

Unocal Bulk Plant 0082



Comments accepted

March 21 – April 18, 2023

Submit comments

Online at:

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

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Document review

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4415>

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Site info

Facility Site ID: 345
Site Cleanup ID: 4415

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

The Department of Ecology is proposing to remove the Unocal Bulk Plant 0082 site, located at 1329 West Woodin Avenue in Chelan, from its Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a list of sites Ecology reviewed for their potential threat to human health and the environment. This review is based on how much contamination is present, how toxic it is, and how easily it can come in contact with people and the environment. Sites must go through cleanup and meet state standards before Ecology can remove them from the list.

You are invited to:

- Review our letter saying the cleanup is complete, dated March 15, 2019.

Site Background

The site operated as a petroleum bulk plant from 1927 to 1989. There were six above ground storage tanks on site – four gasoline, one diesel, and one heating oil. Petroleum contamination in both soil and groundwater was first discovered at the site in 1989, and the bulk plant was permanently closed that same year.

Chelan Parking, LLC has been the property owner since 2005. The site is currently a parking lot for the Lady of the Lake ferry.

Why This Matters

Benzene, which is a carcinogen, or cancer-causing chemical, is typically found in petroleum products. Ecology requires investigation and cleanup to reduce or eliminate exposure to contamination.

What Was Done?

Soil and groundwater sampling has occurred since 1989, when the contamination was first discovered. In 2001, contaminated soil was removed, and both soil and groundwater were treated. Soil was treated using soil vapor extraction, and groundwater was treated using air sparging. Both cleanup techniques are commonly used to reduce petroleum contamination. More contaminated soil was removed in 2005, and groundwater treatment continued.

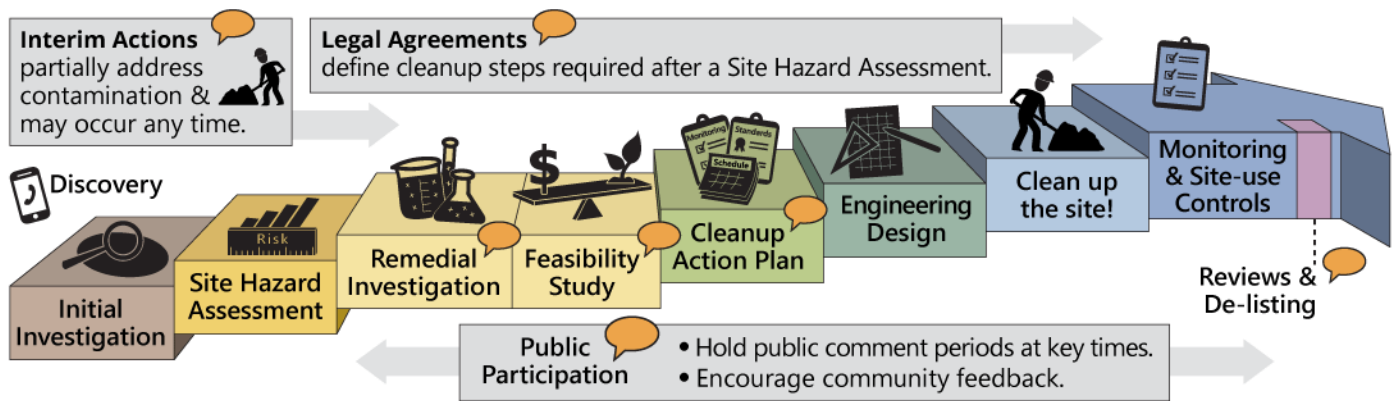
Ten groundwater monitoring wells are onsite. Consistent groundwater monitoring has taken place since 1991. Most monitoring wells had contamination above state cleanup levels in 1996, but decreased after the removal of contaminated soil, and treatment of soil and groundwater. No groundwater contamination above state cleanup levels has been found at the site since 2014.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will respond to all the comments we receive by April 18, 2023, and publish our responses. We will hold an online public meeting if 10 or more people request it. After we consider public comments, and no changes are necessary, Ecology will remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

The Cleanup Process

Unocal Bulk Plant 0082 followed Washington’s cleanup process.



Public involvement opportunities, such as meetings, hearings, open houses, and workshops, can be found on Ecology’s Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>



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