

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Ecology is proposing to remove the Sunnyslope Elementary School and Orchard Middle School sites from the Hazardous Sites List. The Sunnyslope Site is currently ranked a "5" on the list and the Orchard Site is ranked a "3". Sites can be ranked from "1" to "5." A rank of "1" is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

Site Background

The Sites are located on former orchard property and were subject to historical pesticide applications. Soil samples taken in 2002 confirmed lead and arsenic at concentrations exceeding state cleanup levels.

Cleanup Action

During the summer of 2008, Ecology conducted a cleanup and placed all contaminated soils under a geotextile fabric barrier. Then, six inches of clean topsoil were placed on top on the barrier fabric. This cleanup method, referred to as capping, is cost-effective and prevents human exposure to contaminated soil.

Following cleanup, an environmental covenant was recorded for the property with the Chelan County Assessor. The purpose of the environmental covenant is to provide a permanent legal record of the contamination that remains on the property, and to prevent activities at the site that might disturb or damage the soil cap.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on the cleanup completed and environmental covenant in place, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology proposes to issue a determination of No Further Action and remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. You are invited to:

- **Review** the final Interim Action Report and Environmental Covenant.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *January 13, 2010 through February 12, 2010.*

See the box at the right for details.

Comments Accepted

January 13, 2010 through
February 12, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Sunnyslope Elementary School

3109 School Street
Wenatchee WA 98801

Orchard Middle School

1024 Orchard Avenue
Wenatchee WA 98801

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15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
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Contact Roger Johnson,
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

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

Sunnyslope F/S ID #: 5951907
Orchard F/S ID #: 771247