

Comet Trailer Manufacturing Facility Yakima County



Agreed Order for RI/FS Proposed

The Washington Department of Ecology and Mr. Bud Owens have agreed to a Model Toxics Control Act Agreed Order to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Comet Trailer Manufacturing Facility.

Site Background

The site is located in the 500 block one block east of 1st Street, Selah, Washington. Mr. Owens owned and operated the truck manufacturing business from 1984 to 1995. During that time, waste generated during production was deposited on this and an adjacent property. Currently, Mr. Owens leases the property.

In 1991, Ecology conducted an initial investigation at the site. Sludge and sandblast waste samples were collected at that time. Laboratory analyses of these samples revealed the presence of volatile organics and heavy metals.

In 1992, Ecology conducted a Site Hazard Assessment to determine the relative risk that this site posed to human health and the environment. Ecology determined that the site posed a high risk (i.e. ranked a 1) and it was placed on the Hazardous Sites List.

What is an RI/FS?

The Agreed Order requires Mr. Owens to conduct an RI/FS of contaminated media. The Remedial Investigation will determine the nature, extent, and magnitude of site contamination. The Feasibility Study will evaluate site cleanup alternatives. Ecology will oversee the project to ensure that all terms of the Agreed Order are satisfied.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

The public comment period presents an opportunity to have your ideas and comments heard by Ecology. To review more detailed site documents than those in the information repositories, contact Ecology's Central Regional Office records center at (509) 454-7658 to schedule an appointment. Please submit your written comments to Krystal Rodriguez, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box on the right. The comment period will run from December 5, 2003 through January 5, 2004.

Ecology will review and respond to all comments received, and may revise the Agreed Order. Updates of the site activities will be provided to those who submit comments or request to be placed on the site mailing list (if you received this fact sheet from Ecology, you are already on the site mailing list).

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