

Boulevard Nursery Site Responsiveness Summary

Cleanup Site ID: 223
Facility ID: 3749
VCP ID: SW1796
Address: 2021 Boulevard Rd SE, Olympia, WA 98501
County: Thurston County
Cleanup Site webpage: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/223>

We held a comment period from December 11, 2023, to January 12, 2024, giving the public an opportunity to comment on Ecology's proposal to remove the Site from the Hazardous Sites List, now called the [Contaminated Sites List](#).¹

We received one comment during the public comment period, which was delivered by email. On the next page, we listed and responded to the comment.

We received one request for information about the cleanup by telephone and provided the requested information by email on December 20, 2023. The person inquiring about the site did not submit a comment regarding the cleanup.

In 2023, we determined the cleanup is effective in protecting the health of people and the environment and determined no further cleanup action is required. We received no new significant information about the site during the comment period and are in the process of removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Relevant Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Regulation: WAC 173-340-330.

Background

The site was a landscape nursery business until the business closed. Now the site is a vacant lot.

Soil at the site was contaminated with a pesticide called dieldrin. The contamination may have been caused by applying pesticides at the nursery. Investigators found dieldrin at concentrations that required cleanup of soil located in a berm on the western edge of the property.

We ranked the site's relative risk to human health and the environment based on contamination and location of the site. When a cleanup site is ranked, we put the site on the state's Hazardous Sites List.

The property owner excavated about 488 tons of contaminated soil, removing the soil berm from the site. Afterwards, tests confirmed that contaminant concentrations were below cleanup levels, protecting human health and the environment. Groundwater contamination is not a concern at the site.

The cleanup is effective in protecting the health of people and the environment. We determined no further cleanup action is required.

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¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data#HSL>

Comment from Charles and Catherine Pfeil

My wife and I live on Chambers St SE, near the Boulevard Nursery Cleanup Site and we received your mailing. After reviewing your actions since 2009, we concur with your decision to remove this site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Response from Ecology

Thank you for your comment.

We appreciate your words of support regarding the Boulevard Nursery cleanup and concurrence regarding Ecology's decision to remove this site from the Hazardous Sites List.