

Agreed Order and SEPA Documents Ready for Public Review

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing the opportunity for the public to comment on its plans to clean up petroleum and pesticide contamination at the Prosser Airport Aircraft Applicators site (Site). The Prosser Airport is located at 221 Nunn Road.

In addition, Ecology has made a determination of non-significance, meaning the cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the environment.

The following documents are available for public comment:

- Agreed Order
- SEPA Checklist
- Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)

Site Background

The Site is currently an aircraft hangar and surrounding property that has been the location of an aerial pesticide applicator operation since prior to 1966. In July 2006, Ecology was notified of a release. A subsequent investigation revealed areas of stained soil. Soil sampling confirmed contamination from pesticides (dinoseb, DDT, dieldrin, and others) and petroleum. The site is currently owned by the Port of Benton.

Some cleanup activities have already occurred. More extensive sampling has been completed to determine the extent of the contamination. Excavation of contaminated soils has taken place. Groundwater monitoring wells have been installed.

What is an Agreed Order?

An Agreed Order is an agreement between Ecology and the Port of Benton to agree to complete certain tasks to investigate the

Comments Accepted

September 17, 2008 through
October 17, 2008

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/prosser/prosserAirport_hp.html

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site and implement cleanup activities. Specifically, Ecology is requiring the Port of Benton to

- complete the cleanup activities currently underway
- implement groundwater monitoring
- submit a report documenting the results.

Ecology will oversee the project to ensure that all terms of the Agreed Order are satisfied.

Determination of Non-Significance

After reviewing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has made a decision that the cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist and Determination of Non-Significance are part of the documents available for public comment.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Agreed Order and SEPA documents.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order, SEPA Checklist, and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted September 17, 2008 through October 17, 2008.

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