

The Pasco Sanitary Landfill site is on Dietrich Road north of the intersection of Kahlotus Road with U.S. Highway 12. The landfill is closed.

Work is Moving Forward at Pasco Sanitary Landfill in Two Areas

You Have an Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Equipment to Treat Emissions of Gases in Zone A of the Landfill

Special equipment called a regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) will be installed. It will treat emissions of gases that will be removed by a Soil Vapor Extraction system located in the Zone A area of the site. You are invited to comment on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist for this project. The State Environmental Policy Act, known as SEPA, requires government agencies to consider potential environmental impacts of a project before beginning the cleanup. There is also a Determination of Non-Significance. A Determination of Non-Significance indicates the proposed actions will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

You may review the SEPA documents on Ecology's website at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=1910>; at Mid-Columbia Library, 1320 W. Hopkins Street, Pasco, WA 99301; or Ecology's Spokane office at 4601 N. Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205.

Comments may be submitted June 25 through July 10, 2015 to Chuck Gruenfelder at Ecology's Spokane Office above, 509/329-3439, email chgr461@ecy.wa.gov



Para asistencia en español, comuníquese con Gregorio Bohn al 509/454-4174.

ADA accommodations or documents in an alternate format, call Chuck Gruenfelder 509/329-3439 (voice), 711 (relay service), or 877/833-6341(TTY).

Contractors are Taking a New Approach to Put Out the Fire in the Balefill Area

The fire was discovered *under the ground* at the Pasco Landfill in late 2013. The fire is under the ground so you cannot see the full impact of the fire.



The fire is burning in an area (about 25 feet by 25 feet) where municipal waste and construction debris is buried. Immediate actions were taken to evaluate and put out the fire. Contractors placed soil on areas where the ground had settled and cracks and smoke appeared. Work was conducted in December 2013, April 2014, and May 2014 to put out the fire.

June 2014 through March 2015, carbon dioxide (CO₂) was injected into the area where the fire is burning to reduce the heat and oxygen. This decreased the fire for a period of time but monitoring showed an increase in temperatures. More work will be conducted in the upcoming months to put out the fire.

What Happens Next?

A Feasibility Study that evaluates cleanup options for the entire Landfill site will be made available to the public for comment in 2015. A public meeting will be held to explain the proposed cleanup options and get public feedback. Watch for future notices in your mail about the public comment period and meeting.

