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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 long required for entry.

- Our public meetings are online or include an online option. Visit our public input and events listings¹ 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Dec. 15, 2022–Jan. 27, 2023: PFAS draft guidance available for public comment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 <u>Draft Guidance for</u> Investigating and Remediating PFAS Contamination in Washington State².

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The draft guidance provides information and direction on: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 online³

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



Formal Cleanups

KING COUNTY

Bothell Landing, Bothell Paint & Decorating, and Bothell Former Hertz

Bothell Way NE

Bothell Landing

Facility Site ID# **73975762** Cleanup Site ID# **3013**

Bothell Paint & Decorating FS ID# **93536765**, CS ID# **3051**

Bothell Former Hertz FS ID# 11687976, CS ID# 7906

Submit comments online⁴

Or mail comments to:

Sunny Becker, Site Manager PO Box 330316 Shoreline, WA 98133

For more information

- Visit Ecology's <u>Bothell Landing</u> <u>webpage⁵</u>, <u>Bothell Paint & Decorating</u>, and <u>Bothell Former Hertz</u>⁶ webpages
- Contact Sunny Becker, Site Manager <u>sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov</u> 425-457-3842

Document review locations

- City of Bothell City Hall 18415 101st St Ave NE, Bothell
- Bothell Library
 18215 98th Ave NE, Bothell
- Ecology NW Regional Office
 15700 Dayton Ave. N., Shoreline
 Contact 206-594-0016 or
 nwro_public_request@ecy.wa.gov
 for an appointment

Jan. 19–Feb. 7: Comment on removing environmental covenants from multiple sites

Ecology and the City of Bothell propose removing the environmental covenants for these sites in downtown Bothell:

- Tax Parcel 3 (Parcel # 9457200072), the Bothell Paint & Decorating site
- Tax Parcel 4 (Parcel # 9457200015), Bothell Former Hertz and Bothell Landing sites

The environmental covenants were placed in May 2020 to address remaining groundwater contamination (total petroleum hydrocarbons-diesel/heavy oil and arsenic) and specify requirements such as prohibitions on groundwater withdrawal and use, preservation of monitoring wells, and vapor controls.

All petroleum contaminated sources have been removed at both parcels. Groundwater monitoring data collected between 2020 and 2022 shows localized and naturally high arsenic in some groundwater wells, and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs-diesel and heavy oil) are sporadically detected. The sporadic detections are due to degradation products (polar metabolites) of TPHs in groundwater. Ecology has determined that neither the naturally occurring arsenic nor the petroleum degradation products pose any threat to human health and the environment.

We invite you to review and comment on the decision to release the environmental covenants for these parcels. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received. If there are no significant comments, Ecology will remove the Environmental Covenants from the respective Parcel 3 and Parcel 4.



Gas Works Park: Sediment Unit

2000 North Northlake Way Seattle

Facility Site ID# **139** Cleanup Site ID# **2876**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Gas Works Park webpage²
- Contact Lucy McInerney
 Site Manager
 <u>lucy.mcinerney@ecy.wa.gov</u>
 425-410-1400

Response to public comments available

A Response to Comments Summary is available for review on Ecology's Gas Works Park webpage.

Public comment period and next steps

Ecology held a 30-day public comment period (October 24 – November 22, 2022) on an environmental report and a legal agreement for the cleanup of the in-water Sediment Unit of the Gas Works Park site in Seattle.

The environmental report (remedial investigation and feasibility study) was prepared by Puget Sound Energy and the City of Seattle with Ecology oversight. It describes the areas requiring remediation, identifies and evaluates a range of cleanup action alternatives, and identifies a preferred alternative to address contamination.

The legal agreement (agreed order amendment) between Ecology, PSE and the city, requires development of a preliminary cleanup action plan based on the findings of the environmental report.

Ecology has reviewed and considered the public comments received on the documents. Based on our evaluation of the comments, only one edit was necessary. The environmental report's Figure 5-15 is being changed to include surface sediment screening data, and the documents are being finalized.

In 2023, we plan to issue a cleanup action plan for public review. From 2023 – 2027, engineering design and permitting will continue, including additional investigations and evaluations to refine the cleanup action and enable detailed design work. Construction is planned to begin in 2027.

Contamination

Contaminants present in the Sediment Unit due to former site-related industrial operations include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, arsenic, nickel, carbazole and dibenzofuran. Additional contaminants associated with other sources in Lake Union are also present.



KITTITAS COUNTY

Big B Mini Mart

1611 Canyon Road Ellensburg

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

Submit comments online⁸

Or mail comments to:

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

For more information

- Visit Ecology's <u>Big B Mini Mart</u> 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).



Independent Cleanups

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Bill's Garage

9103 Rhody Drive Chimacum

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

<u>Submit comments online</u> https://plia.wa.gov/contact-us/

For more information

- Visit PLIA's <u>Bill's Garage</u> webpage⁹
- Visit Ecology's <u>Bill's Garage</u> webpage¹⁰
- 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 convenants 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.



PIERCE COUNTY

Steilacoom Public Works

1030 Roe Street Steilacoom

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

<u>Submit comments online</u>¹¹ Or mail comments to:

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

For more information

- Visit Ecology's <u>Steilacoom Public</u> <u>Works webpage¹²</u>
- 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 <u>periodic review report</u>¹³ 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.



More information

ABOUT THE SITE REGISTER

- Receive the Site Register by email 14
- Find past issues of the Site Register

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 site¹⁶
- Look up terms in the glossary 17
- See events and comment periods¹⁸

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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

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⁹ https://plia.wa.gov/bills-garage/

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- https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contaminationcleanup/Cleanup-sites
- ¹⁷ https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technicalassistance/Toxic-cleanup-acronyms

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