

Toxics Cleanup Program**April 2011****Final Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, Consent Decree, Cleanup Action Plan, State Environmental Policy Act Determination, and Updated Public Participation Plan are available for public review and comment**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the Taxiway F cleanup site located at the Skagit Regional Airport, Skagit County, Washington. The Taxiway F site is an area where crop-dusting operations occurred between 1978 and about 2000. The Taxiway F Site is formally known and entered into Ecology databases as the Skagit County Port Site.

Ecology and the Port of Skagit County are proposing to enter into a legal agreement called a Consent Decree (Decree). Under this Decree, the Port of Skagit County will clean up the Site as described in the Decree's Cleanup Action Plan and provide opportunities for public involvement as described in the Public Participation Plan. The Cleanup Action Plan was prepared using information from the Final Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, also available for public review.

Public Comment Invited

You are invited to review and comment on several documents:

Comments Accepted**April 29- May 31, 2011****Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS**Burlington Public Library**

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Burlington, WA 98233
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Skagit Regional Airport

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8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website:

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

NOTE: Ecology's Toxics Cleanup website addresses will change in the near future.

Facility Site ID #: 67457634

Cleanup ID #: 1671

Taxiway F Site at Skagit Regional Airport

- Final Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (discusses extent of contamination and alternate ways it could be cleaned up).
- Consent Decree (Legal agreement between the Port and Ecology).
- Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) (discusses the cleanup actions chosen).
- SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (determines the cleanup activities will not require an Environmental Impact Statement).
- Updated Public Participation Plan (discusses how Ecology will keep the public informed).

Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted until May 31, 2011.

Site History and Cleanup Plans

The Taxiway F site includes an aircraft hangar and adjacent area near Taxiway F. Taxiway F is at the western edge of the Skagit Regional Airport in Skagit County, Washington, and covers an area of 2.2 acres. Taxiway F was constructed in 1933 as a one-runway airfield by Federal New Deal agencies for light airplanes. In 1943, the U.S. Navy constructed the existing two-runway system that is used today by the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station as an alternate training field. After World War II, the federal government primarily used the airfield for the Civil Air Patrol until transferring the property to Skagit County in 1958. The hangar and surrounding area were used for crop-dusting operations between 1978 and about 2000, which included storage of chemicals for crop dusting. The Port discovered stained soils at the Site in 2000 and began the process of soil

and groundwater investigation. Crop-dusting operations released several different chemicals including pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides in the area where chemical mixing and aircraft loading and storage occurred. The most commonly detected product is Thiodan, which is the trade name for endosulfan.

The surrounding area to the north, east, and south is airport property and is pasture, forest, and forested wetland. The property to the west, across Taxiway F, is the PACCAR Technical Center.

The cleanup will include the following tasks:

- Remove or shore up the hangar in order to access underlying contaminated soil.
- Implement erosion control and Site security measures.
- Clear vegetated areas within the drainage channel and wetland areas.
- Excavate the contaminated soil and dispose at a permitted facility off-site.
- Backfill the excavations with clean, imported fill material.
- Conduct compliance monitoring for soil and groundwater to confirm contamination has been removed.
- Wetland and forest vegetation restoration.

What Happens Next?

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and consider all comments that have been received.



Taxiway F Site at Skagit Regional Airport

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the

comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui to request a meeting at nancy.lui@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117.



Crop-dusting operations were based at a hangar next to Taxiway F at the Skagit Regional Airport.



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Ecology Seeks Public Comment on the Draft Consent Decree, Final Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, Draft Cleanup Action Plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Determination of Non-Significance, and Updated Public Participation Plan

**Public Comment Period
April 29 - May 31, 2011**

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