

Southgate Laundry Noel Corporation



First Step for Cleanup: Study to Begin

Perc (perchloroethylene or PCE) was found in the soil at the Southgate Laundry at 1020 South 3rd Avenue in Yakima. Perc is a solvent used for de-greasing machinery in auto shops, for dry cleaning clothes, and other purposes. Perc may cause cancer through long term exposure. Noel Corporation is preparing to do a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), under an agreed order with Ecology. The RI/FS will supply answers about how much contamination and identify ways to clean up any contamination.

How Can You Be Involved?

Your participation and feedback are an important part of the cleanup process. You are encouraged to read the order and what will be required for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and make written comments through **February 5, 1996**. Information on where to review the documents and where to mail in your comments is in the box to the right.

In about 1 year, you will have an opportunity to review the draft RI/FS when it is completed, and let Ecology know which cleanup option you prefer.

What Will Be in the RI/FS?

(1) Field work will include:

- samples will be taken as needed of the soil, groundwater and soil vapors. The samples will be sent to a laboratory & examined for perc.

(2) A written report will address any of the following topics that are appropriate:

- a site history on what waste was created in the past & how it was treated, stored and disposed of, etc.
- sampling results and maps
- information on the extent of the contamination, and identification of any possible risks to people and the environment.
- options for cleaning up the perc

The Southgate Laundry is one of the cleanup sites in the Yakima Railroad Area, a roughly six square mile area in Yakima and Union Gap where the groundwater is contaminated with perc. Homes in the area have been hooked up to city water systems, under a grant from Ecology.

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Public Comment Period is from January 5 through February 5, 1996

Send written comments & for technical questions about this site, please contact:

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