

Bingo Fuel Stop



Bingo Fuel Stop site - view from the east

Comments accepted:

September 24 – October 25, 2021

Submit comments:

Online at:

<https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=bDmFW>

Or by mail to:

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Site info:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4902>

Facility Site ID: 388
 Site Cleanup ID: 4902

Document review locations:

Due to circumstances beyond control and public health and safety concerns at this time, Ecology cannot offer in-person review options. Please visit the Bingo Fuel Stop cleanup site website to review documents electronically.

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the proposed removal from the Hazardous Sites List (HSL) for the Bingo Fuel Stop Site, located at Exit 101 and Interstate 90 in Thorp. The HSL is a statewide list of contaminated sites. The site is currently ranked a “2” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern, while a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Ecology is asking for your comments.

You are invited to:

- Review the *“Bingo Fuel Stop – Soil Confirmation Sampling Report,”* dated January 28, 2021
- Review the *“Bingo Fuel Stop – 2019 Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report,”* dated March 10, 2020
- Review the *“Bingo Fuel Stop – WSDOT Institutional Control document”* dated June 25, 2018
- Review the *“Bingo Fuel Stop – Kittitas PUD Institutional Control letter”* dated March 21, 2012
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted September 24, 2021 through October 25, 2021

Site Background

The Bingo Fuel Stop site is located at the intersection of Interstate 90 and Thorp Highway South, in Thorp. The site is currently a vacant lot. The northwestern half of the site is paved, while the northeastern half of the site features a combination of gravel and grass covered surfaces.

The site operated as a combination retail fueling station and deli store from the late 1960s until the early 1990s.

Toxics Cleanup Program

Historical releases of petroleum products from the fueling station resulted in the contamination of soil and groundwater at the site and was first reported to Ecology in 1989. In early 1992, Ecology was notified that during underground storage tank (UST) removal activities, a flash fire had occurred.

What Has Been Done?

In February 1992, emergency actions were done to address the most dangerous conditions including petroleum products found floating on groundwater in open excavation areas. Contaminated soil and groundwater at the site was addressed under an Enforcement Order, and Agreed Orders. An Enforcement Order is a legal document issued by Ecology requiring remedial action(s) to be performed at the site. Remedial actions are construction work done to clean up contamination at a site. An Agreed Order (AO) is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) outlining the expectations, process, and schedule for site cleanup.

In 1999, cleanup activities included removing and treating approximately 15,700 cubic yards of contaminated soil and recovering and treating impacted groundwater. Complete removal of the contaminated soil in areas to the north and east of the parcel could not be done due to physical constraints along the Interstate-90 and Thorp Highway South right-of-way, including a high pressure gas line that runs along the east and north sides of the property.

Because soil contamination was present at the site beneath adjacent roadways, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Kittitas County Public Works Department (KCPUD) were sent notification letters. They were instructed to contact Ecology if construction activities were scheduled in these areas so that contaminated soil could be handled and disposed of properly. This notification procedure served as an institutional control, as required in the AO.

Contaminated soil and groundwater in the off-site area was addressed under the AO and the Operation & Maintenance Plan (O&M). An Operation & Maintenance Plan is activities at a site after cleanup is completed to ensure that the cleanup or containment system is functioning properly. The O&M Plan selected monitored natural attenuation (MNA) as the preferred remedy for the Site. Monitored Natural Attenuation is when nature can help clean up contamination. The natural processes include evaporation, biodegradation, and dilution and works best when as much of the contamination source as possible has been removed. Regular site monitoring is necessary to ensure that MNA is working and that contaminants are not spreading.

As documented in Stantec's *"Former Bingo Fuel Stop Annual 2019 Groundwater Monitoring and Sampling Report,"* dated March 10, 2020, samples collected from the remaining monitoring wells showed that any remaining contamination continues to be below state cleanup levels. The AO states that institutional controls are no longer necessary when cleanup levels have been met, so after the public comment period ends, WSDOT and KCPUD will be notified that special consideration is no longer necessary in the off-site areas.

Why This Matters?

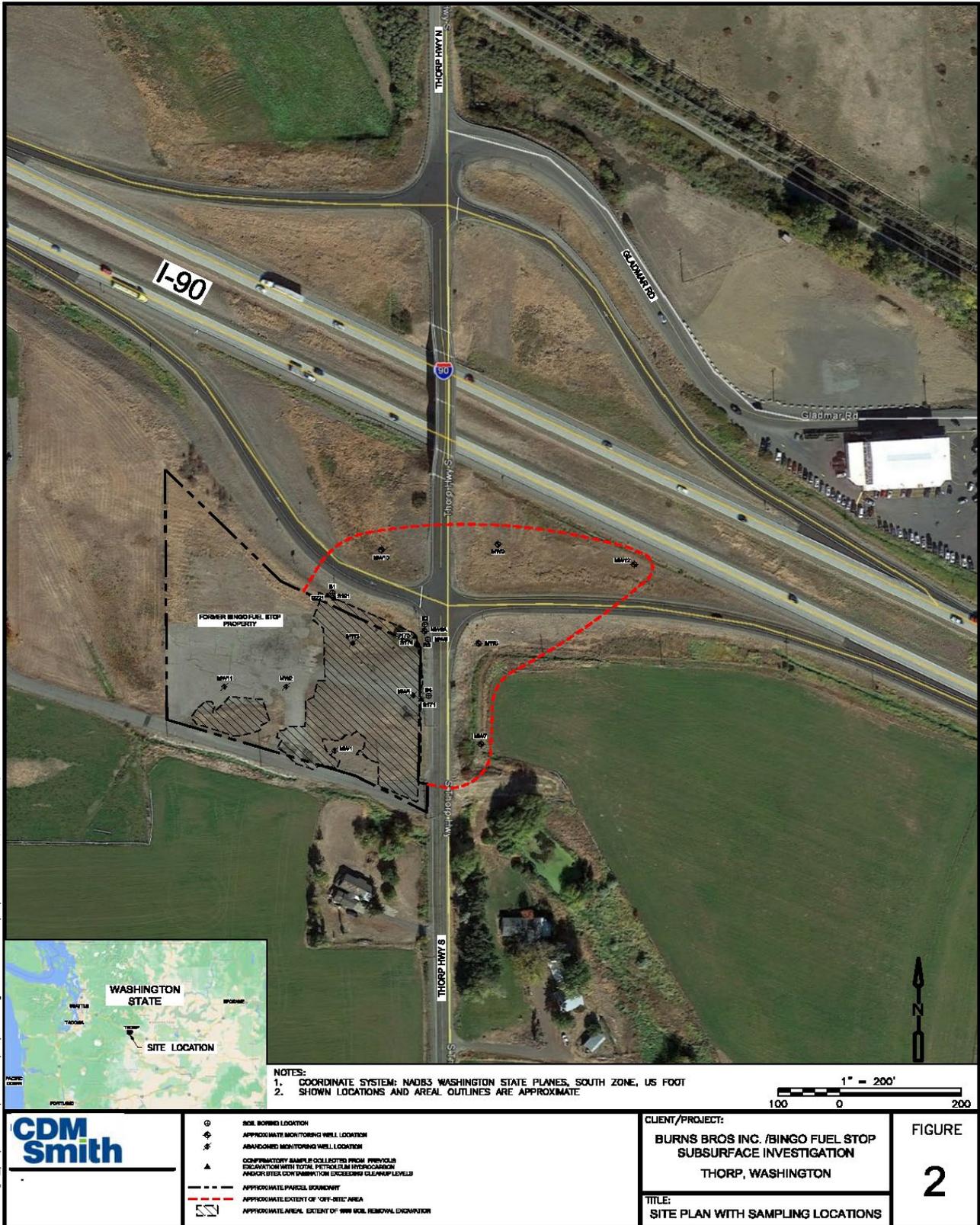
The remedial actions described in AO DE 02TCPCR-3976 have been completed, which was the final step in the cleanup process. Cleaning up the contamination was necessary to protect human health and the environment.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received and will hold a public meeting if 10 or more people request one. If no revisions are necessary, the site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

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://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.

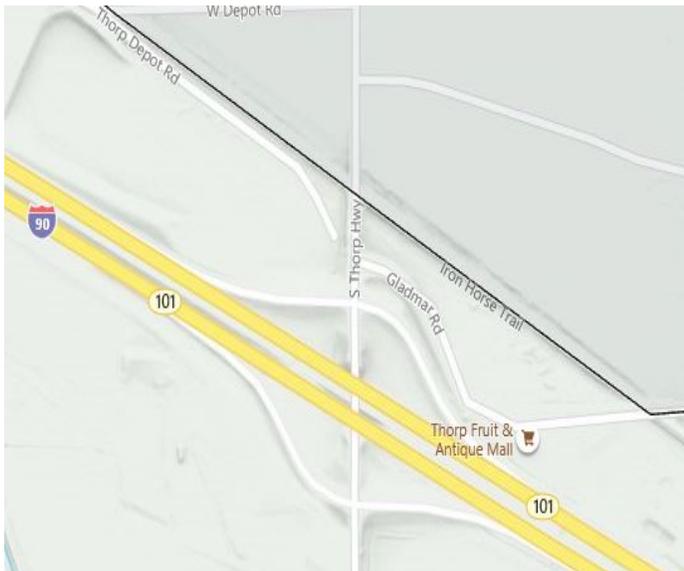
Bingo Fuel Stop Site Map



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See inside for site information and details on how to comment.