

# Request for Comments

## Proposed Settlement Regarding Former Yamhill Station Cleanup

**Comments due:** 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013

**Project location:** 210 S. Maple St. in Yamhill, Ore.

**Proposal:** DEQ is proposing to enter a settlement with potentially liable parties, JOHN PITFIDO; JOANNE PITFIDO; JAP INC. AND YAMHILL STATION LLC (the “Pitfidos”) for reimbursement of investigation, cleanup and oversight costs associated with the Yamhill Station soil and groundwater contamination. The settlement would be in the form of a consent judgment pursuant to ORS 465.325. The settlement would require the Pitfidos to pay DEQ up to \$100,000 to reimburse DEQ for the cost of investigating the release, installing a groundwater treatment system, implementing interim removal action measures and development of a risk-based proposal to reuse the property. In return, the Pitfidos would receive release from liability to the State and other parties regarding the matters addressed by the settlement. The public is invited to comment on the proposal from Sept. 30 – Oct. 30, 2013.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The property is located at 210 S. Maple St. in Yamhill, Ore. The property currently has no buildings and has a gravel and soil surface with limited areas of pavement. The Senz and Yamhill gas stations operated, respectively, on the property. Petroleum contamination from gasoline and diesel storage has been observed on the property since at least December 1988 when DEQ received a complaint that gasoline had been observed in a storm water system southwest of the property. Gasoline was observed in a storm drain at the intersection of Second and Olive streets, which is over 250 feet from the underground storage tanks operated, at the time, by the Senz station. The underground storage tanks were removed in 1995 and replaced with above-ground storage tank. The fuel dispensers were removed in 1999.

In 2006 gasoline was again found in the storm-water system southwest of the property and at the Yamhill Maintenance Yard (over 700 feet south of the Yamhill gas station). More than 4,000 gallons of gasoline was estimated to have leaked from the system. In 2007 and 2008 DEQ began removal of gasoline and some of the most heavily contaminated groundwater from the site and expanded the investigation to determine the extent of contamination. DEQ conducted some of this work using state Orphan Program funds and Federal “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act” funding, due to the limited ability of the current and past property owners to pay for the necessary investigation and cleanup. DEQ’s Underground Storage Tanks Program has funded extensive investigation, cleanup, monitoring, and risk assessment activities at the site. DEQ has spent over \$600,000.00 investigating and cleaning up the pollution found in the soil, groundwater, storm water, and air.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The project file may be reviewed by appointment at DEQ’s Salem office at 750 Front St. NE, Suite 120, Salem, OR 97301. To schedule an appointment to review the file or to ask questions, please contact Jim Glass at 503-378-5044. Summary information and copies of the documents referenced above are available in DEQ’s Leaking Underground Storage Tanks database on the Internet.

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DEQ will hold a public meeting if it receives a written request by 10 or more people or by a group with a membership of 10 or more.

**NEXT STEP:** DEQ will consider all public comments received by the date and time stated above before making a final decision about the proposed remedial actions taken at the site. DEQ will issue a public notice of DEQ’s final decision in this publication.

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