

Yakima Valley Spray Yakima County



Notice of Proposed Consent Decree

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), under the authority of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), is proposing to enter into a Consent Decree with Potentially Liable Parties (PLPs) for the remediation of the Yakima Valley Spray, Yakima, Washington facility. The PLPs include U-Haul of Inland Northwest, Shell Oil and Shell Chemical, Atofina Chemicals, Chevron Chemical, Occidental Chemical, Puregro, T H Agriculture & Nutrition, Univar USA, Wilbur-Ellis, and Burlington Northern and Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad.

The Consent Decree states that the PLPs will remediate the facility soils to the cleanup levels in the Cleanup Action Plan. The PLPs have the option of either excavating the entire contaminated soils at the site or partial excavation of the most contaminated soils followed by bioventing/biosparging treatment of the remaining soils. The facility is located at 1108-1122 South 1st Street in Yakima.

Site History

Yakima Valley Spray, a pesticide formulator and distributor, and Shell Oil, a bulk oil distributor, co-existed at this facility for most of the period from 1908 to 1974. During this time, releases of toxic substances occurred over about two acres of the present U-Haul of Inland Northwest property and also part of the adjacent BNSF property. Releases to the soil include at least 62 contaminants,

some of which migrated to the 14-20 foot deep local groundwater.

This facility is also a part of the Yakima Railroad Area where Perchloroethylene (PCE) came to exist in the soils and in the groundwater. From 1968 to 1973, a 6,000-gallon tank of PCE existed at the site. Cleanup of the PCE will also be addressed.

Future Actions

During the winter of 2003-2004, the PLPs will excavate contaminated soils and take them to an appropriate permitted facility. During the winter the groundwater level is at its lowest level and a maximum amount of contaminated soils will be accessible. After excavation or treatment of the soils, additional wells will be constructed and will be monitored quarterly to note the affects of the cleanup. Groundwater monitoring will continue for several years.

You Can Be Involved

Ecology is inviting the public to comment on the proposed Consent Decree from September 19, 2003 to October 19, 2003. Copies of the Consent Decree are available at the Ecology Central Regional Office or at the Yakima Valley Regional Library, addresses listed at right. Written comments can be sent to the Ecology Site Manager, Richard Bassett, at the address in the information box at the right.

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