

Public Invited to Review and Comment on Documents

Investigation of Substances in Groundwater Proposed

Chemicals known as volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other contaminants sometimes linked to landfills have been found in groundwater near the Sudbury Road Landfill. The contaminants exceed state groundwater protection standards. The landfill is located at 414 Sudbury Road, Walla Walla, WA and is owned and operated by the City of Walla Walla.

The Washington Department of Ecology plans to enter into an Agreed Order with the City of Walla Walla to do a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the Sudbury Road Landfill. The investigation will determine where and how much contamination is present. The study will help determine cleanup options.



Why This Cleanup Matters

- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and some inorganic contaminants are currently known to be in groundwater at the site. These substances exceed state standards and may be harmful to human health and the environment.
- The Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study will provide Ecology needed data to select the best cleanup method for the site.
- Cleanup will improve protection for human health and the environment.

Comments Accepted

April 11 through May 11, 2011

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Submit Comments and Questions to:

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10 am-8 pm, Thurs-Sat 10 am-5 pm

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Ecology's Cleanup Website

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/Sudbury/Sudbury-hp.html

Facility Site ID: 4446540
Cleanup Site ID: 2485

Sudbury Road Landfill Site

Sudbury Road Landfill Overview

The City of Walla began operating the Sudbury Road Landfill in 1978 and continues to operate it today. The landfill sits on 125 acres and has been used for disposal of municipal solid waste and other wastes. The City has tested groundwater around the landfill since 1977.

The City first found contaminants in groundwater that differed from surrounding groundwater quality in 2001. Follow-up tests linked the contaminants, at least in part, to landfill activities. Affected groundwater is next to two unlined areas of the landfill, which the City used for disposal from 1978 until 2006.

To prevent the unlined areas from affecting groundwater, the City placed a cover and gas and stormwater control system over one area. It also diverted stormwater from another unlined area. The City now needs to pinpoint where contaminants may be coming from and going to, and assess cleanup options.

Public Comment Invited

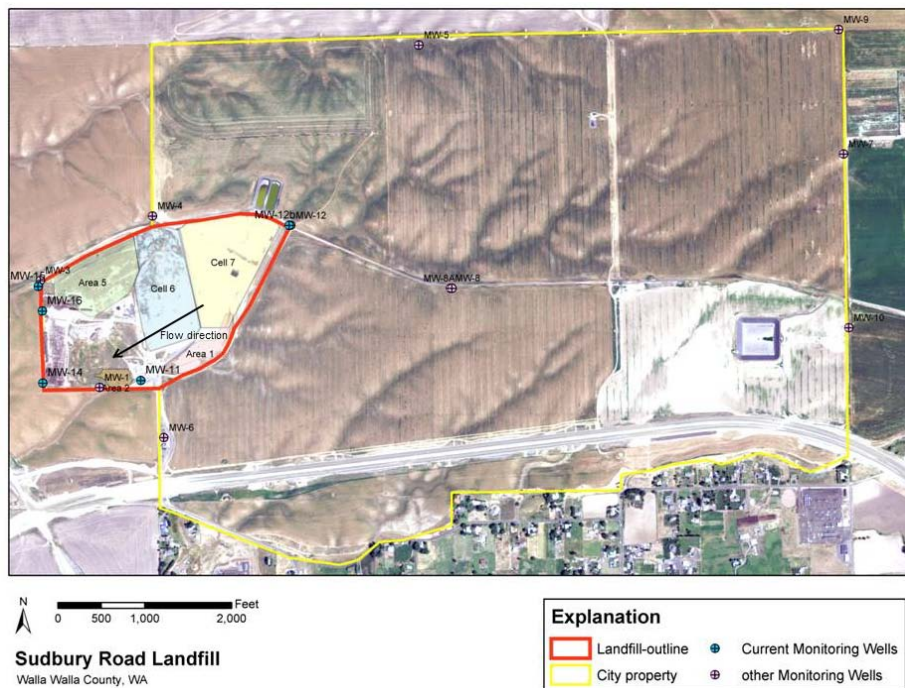
You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order and related documents, including a Public Participation Plan that outlines ways Ecology and the City will inform and involve you in the cleanup.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology. We will accept comments April 11 through May 11, 2011.

See the shaded box on page one for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

What can you do?

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



What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and consider all comments received by **May 11, 2011**. We may change the Agreed Order based on your comments. As research moves forward and new documents are written, Ecology will notify you of additional comment periods.

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