

Periodic Review Available for Comment

Old Inland Pit, 3808 North Sullivan Road, Spokane, Spokane County
Facility Site Id No. 632

Public Comment Period October 8, 2009 through November 6, 2009

Ecology invites you to review and comment on a document called a periodic review for the Old Inland Pit site. A periodic review is conducted at least every five years after the initiation of a cleanup action at a site, as required by the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). The purposes of the review are to evaluate site conditions, after cleanup is considered complete, and to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

The ten-acre Old Inland Pit Site was used as a sand and gravel source from 1969 to 1978. Spokane Steel Foundry Company disposed of waste foundry sands and baghouse dust from May 1978 to May 1983. The sands were from metal molding operations, and the baghouse dust was generated from sand sieving, sandblasting operations, and the residue of electric arc furnaces. Approximately 200 tons of baghouse dust was thought to have been disposed of in the pit.

Sample results collected in 1984 indicated elevated concentrations of copper, zinc, nickel and chromium. The results were high enough to result in the placement of the site on the National Priorities List by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 1986.

No remedial actions were conducted at the Site. Additional sampling indicated that the wastes at the site should not be characterized as a state dangerous waste, as was previously indicated. It was determined that MTCA Method C Industrial Soil Cleanup Levels were applicable for the site. All contaminants at the site were detected at concentrations below these cleanup levels. The use of MTCA Method C cleanup levels requires the use of institutional controls in the form of a restrictive covenant.

A restrictive covenant was placed on the property in 1999 that limits how the property may be used. The site received a determination that No Further Action is needed.

Results:

Permanent fencing at the site continues to limit access to the property and prevent human exposure to any remaining contaminants in soil by eliminating potential ingestion or direct contact with the soils. The restrictive covenant for the property ensures that the remaining contaminants will not be exposed by future site activities. Based upon the site visit conducted on July 28, 2009, no repair, maintenance or other actions are required.

Ecology will review all comments received during the comment period and make recommendations for suggested changes. If no significant changes are made, the periodic review will become final. If significant changes are made, an additional public comment period will be held.

You may review the periodic review report at the following locations:

- Department of Ecology, Eastern Regional Office, 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane WA 99205-1295
- Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program Web site at:
- http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/OldInlandPit/OldInlandPit_hp.html

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