

# Skykomish Cleanup



## Construction update

July 31, 2008

### Recent activities

- There was an unplanned power outage on Wednesday, July 30, when a construction crane interfered with power lines. No one was injured and an internal review is underway. PSE crews restored power within a few hours of the outage. Thanks to everyone for their patience with this unplanned outage.
- Continued driving sheet pile along Railroad Avenue using vibratory and impact hammers.
- To prepare for hydraulic control and containment (HCC) system gate installation, crews started driving temporary sheet piles at the west end of Railroad Avenue to create "cells" that will provide reinforcement and shoring for gate installation. Gates will be installed within these sheet pile cells. Gates are large, reinforced concrete structures that are key components of the HCC system, the underground barrier that will contain and treat groundwater on the rail yard.
- Began transporting excavated material offsite in rail cars. Approximately 17-19 rail cars have been loaded daily. Contaminated material is taken to the Rabanco Landfill.
- The construction water treatment system is operational but is not currently treating or discharging water.
- Thanks for attending the public meeting on July 24. Cleanup staff answered questions about completed construction work, upcoming work, and details about the HCC system. The Town of Skykomish also provided an update on the community wastewater system.
- Continued overburden (e.g. soil) sampling and air, noise and vibration monitoring.
- Cleanup staff and the Town of Skykomish worked on levee vegetation maintenance.

### What's happening next?

- Crews will start excavating within the HCC system gate "cells" at the west end of Railroad Avenue the week of August 4. Contaminated water and soil will be removed by oil recovery specialists. Gates will not be delivered and installed until the middle of August.
- Work will significantly increase the week of August 4 as crews begin digging deeper into Railroad Avenue to remove oil and contaminated soils.
- Crews will start constructing an underground wall on the north side of the excavation area along Railroad Avenue, starting between 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. This wall will separate the clean areas from contaminated areas. This work will begin the week of August 4.
- A temporary power outage affecting residents along 4<sup>th</sup> Street down to the east end of Railroad Avenue will most likely occur the week of August 4. PSE crews need to temporarily take down a power line near 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to provide room for the crane to maneuver sheet pile. Cleanup staff will notify residents and businesses that will be affected as soon as PSE selects a day for the work.
- Continue air, noise and vibration monitoring.

### Questions or concerns?

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