

# PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

**Date of Incident:** January 28, 2020

**Potential Liable Party:** Tarlochan "Roger" Singh

**Product Spilled:** Heating Oil

**Spill Source:** Underground Storage Tank

**Oil Spill Size Estimate:** 32 gallons

**Water Body Affected:** Swan Creek

**Ecology Region:** SWRO

**County:** Pierce

**Nearest City:** Tacoma

**Location of Spill:** Private Residence

**Cause:** Structural Failure

**Ecology Responder:** Andrea Unger

**Incident Summary:** On January 18, 2020, Ecology responded to a strong diesel odor and mystery sheen in Swan Creek. Over the next five days, responders were able to track the diesel to a rental home owned by Tarlochan "Roger" Singh. A mostly empty home heating oil tank on the property has been leaking oil to the surrounding soil, groundwater and migrating into Swan Creek. Environmental samples collected from Swan Creek indicate a match with the home heating oil in the storage tank. Based on the volume of the home heating oil tank and the remaining tank volume, as much as 100 gallons of fuel oil is unaccounted for. Based on Ecology's investigation, an estimated 32 gallons of home heating oil was lost to groundwater, and eventually to Swan Creek. None of the oil was recovered within the first 24-hours.