigation and cleanup of any releases from the oily water sewers under Washington State Model Toxics Cleanup Act (MTCA) agreed orders. The agreed orders are part of the draft permits.