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DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Conditional No Further Action Determination for Property in Astoria

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Facility/property: Century Link

Project location: 481 Industry Street, Astoria

Comments due by: Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Submit written comments:

By mail: Mark Pugh, Oregon DEQ, 710 NE Multnomah St., Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232

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Proposal highlights: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is proposing to issue a Conditional No Further Action determination for the Century Link site. The site is currently protective of human health and the environment under current land use. Due to residual contamination on the eastern parcel, restrictions and conditions are needed for future development.

Background: The Century Link site is part of the Astoria Area-Wide cleanup project. The site is divided into two parts: the 0.23-acre eastern parcel and the 0.57-acre western parcel. DEQ is proposing to issue the Conditional No Further Action determination for the eastern parcel with some conditions specifically focused on the remaining contamination.

The contamination investigation at this site showed generally low concentrations of contamination in soil and groundwater on the western and eastern parcels. However, gasoline, diesel and related compounds were detected in one eastern parcel groundwater well above risk-based concentrations for vapor intrusion. Vapor intrusion means that the contaminants could get into the air, which is mainly a concern when there are buildings. The contaminants can impact air inside the building.

Currently, the eastern parcel has storage buildings. This does not pose a risk because people are not in the buildings long enough to be exposed. All results were below risk-based levels on the western parcel.

DEQ considers current and future potential uses of a property when making a No Further Action determination. Since the eastern parcel has a potential for vapor intrusion, DEQ proposes the following controls and restrictions to protect human health and the environment long-term:

- A prohibition on occupational or residential use without DEQ-approved engineering controls to manage soil vapors prior to or with development.
- A requirement for a DEQ-approved Contaminated Media Management Plan to ensure the developer uses the proper controls during future activities that could lead to exposure.
- A site-specific construction and excavation worker Health and Safety Plan developed and implemented prior to initiation of intrusive activities.

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These requirements will be documented in a deed restriction called an Easement and Equitable Servitudes between the property owner, Sea Level Investments, and DEQ. The deed restriction will be recorded in Clatsop County records.

For more information: Visit DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Site Information database at: <https://ordeq.org/ecsi>.

Environmental Cleanup Site Information (ECSI) ID: 2277

If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, contact Mark Pugh at 503 229-5587 or Mark.Pugh@deq.oregon.gov to view the documents in person at a DEQ office.

The next step: DEQ will consider all public comments received during the public comment period prior to issuing the conditional No Further Action.

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