

Agreed Order Available for Public Review

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has entered into an Agreed Order with Yakima Steel Fabricators, Inc., an operator on the Yakima Steel Fabricators property, to complete a Feasibility Study at the Agri-Tech/Yakima Steel Fabricators Site in Yakima, Washington.

Site Background

The Agri-Tech/Yakima Steel Fabricators facility is located at 6 and 10 ½ East Washington Avenue in Yakima, Washington. The facility consists of two parcels, one owned by Mr. Robert Coffelt and the other owned by Mr. Merv Wark and Ms. Sharon Strong.

The facility was formerly known as Yakima Farmers Supply. Yakima Farmers Supply was a farmers' cooperative. They prepared, stored, and sold a variety of fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and carrier oils (e.g., mineral oil). In 1960, a lime and sulfur formulating plant was constructed on what is currently the Agri-Tech property. Residues and wash water from the formulation plant were disposed of in a waste pit currently on the Agri-Tech and Yakima Steel Fabricators property.

Remedial Investigation

A Remedial Investigation (RI) was conducted by Yakima Steel between 1997 and 2004. A RI determines how much and where the contamination is located. A final RI Report was submitted on June 15, 2004. The report described the approximate extent of solvent, pesticide, petroleum, and heavy metals contamination in soil and groundwater at the Site. Specific contaminants include perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene, cis 1,2-dichloroethene, vinyl chloride, 4,4-DDD, 4,4-DDE, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor epoxide, and alpha chlordane. The contamination is primarily located in and around the former waste pit with the highest concentrations under the Agri-Tech building.

Comments Accepted

October 27, 2008 through
November 26, 2008

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

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Sunday 12-4

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

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

Facility Site ID #: 479

Feasibility Study

A Feasibility Study (FS) is the next step. A FS evaluates potential cleanup options. The FS will include a work plan, as well as a Sampling and Analysis Plan. That will allow, if necessary, additional data collection and/or more investigation. Once the FS is complete, an appropriate cleanup can be selected for the site.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed Agreed Order.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *October 27, 2008 through November 26, 2008.*

See the box on the front for details.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the front page.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*

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