

Site Register

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ADA Accessibility

To request an ADA accommodation, contact Ecology by phone at 360-407-7170 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. For Relay Service or TTY call 711 or 877-833-6341.

News & Notes

Ecology buildings are open to the public

You don't need an appointment to visit Ecology buildings, but we recommend making one in advance so the right staff person will be available. Health screenings are no longer required for entry.

- Our public meetings are online or include an online option. Visit our [public input and events listings](#)¹ for information on public meetings.
- Documents for review and comment are available online. Look under 'for more information' for links to cleanup site webpages.

Dec. 15, 2022–Jan. 27, 2023: PFAS draft guidance available for public comment

You're invited to review and comment on Ecology's [Draft Guidance for Investigating and Remediating PFAS Contamination in Washington State](#)².

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are collectively known as PFAS. This group comprises thousands of unique synthetic organic chemicals that are extremely stable and persistent.

The draft guidance provides information and direction on:

- Known PFAS impacts across Washington
- Preliminary soil and groundwater cleanup levels
- Sampling options for PFAS compounds
- Approaches to minimize cross-contamination
- Protective concentrations for ecological receptors, and
- Field demonstrated treatment technologies.

The guidance is intended for people involved in cleaning up contaminated properties. It's applicable to both cleanups supervised or conducted by Ecology and independent cleanup actions.

[Submit comments online](#)³

For more information contact Mark Gordon, Environmental Engineer, at mark.gordon@ecy.wa.gov or 360-407-6357.

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Formal Cleanups

KITTITAS COUNTY

Big B Mini Mart

1611 Canyon Road
Ellensburg

Facility Site ID# **386**
Cleanup Site ID# **4901**

[Submit comments online⁴](#)

Or mail comments to:

John Mefford
Site Manager
1250 W. Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Big B Mini Mart webpage](#)
- Contact John Mefford
Site Manager
John.Mefford@ecy.wa.gov
509-731-9613

Document review locations

- Ellensburg Public Library
209 N Ruby Street, Ellensburg
- WA Dept of Ecology
1250 W. Alder Street, Union Gap

Dec. 30, 2022–Jan. 30, 2023: Remedial Action Completion Report available for review and comment

We invite your comments on a Remedial Action Completion Report for the Big B Mini Mart site. This report documents the completion of one portion of the combined remedy for the site during the period from 2021 to 2022. This is not the final cleanup action since other cleanup action components will be implemented under the Cleanup Action Plan (CAP).

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PACIFIC COUNTY

North Head Lighthouse

North Head Lighthouse Rd Ilwaco
Ilwaco

Facility Site ID# **5040**
Cleanup Site ID# **11743**

[Submit comments online](#)⁵

Or mail comments to:

Frank Winslow, Site Manager
Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [North Head Lighthouse webpage](#)⁵
- Contact Frank Winslow
Site Manager
frank.winslow@ecy.wa.gov
509-454-7835

Dec. 9, 2022–Jan. 8, 2023:

Periodic review available for public comment

We invite you to review and comment on a periodic review for a portion of the North Head Lighthouse site. Ecology conducts reviews about every five years when some contamination remains on-site after cleanup. Periodic reviews evaluate current site conditions to ensure continued protection of human health and the environment.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Buse Timber & Sales

3812 28th PI NE
Everett

Facility Site ID# **2786**
Cleanup Site ID# **4340**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Buse Timber & Sales webpage](#)²
- Contact Kevin Heffern
Site Manager
Kevin.Heffern@ecy.wa.gov
360-628-1222

Negotiations for an agreed order

Ecology and the potentially liable persons for the site are negotiating an agreed order to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study at the Buse Timber & Sales Site. Negotiations began on Nov. 29, 2022 and are expected to end by Jan. 31, 2023. Exceedances of cleanup levels from previous sampling at the site include arsenic, and non-halogenated organics in soil, arsenic, halogenated organics, and non-halogenated organics in groundwater, and dioxins/furans in sediment.

Independent Cleanups

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Bill's Garage

9103 Rhody Drive
Chimacum

Facility Site ID# **36115596**
Cleanup Site ID# **5941**

[Submit comments online](https://plia.wa.gov/contact-us/)
<https://plia.wa.gov/contact-us/>

For more information

- Visit PLIA's [Bill's Garage webpage](#)^{viii}
- Visit Ecology's [Bill's Garage webpage](#)
- Contact Ulysses Cooley Jr.
Site Manager
pliamail@plia.wa.gov
Please reference TAP #PSW040

Dec. 29, 2022–Jan. 29, 2023: Proposed removal from the Hazardous Site List

The Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) invites the public to comment on the cleanup at the Bill's Garage site. We propose removing this site from the Department of Ecology's Hazardous Sites List.

The Bill's Garage property was used as an automotive service and gas station from 1920 until 2006. After the business closed in 2006, petroleum contamination was discovered as part of the pending property sale. Since 2006, no businesses have operated on the property.

Between 2006 and 2018, the site underwent several remedial investigations. In October 2018, the underground storage tanks were removed. Petroleum-impacted soil was also removed as much as was practicable. A remedial action of in-situ chemical oxidation, sorption, and enhanced biodegradation was selected and performed to treat contaminants in the soil and groundwater on the site.

The cleanup actions performed on the site fulfill the state's toxic cleanup requirements for site closure under the conditions of a protective environmental covenant. Environmental covenants are filed whenever some contamination remains on site, to ensure continued protection of human health and the environment. An environmental covenant has been recorded with the Jefferson County Auditor's Office to control subsurface activities on the site and minimize potential exposure during monitored natural attenuation of soil and, as appropriate, groundwater impacts.

PLIA performed regulatory oversight of the site under the agency's Technical Assistance Program (TAP). Based on the Site review, PLIA determined that the site meets the substantive requirements of the state clean up regulations and no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment.

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PIERCE COUNTY

Progress Rail

4012 Sr 509 S Frontage Rd,
Tacoma

Facility Site ID# **26693246**

Cleanup Site ID# **16556**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Progress Rail webpage](#)⁹
- Contact Tim Mullin
VCP Site Manager
tim.mullin@ecy.wa.gov
360-999-9589

Determination of No Further Action

A release of diesel and heavy oil into groundwater and arsenic in soil was evaluated. After monitoring well re-development and additional compliance monitoring was conducted, contaminant concentrations were determined to meet state cleanup levels.

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Steilacoom Public Works

1030 Roe Street
Steilacoom

Facility Site ID# **8426571**
Cleanup Site ID# **5459**

[Submit comments online¹⁰](#)

Or mail comments to:

Nancy Davis, Outreach Specialist
WA Department of Ecology
PO Box 47775
Olympia WA 98504

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Steilacoom Public Works webpage¹¹](#)
- Contact Nancy Davis
Outreach Specialist
nancy.davis@ecy.wa.gov
360-489-4971

Document review locations

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office
400 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey

Call 360-407-6365 for an
appointment

Dec. 15, 2022–Jan. 19, 2023:

Draft Third Periodic Review Report available for public comment

If contamination remains at a site after cleanup, we review conditions about every five years to make sure the cleanup action is still effective. The review of site conditions is summarized in a periodic review report.

The [periodic review report¹²](#) for this site shows the cleanup remains effective in protecting human health and the environment. We may modify the report if new information is submitted during the comment period.

In 1998, the City of Steilacoom found soil contaminated with petroleum when removing two underground storage tanks. The tanks were used to store unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel. To cleanup the site, the city dug up about 50 cubic yards of contaminated soil and removed it from the site. Some contaminated soil could not be removed without risking damage to a nearby building. The contaminated soil remaining at the site is under a building and a concrete pad. The contaminated soil did not pose a threat to contaminating the groundwater.

We will consider your comment. If there is no significant new information submitted during the comment period, then we will finalize the report.

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WALLA WALLA COUNTY

Taj Foodmart

5 W Morton St
Walla Walla

Facility Site ID# **3491851**
Cleanup Site ID# **5319**

[Submit comments online](#)¹³

Or mail comments to:

Ted Uecker
Site Manager
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

For more information

- Visit Ecology's [Taj Foodmart webpage](#)¹⁴
- Contact Ted Uecker
Site Manager
ted.uecker@ecy.wa.gov
509-342-5564

Document review locations

Ecology's Eastern Regional Office
4601 N. Monroe St., Spokane
Please call 509-329-3415 to make
an appointment.

Nov. 28–Dec. 30, 2022: Second Periodic Review Report available for review and comment

Ecology invites you to review and comment on the [draft second periodic review](#)¹⁵ for this site. We complete a periodic review about every five years after cleanup construction is complete at a site when institutional controls are part of the cleanup. The purpose of the review is to make sure the controls remain effective and the cleanup still protects human health and the environment.

History & cleanup

This site in downtown Walla Walla is a gas station with three underground storage tanks and two pump islands.

In October 2003, a 5,000-gallon underground tank that stored gasoline was found to be leaking. In January 2004, that tank and three others (one 10,000, another 5,000, and one 4,000 gallon) and their associated piping, and the surrounding contaminated soil were removed.

Some contaminated soil remains at the site, so an environmental covenant was filed to make any future property owners aware of it and prevent activities that could expose it.

Ecology decided no further cleanup actions were required in 2011.

Ecology visited the site October 6, 2022, and found the cleanup remains effective.

Next steps

Ecology will review all comments received during the comment period and update the periodic review if needed. If no significant changes are made, the periodic review will become final. If significant changes are made, an additional public comment period will be held. We will hold an online public meeting if 10 or more people request one.

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More information

ABOUT THE SITE REGISTER

- [Receive the Site Register by email](#)¹⁶
- Find [past issues of the Site Register](#)¹⁷

Questions about the Site Register?
Contact Sarah Kellington at 360-280-3167
or sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Find information on [any cleanup site](#)¹⁸
- Look up [terms in the glossary](#)¹⁹
- See [events and comment periods](#)²⁰

ECOLOGY REGIONAL OFFICES

Central Region Office

1250 W. Alder St.
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

Eastern Region Office

4601 N. Monroe
Spokane, WA 99205-1295

Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Northwest Region Office

15700 Dayton Ave N.
Shoreline, WA 98133

Southwest Region Office

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2209058.html>

³ <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=N4Uca>

⁴ <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=GkC74>

⁵ <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=QPm3A>

⁶ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/11743>

⁷ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/4340>

^{viii} <https://plia.wa.gov/bills-garage/>

⁹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/16556>

¹⁰ <http://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=uaSbe>

¹¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/5459>

¹² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/document/119049>

¹³ <https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=GmfhV>

¹⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/site/5319>

¹⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupse/arch/document/118498>

¹⁶ https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_118

¹⁷ <http://tinyurl.com/EcologySiteReg>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Toxic-cleanup-acronyms>

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Search-all>