

PREASSESSMENT SCREENING OIL SPILL REPORT FORM

ERTS#	740031
Date of Incident:	07/10/2025
Potential Liable Party:	Winlock School District
Product Spilled:	Diesel Low Sulphur (Ulsd)
Spill Source:	2000-gallon diesel tank (Aboveground Storage Tank)
Oil Spill Size Estimate:	300-1000 Gallons
Water Body Affected:	Olequa Creek
Ecology Region:	SWRO
County:	Lewis
Nearest City:	Winlock
Location of Spill:	1209 SW Mayer Ave, Winlock
Cause:	Other - Equipment/Material Failure
Ecology Responder:	Greg Dunbar
Incident Summary:	<p>On July 10, 2025, Ecology responded to a report of a diesel sheen on Olequa Creek in Winlock. The source of the spill was determined to be from an above ground diesel fuel storage tank at the Winlock School District Transportation Department. The school district hired Cowlitz Clean Sweep to pump out the remaining fuel from the 2,000-gallon tank as well as contain and collect diesel that had spilled to the creek. Sheen was observed about 1.5 miles downstream from the tank and the saturated soil below it. CCS continued to monitor and replace sorbent boom over the following weeks while Ecology monitored cleanup activities. Live fish were seen in the creek, but there were no observations of wildlife impacts. On July 22, CCS began low-pressure flushing of the bank to mobilize diesel remaining in the soil into containment. This was followed by the removal of the tank and demolition of its secondary containment concrete pad on July 25. A pinhole leak on the bottom of the tank was identified as the cause of the spill. Excavation of contaminated soil resulted in the recovery of contaminated groundwater over multiple days. Cleanup is now being verified through confirmation sampling and backfilling is expected to occur soon. The spill amount is under investigation, but Ecology currently estimates that over 300 gallons of diesel may have spilled to the creek.</p>