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RE: Health Investigation-Puregro, Adams County, Othello, Washington

The Department of Health (DOH) has conducted a health investigation of Puregro, which has been declared a hazardous waste site by the Department of Ecology. A DOH health investigation is a preliminary assessment of the potential for a hazardous waste site to affect public health. DOH concludes that this site does not present a significant hazard to public health at this time.

This conclusion is based on a site visit and a review of the existing environmental data. The available information was evaluated regarding the potentially affected population, possible exposure pathways, types of contaminants, types of contaminated media, and community concerns.

Although this site has the potential to impact public health, it is not of immediate concern because of the lack of a current completed human exposure pathway, and it has a low priority for further investigation by this department. Should further environmental data indicate that human health is, or soon will be impacted, and/or if there is increased community concern, a more in depth assessment may be conducted in the future.

Sincerely,

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