DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
State of Washington

Voluntary Cleanup Program

Washington State Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program

TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGICAL EVALUATION FORM

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), a terrestrial ecological evaluation is necessary if hazardous substances are released into the soils at a Site. In the event of such a release, you must take one of the following three actions as part of your investigation and cleanup of the Site:

1. Document an exclusion from further evaluation using the criteria in WAC 173-340-7491.
2. Conduct a simplified evaluation as set forth in WAC 173-340-7492.
3. Conduct a site-specific evaluation as set forth in WAC 173-340-7493.

When requesting a written opinion under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), you must complete this form and submit it to the Department of Ecology (Ecology). The form documents the type and results of your evaluation.

Completion of this form is not sufficient to document your evaluation. You still need to document your analysis and the basis for your conclusion in your cleanup plan or report.

If you have questions about how to conduct a terrestrial ecological evaluation, please contact the Ecology site manager assigned to your Site. For additional guidance, please refer to www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/policies/terrestrial/TEEHome.htm.

Step 1: IDENTIFY HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

Please identify below the hazardous waste site for which you are documenting an evaluation.	
Facility/Site Name: Former Wolfkill Site	
Facility/Site Address: 205 West Fir Street, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273	
Facility/Site No: 4755451	VCP Project No.: NW 2353

Step 2: IDENTIFY EVALUATOR

Please identify below the person who conducted the evaluation and their contact information.		
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B. Simplified evaluation.

1. Does the Site qualify for a simplified evaluation?

☒ Yes *If you answered **"YES,"** then answer **Question 2** below.*

☐ No or Unknown *If you answered **"NO"** or **"UNKNOWN,"** then skip to **Step 3C** of this form.*

2. Did you conduct a simplified evaluation?

☒ Yes *If you answered **"YES,"** then answer **Question 3** below.*

☐ No *If you answered **"NO,"** then skip to **Step 3C** of this form.*

3. Was further evaluation necessary?

☐ Yes *If you answered **"YES,"** then answer **Question 4** below.*

☒ No *If you answered **"NO,"** then answer **Question 5** below.*

4. If further evaluation was necessary, what did you do?

☐ Used the concentrations listed in Table 749-2 as cleanup levels. *If so, then skip to **Step 4** of this form.*

☐ Conducted a site-specific evaluation. *If so, then skip to **Step 3C** of this form.*

5. If no further evaluation was necessary, what was the reason? *Check all that apply. Then skip to **Step 4** of this form.*

Exposure Analysis: WAC 173-340-7492(2)(a)

☒ Area of soil contamination at the Site is not more than 350 square feet.

☒ Current or planned land use makes wildlife exposure unlikely. Used Table 749-1.

Pathway Analysis: WAC 173-340-7492(2)(b)

☒ No potential exposure pathways from soil contamination to ecological receptors.

Contaminant Analysis: WAC 173-340-7492(2)(c)

☒ No contaminant listed in Table 749-2 is, or will be, present in the upper 15 feet at concentrations that exceed the values listed in Table 749-2.

☐ No contaminant listed in Table 749-2 is, or will be, present in the upper 6 feet (or alternative depth if approved by Ecology) at concentrations that exceed the values listed in Table 749-2, and institutional controls are used to manage remaining contamination.

☐ No contaminant listed in Table 749-2 is, or will be, present in the upper 15 feet at concentrations likely to be toxic or have the potential to bioaccumulate as determined using Ecology-approved bioassays.

☐ No contaminant listed in Table 749-2 is, or will be, present in the upper 6 feet (or alternative depth if approved by Ecology) at concentrations likely to be toxic or have the potential to bioaccumulate as determined using Ecology-approved bioassays, and institutional controls are used to manage remaining contamination.

C. Site-specific evaluation. A site-specific evaluation process consists of two parts: (1) formulating the problem, and (2) selecting the methods for addressing the identified problem. Both steps require consultation with and approval by Ecology. *See* WAC 173-340-7493(1)(c).

1. Was there a problem? *See* WAC 173-340-7493(2).

☐ Yes *If you answered **"YES,"** then answer **Question 2** below.*

☐ No *If you answered **"NO,"** then identify the reason here and then skip to **Question 5** below:*

- ☐ No issues were identified during the problem formulation step.
- ☐ While issues were identified, those issues were addressed by the cleanup actions for protecting human health.

2. What did you do to resolve the problem? *See* WAC 173-340-7493(3).

☐ Used the concentrations listed in Table 749-3 as cleanup levels. *If so, then skip to **Question 5** below.*

☐ Used one or more of the methods listed in WAC 173-340-7493(3) to evaluate and address the identified problem. *If so, then answer **Questions 3 and 4** below.*

3. If you conducted further site-specific evaluations, what methods did you use? *Check all that apply. See* WAC 173-340-7493(3).

- ☐ Literature surveys.
- ☐ Soil bioassays.
- ☐ Wildlife exposure model.
- ☐ Biomarkers.
- ☐ Site-specific field studies.
- ☐ Weight of evidence.
- ☐ Other methods approved by Ecology. If so, please specify:

4. What was the result of those evaluations?

- ☒ Confirmed there was no problem.
- ☐ Confirmed there was a problem and established site-specific cleanup levels.

5. Have you already obtained Ecology's approval of both your problem formulation and problem resolution steps?

☐ Yes If so, please identify the Ecology staff who approved those steps:

☒ No

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Table 749-1
Simplified Terrestrial Ecological Evaluation – Exposure Analysis Procedure under WAC 173-340-7492(2)(a)(ii).[a]

Estimate the area of contiguous (connected) undeveloped land on the site or within 500 feet of any area of the site to the nearest 1/2 acre (1/4 acre if the area is less than 0.5 acre). "Undeveloped land" means land that is not covered by existing buildings, roads, paved areas or other barriers that will prevent wildlife from feeding on plants, earthworms, insects or other food in or on the soil.	
1) From the table below, find the number of points corresponding to the area and enter this number in the box to the right.	
Area (acres) / Points 0.25 or less: 4 0.5: 5 1.0: 6 1.5: 7 2.0: 8 2.5: 9 3.0: 10 3.5: 11 4.0 or more: 12	7
2) Is this an industrial or commercial property? See WAC 173-340-7490(3)(c). If yes, enter a score of 3 in the box to the right. If no, enter a score of 1.	3
3) Enter a score in the box to the right for the habitat quality of the site, using the rating system shown below[b]. (High = 1, Intermediate = 2, Low = 3)	3
4) Is the undeveloped land likely to attract wildlife? If yes, enter a score of 1 in the box to the right. If no, enter a score of 2. See footnote c.	2
5) Are there any of the following soil contaminants present: Chlorinated dioxins/furans, PCB mixtures, DDT, DDE, DDD, aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endosulfan, endrin, heptachlor, benzene hexachloride, toxaphene, hexachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol, pentachlorobenzene? If yes, enter a score of 1 in the box to the right. If no, enter a score of 4.	1
6) Add the numbers in the boxes on lines 2 through 5 and enter this number in the box to the right. If this number is larger than the number in the box on line 1, the simplified terrestrial ecological evaluation may be ended under WAC 173-340-7492 (2)(a)(ii).	9

Footnotes:

a It is expected that this habitat evaluation will be undertaken by an experienced field biologist. If this is not the case, enter a conservative score (1) for questions 3 and 4.

b **Habitat rating system.** Rate the quality of the habitat as high, intermediate or low based on your professional judgment as a field biologist. The following are suggested factors to consider in making this evaluation:
Low: Early successional vegetative stands; vegetation predominantly noxious, nonnative, exotic plant species or weeds. Areas severely disturbed by human activity, including intensively cultivated croplands. Areas isolated from other habitat used by wildlife.
High: Area is ecologically significant for one or more of the following reasons: Late-successional native plant communities present; relatively high species diversity; used by an uncommon or rare species; priority habitat (as defined by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife); part of a larger area of habitat where size or fragmentation may be important for the retention of some species.
Intermediate: Area does not rate as either high or low.

c Indicate "yes" if the area attracts wildlife or is likely to do so. Examples: Birds frequently visit the area to feed; evidence of high use by mammals (tracks, scat, etc.); habitat "island" in an industrial area; unusual features of an area that make it important for feeding animals; heavy use during seasonal migrations.

9 > 7 Therefore the simplified terrestrial ecological evaluation is ended. Mottey.