

# Paxton Sales Corporation

## Yakima County



### Ecology and Paxton Sales propose an agreement to close the cleanup at the Paxton Facility.

#### You are Invited !

Ecology and Paxton Sales Corporation (Paxton) are proposing to enter into a settlement agreement for the amount of \$111,975 to close the cleanup activities at the Paxton facility. The *de minimus* settlement will accept the value of the work Paxton has invested in coordinating the bottled water distribution program for the Yakima Railroad Area. The work by Paxton has been valued at \$111,975 and the settlement will not include a cash payment.

Ecology is asking for the public to comment on this proposed \$111,975 *de minimus* settlement with Paxton. Public comments will be accepted from Friday, June 14 through Monday, July 15, 1996. For more information please read the box on the right. A public hearing is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, at the Yakima office of the Department of Ecology.

#### .What is a *De Minimus* Settlement?

A *de minimus* settlement is an agreement that the amount of contamination Paxton could have contributed to the environment is too small to require additional investigation or further cleanup actions. This settlement applies to the Ecology enforcement order for the Yakima Railroad Area ground water contamination.

#### What was Done?

Paxton Sales Corporation (Paxton) operates a small machine parts and metal fabrication facility in Yakima, Washington.

Samples from a dry well at Paxton's facility contained contamination that included tetrachloroethene (PCE) above the Washington State Cleanup Standards.

Due to the PCE contamination on the Paxton Facility, Paxton was included in the Yakima Railroad Area. This area has PCE contamination in the ground water. Bottled water, followed by connections to city water, were provided to the residents of this area. Paxton provided staff time and resources to coordinate the distribution of bottled water under the Ecology Enforcement Order for the Yakima Railroad Area.

In 1992 Paxton removed about two-feet of oily residue from the dry well. The removed oily residue was taken to a hazardous waste collection station for disposal. By 1992 any wastewater streams which had been directed to the dry well were either discontinued or routed to the sanitary sewer.

Ground water monitoring wells were installed at the Paxton facility as part of the facility investigation. These monitoring wells have show that the Paxton facility is not contributing significantly to the area-wide contamination at this time.

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