

# Naches Intermediate School Yakima County



## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove Naches Valley Intermediate School (Site), Ecology Facility/Site ID # 2161643, located at 101 Shafer Avenue in Naches, from the Hazardous Sites List. The Site is currently ranked a "5." Sites can be ranked from "1" to "5". A rank of "1" is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

### Site History

As former old orchard, the Site was subjected to historical pesticide applications. Lead arsenate was widely used to control the codling moth prior to 1950. Unfortunately, it resulted in lead and arsenic contamination at many former orchards throughout central Washington.

In 2005, Ecology staff tested the soil at the Site and found lead and arsenic contamination exceeding state cleanup levels.

### Cleanup of Contamination

During the summer of 2006, Ecology staff managed a cleanup at the Site designed to reduce or eliminate the lead and arsenic contamination.

It involved two major steps:

1) excavation of contaminated soil for disposal at a permitted landfill, and 2) deep mixing of residual soil to reduce contamination levels. Once these steps were complete, clean topsoil was

imported. New seed or sod was placed down to establish grass.

Ecology staff verified through confirmational sampling that the contamination had been either removed or reduced to below state cleanup levels. Therefore, Ecology proposes removing the Site from the Hazardous Sites list. It no longer poses a threat to human health and the environment.

### Ecology Welcomes Your Comments!

Documents relating to the cleanup are available for public review. A public comment period will run from September 12, 2007 through October 12, 2007. The box on the right provides information on where to review documents and submit comments.

You are encouraged to submit your written comments to Jeff Newschwander, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>.

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link for Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

### September 2007

**Ecology is Accepting Comments**  
September 12, 2007 through  
October 12, 2007

**Review Documents at**  
WA Department of Ecology  
Central Regional Office  
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200  
Yakima WA 98902  
Roger Johnson, Public Disclosure  
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**Naches Valley School District**  
Administration Office  
24 Shafer Avenue  
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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/naches\\_schools/naches\\_school\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/naches_schools/naches_school_hp.htm)

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