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Karma Suchan
Manager, Solid Waste Division
Yakima County
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Re: Rescission of No Further Action (NFA) Status for the following Site:

- **Site Name:** Yakima Old City Landfill
- **Site Address:** S 18th St and Yakima R Mile 112, Yakima
- **Facility/Site ID:** 463
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 3666

Dear Karma Suchan:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a No Further Action (NFA) determination for the Yakima Old City Landfill site (Site) on June 28, 2019. During public notice and review for the proposed Hazardous Site List (HSL) delisting, it has come to our attention that there was additional information available that was not considered during our NFA determination.

Ecology's NFA determination had been based on the Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) dated June 25, 1997, which concluded that "Only lead was found above the Method A cleanup levels." Ecology had concluded in our NFA letter that "Lead was detected in groundwater at a concentration of 8 µg/L, above the historical Method A cleanup level of 5 µg/L" and that "The current Method A cleanup level for lead in groundwater is 15 µg/L. Therefore, the historical detection of 8 µg/L is below the current applicable cleanup level."

Upon further review of attachments to the SHA, Ecology has concluded that we both misunderstood the data presented within the SHA and did not consider other constituents of potential concern detected in groundwater at the Site. The actual maximum concentration of lead in groundwater was 450 µg/L, not 8 µg/L. In addition, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) were detected at up to 2,500 µg/L, above the Method A cleanup level of 500 µg/L. Ecology notes that the analytical method used for TPH (EPA Method 418.1) is not the preferred analytical method to assess petroleum hydrocarbon contamination in groundwater.

Based on this information, Ecology rescinds the June 28, 2019 NFA determination. The effective date of the rescission is the date of this letter.

Next Steps

Ecology will update its records to reflect that Ecology has rescinded the NFA determination for this Site. The Site will be listed in future publications of the Contaminated Sites List.¹

If you have any questions about the rescission or next steps, please contact me by phone at (509) 901-7107 or email at valerie.bound@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



Valerie Bound
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Central Regional Office

cc: Frank Winslow, Ecology
Ecology Site File

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/tcpwebreporting/reports/cleanup/contaminated>