

Skykomish Cleanup



Construction update

August 14, 2008

Recent activities

- Railroad Avenue excavation is quickly progressing. On average, crews excavated 1,600 cubic yards of material per day.
- Crews continue to recover oil from the excavation area using skimmers and booms. Visual inspections and confirmation sampling determines when an area is clean and ready for backfilling. Water pumped out of the excavation area is treated at the water treatment system on the rail yard before being discharged. Bird deterrents are being used to prevent birds from landing in contaminated areas.
- The underground concrete ecology block wall is approximately 50% complete. This wall is not part of the HCC system. It runs along the north side of Railroad Avenue, beginning near 6th Street and moving east to the Whistling Post and 4th Street. This wall and 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.
- Sheet pile for the underground HCC system along the rail yard is approximately 90% complete. Crews will continue driving sheet pile "cells" that will be used for stabilization during vault installation; this sheet pile is temporary and will be removed after vaults are installed.
- Crews continued investigational drilling at the school and began pilot testing on the rail yard. This investigation will help determine what cleanup remedies are necessary at the school.
- Continued air, noise and vibration monitoring.

What's happening next?

- The next phase of construction is approaching, when the northern part of the construction zone will be excavated and backfilled. This area includes the intersection of 4th Street and Railroad Avenue. Traffic and pedestrian routes will change. Residents, businesses, and the Town of Skykomish will be notified as plans are finalized. Vehicle and pedestrian access in town will be maintained and the project team will continue to work with residents and businesses.
- The Town of Skykomish will begin constructing the community wastewater treatment system. Pump station construction at the west end of Railroad Avenue is expected to begin in August or September.
- Continue excavating and backfilling in the construction zone.
- Continue installing sheet pile at the east end of Railroad Avenue. HCC vault delivery and installation will most likely occur in early September.
- Construction crews will continue working on Saturdays to help stay on schedule. If necessary, oil recovery will occur on Sundays as well.
- Continue air, noise and vibration monitoring, and continue water treatment operations.

Questions or concerns?

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