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September 1, 2023

Terick's Early Learning  
Parents and Caregivers  
c/o Erick Mendoza  
108 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Yakima, WA 98902

**Re: Sampling Event Information Regarding the Following Site:**

- **Site Name:** Frank Wear Cleaners
- **Site Address:** 106 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Yakima
- **Facility Site ID No.:** 444
- **Cleanup Site ID No.:** 4194

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

You may not know that a dry cleaner called Frank Wear Cleaners operated right next to the building currently used for Terick's Early Learning Center. Frank Wear Cleaners operated from the early 1940's to about 2000, when the dry cleaner building was demolished. At the time, dry cleaning businesses commonly used a solvent known as PCE (or "perc"). Frank Wear Cleaners was no different, and unfortunately PCE contamination is present on that property in the soil and shallow groundwater. PCE is a potentially cancer-causing chemical. Find out more about PCE and its health effects by visiting the CDC's website.<sup>1</sup> It's common for vapors to rise from the soil and groundwater contamination, and Ecology is concerned with these vapors getting into the Terick's Early Learning building.

In 2012, Ecology installed a system underground between the old dry cleaning building and the Terick's Early Learning building (at that time it was Buckle My Shoe Daycare) to prevent contaminated vapors from entering the building. Although the system is still operating, Ecology has not collected any air samples from inside the Terick's Early Learning building since 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://wwwn.cdc.gov/TSP/PHS/PHS.aspx?phsid=263&toxid=48>

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Because young children are more susceptible to the effects of contamination, Ecology will be sampling air from inside and under the Terick's Early Learning building in the next couple of months.

When we have those results, we will share them with you. If you would like to review a more detailed summary of the site, please visit Ecology's Frank Wear Cleaners cleanup site webpage.<sup>2</sup>

Please contact me at Rachel.Caron@ecy.wa.gov or 509-907-1353 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Central Regional Office

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<sup>2</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4194>