



*Washington State Pollution Liability Insurance Agency  
Revolving Loan and Grant Demonstration Program*

## Acme Fuel Company, Olympia

In 2011, Acme Fuel Company's fuel supplier delivered fuel to a discontinued tank, resulting in a catastrophic release and an emergency cleanup. During the cleanup investigation they discovered historical contamination from the underground fuel piping and fittings which had been leaking over several years. Upon discovering the contamination, Acme Fuel Company's owner, Christophe Allen, worked with an environmental consultant to develop a plan to clean up the contamination. Mr. Allen was surprised to learn that while his insurance policy covered the cleanup work, none of the station rebuilding costs would be covered. He approached his banker to set up financing and was told that the bank would not be able to help, because his property was already contaminated, and the costs were too large compared to the size of his small family business.



The pilot program grant has allowed Acme Fuel Company to move ahead with the teardown of the station and cleanup of the contamination using insurance funds, with the reassurance that they will have the resources to put their station back together after the contamination has been removed. With the grant funds, Acme Fuel Company will install new tanks and lines less likely to leak in the future.

Acme Fuel Company, founded in 1925, is a third generation family-owned business located in downtown Olympia. Acme Fuel Company provides fuel services to homes and businesses throughout Thurston and Mason Counties. They deliver propane and heating oil to homes, repair and install heating and cooling equipment, and operate two card lock gas stations that provide fuel to businesses and individuals.

**Current Project Status:** Excavation began in July 2016.

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The Pollution Liability Insurance Agency provides an effective and efficient government funding model to support owners and operators in meeting financial responsibility and environmental cleanup requirements for underground storage tanks.