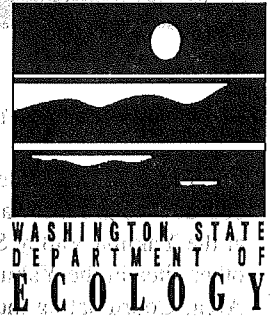


# Yakima Valley Spray (U-Haul) Yakima County



## An Enforcement Order has been issued to U-Haul of Inland Northwest for the monitoring of ground water at their Yakima facility.

The Washington Department of Ecology has issued, under terms of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW), an Enforcement Order to U-Haul of Inland Northwest for the monitoring of ground water at its Yakima facility. U-Haul's Yakima facility is the former location of Yakima Valley Spray and is located at 1122 South First Street, Yakima.

### Site Background

Perchloroethylene contamination has been found in the ground water in the central Yakima area. This area is centered on the railroad lines running through the commercial/industrial section of Yakima. This area has become known as the Yakima Railroad Area and stretches from about "B" Street to Union Gap. About 20 facilities have been identified as having contributed to the perchloroethylene contamination in this area.

The Yakima Valley Spray site is owned by U-Haul of Inland Northwest and lies within the Yakima Railroad Area. Previous studies of this site have shown soils and ground water are contaminated with perchloroethylene.

A great deal of work has been conducted to characterize the contamination in the ground water. Projects have been undertaken to provide alternative drinking water supplies to the residences that were

using private wells in the area of potentially contaminated ground water. More information is needed to ensure water users in the vicinity of the Yakima Railroad Area are protected from potential migration of the perchloroethylene contamination.

### Coordination Is The Key!

Ecology is coordinating the investigation of ground water contamination at sites within the Yakima Railroad Area. Coordinating the ground water monitoring at sites throughout the Yakima Railroad Area will allow information to be shared and compared from site to site. This coordination is an effort to gain more information than is possible from the monitoring at the sites individually.

### What Happens Next?

The Enforcement Order to U-Haul prescribes a specific schedule and procedure for conducting ground water monitoring at the Yakima Valley Spray site. Ground water samples collected will be analyzed for contaminants, including perchloroethylene. Ground water characteristics, including depth below the ground surface and water quality information, will be collected at the same time as the ground water samples.

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**Public Comment Period on Enforcement Order:**

**November 21, 1997 through  
December 22, 1997**

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The Enforcement Order also coordinates ground water monitoring at the Yakima Valley Spray site with other sites in the Yakima Railroad Area. Coordinating the monitoring effort with the other sites provides the ability for the information collected to contribute to the overall understanding of the ground water in the Yakima Railroad Area.

### **Ecology Would Like Your Comments!**

Your comments on this Enforcement Order are welcome through December 22, 1997. The side box on page 1 provides information about where to review the Enforcement Order as well as where to submit comments.

Ecology will respond to your written comments and may amend the Enforcement Order according to the comments received. Additional Public Notice will be provided for any significant changes to the Enforcement Order.

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