

## REMIEDIATING A FORMER BULK PETROLEUM FACILITY

### The Story

The site is located in Woodland, Washington. Beginning in the 1930s, it was a wholesale petroleum plant, which was sold to a series of independent owners in the 1960s. The client had collected, stored, and dehydrated used oil at the site from 1985 through 2000. It has been idle since 2000, except for maintaining the stormwater collection system.

### The Challenge

Legacy contamination limited the ability to use the property and had decreased the property value for an organization with limited funds to remediate soil and groundwater contamination.

### How We Helped

- Assisted client with securing insurance policy funding.
- Worked with client, client's attorneys, insurers, and regulators to conduct site investigation and groundwater-monitoring activities to determine extent of contamination.
- With contamination confirmed, worked with client, insurers, attorneys, regulators, and former owners to efficiently allocate limited insurance funds.
- Negotiated the resolution with regulators and former owner.





### **Investigation and Cleanup**

The soil under the plant and tank-farm areas was sampled in 2008, indicating that gasoline and oil contamination was present beneath much of the western half of the site. Subsequent groundwater monitoring and remediation investigation activities have concluded that the contaminants in the groundwater and soil include weathered gasoline, diesel, and oil products.

The sampling work completed at the site has determined the type and location of the contamination and will be used to define the best cleanup solutions. The site is currently in the Corrective Action (CA) process with the Washington Department of Ecology.

### **Expected Outcome**

The client and former owner are working towards finalizing the site remediation goals and activities so the site can be fully utilized and the property's value restored within the available budget.

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