
Alexander Farms

Benton County



DRAFT PLANS FOR FINAL CLEANUP, CONSENT DECREE AND SEPA DNS, AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Ecology is asking the public to comment on a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP), a draft Consent Decree (CD), and a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Alexander Farms Toxic Cleanup Site in Grandview. The CAP and CD are part of an agreement between the Alexander's and the Department of Ecology to clean up soil contamination and monitor a groundwater contamination plume located on their property. Ecology is also requesting comments on the SEPA DNS which is being issued for the proposed soil and groundwater cleanup.

Site Background

In 1998, Ecology responded to complaints of yellow water coming from two domestic wells in the vicinity of the Alexander Farms site. Ecology determined that the soil and groundwater at the site was contaminated with Dinoseb, a herbicide that was banned from use by the USEPA in 1986.

In May 1998, Ecology issued an Order requiring the investigation and cleanup of Dinoseb-contaminated soil and groundwater at the Alexander Farms site and surrounding properties affected by the contamination.

After soil removal and cleanup stalled in fall of 1998, Ecology asked EPA to intervene. EPA, under its Superfund authority, hired a contractor to remove some 12,530 tons of contaminated soil from the site in 1999.

Soil Cleanup

Approximately 1,600 cubic yards of Dinoseb-contaminated soil remain at the site. In accordance with the CAP, the contaminated soil will be excavated and hauled to a licensed disposal facility.

Groundwater Cleanup

The groundwater contamination plume beneath the site has been decreasing in size and concentration

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Public Comment Period:

**July 28, 2004 to
August 27, 2004**

**Documents are available for
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since the EPA conducted their soil removal. Under the CAP, groundwater will be monitored until it consistently measures below 7 ug/L (the level considered to be safe by the EPA).

SEPA DNS

Ecology has determined that this proposal will not have a probable adverse impact on the environment. As a result, Ecology proposes to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA, chapter 197-11 WAC) Rules.

How Can You Be Involved?

You are invited to review and submit written comments on the draft Cleanup Action Plan, draft Consent Decree, and SEPA DNS. The 30-day public comment period will run from July 28, 2004 to August 27, 2004. Ecology will respond in writing to all comments received.