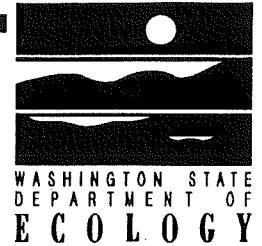


GOODWILL INDUSTRIES SITE

Yakima County



Fighting Crime *And* Helping the Environment

Yakima's long awaited new police station and legal center will become a reality, thanks to cooperation between Goodwill Industries, the City, and the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology).

The City of Yakima has been negotiating with Goodwill Industries to buy the property at 222 South Third Street, where the Goodwill currently has a retail store.

Soil and groundwater contamination from at least 15 different chemicals was found at the site during a Phase II site assessment for the real estate transactions. One of these includes perchloroethylene (PCE), the solvent that has polluted the groundwater in this area, known as the Yakima Railroad Area.

Under state law, the City would have become potentially liable for the cleanup of the property once they bought it.

Working Together For A Solution

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has proposed a prospective purchaser agreement with the City, which would keep the construction within schedule while protecting human health and the environment. Under the decree, the City has agreed to clean up the contaminated soil during excavation and construction work for the new center, and monitor the groundwater for two years.

Other potentially liable parties (PLPs) for the site will be responsible for groundwater remediation.

A prospective purchaser agreement amends the Model Toxics Control Act to provide a legal method for Ecology to settle the liability of persons wanting to buy and redevelop contaminated property before they actually buy the property.

The police station & legal center will house (1) the Yakima Police Department and all of its support services, (2) the legal department, (3) the 911 emergency communications service, and (4) a holding facility for criminal defendants.

How Can You Be Involved?

You are invited to read the draft consent decree and make written comments through **September 2, 1994**. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, **August 30, 1994**, at Yakima City Hall to take written and oral comments. The consent decree will either be finalized after the public comment period has ended or changed based on the comments received.

Information on this site can be reviewed at the Yakima Regional Library, Yakima City Hall, and at Ecology's Central Regional Office. Send your written comments to site manager Rick Roeder (the addresses are in the box to the right).

AUGUST 1994

Public Comment Period: August 2 through September 1, 1994.

**Public hearing: August 30, 1994
7:00 PM Yakima City Council Rm
Yakima City Hall
129 N 2nd Street, Yakima**

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