

Skykomish Cleanup



Construction update

August 7, 2008

Recent activities

- Continued driving sheet pile for the underground HCC system along Railroad Avenue using vibratory and impact hammers. Crews also started driving sheet pile near the Whistling Post.
- Crews drove 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.
- Began deep excavation to remove oil and contaminated soil in and around gate cells. This deep excavation will generally proceed from the west end of the construction zone toward the east end. Oil recovery specialists have recovered small amounts of oil.
- Continued to load contaminated material into rail cars for transport to the Rabanco landfill.
- Crews used a large drill to begin investigational drilling at the school. This investigation will help determine what cleanup remedies are necessary at the school.
- Continued air, noise and vibration monitoring.

What's happening next?

- Continue deep excavation within the construction zone to remove oil and contaminated soil.
- Continue installing sheet pile along Railroad Avenue and near the Whistling Post.
- An underground concrete block wall will be built along the north side of the excavation, starting near the west end of Railroad Avenue near 6th Street and moving east to the Whistling Post. Liners will be used to prevent oil from migrating back toward clean backfill while still allowing groundwater to flow as it normally does toward the river. Construction of this wall will begin the week of August 11.
- Residents along 4th Street to the east end of Railroad Avenue between the rail yard and the river will experience a power outage during the day on Friday, August 8. PSE crews need to temporarily take down a power line near 3rd Street to provide room for the crane to install sheet pile. Affected residents were notified.
- More construction crews will start working on Saturdays to help keep the excavation work on schedule. If necessary, oil recovery will occur on Sundays as well.
- HCC gates will be delivered and installed the end of the week of August 18.
- Begin school pilot testing on the rail yard the week of August 11.
- Continue air, noise and vibration monitoring.

Questions or concerns?

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