

Draft Cleanup Documents Ready for Review and Comment

The Washington Department of Corrections (WA DOC) Washington State Penitentiary (Site) is located at 1313 N. 13th Avenue, Walla Walla, in Walla Walla County, Washington.

The 540-acre penitentiary property opened as a prison in 1887. Various manufacturing and facility support activities have taken place since then, including jute manufacturing, metal fabrication, license plate production, garment production, furniture refinishing and upholstery, welding, vehicle repair and maintenance, medical and dental laboratories, photo processing, dry cleaning, road sign production, and facility power production. Many of these activities involved the use of petroleum products and chemicals. In some cases, hazardous substances were not disposed of properly, leading to environmental contamination.

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is working with WA DOC to clean up volatile organic compounds and metals in soil and groundwater that are located in and around the now-closed, eight-acre penitentiary landfill and a former dry cleaning facility.

Public Input Invited

Ecology invites you to review and comment on the following draft documents that will guide Site cleanup:

- Agreed Order
- Cleanup Action Plan
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist and determination of non-significance (DNS)
- Amended Public Participation Plan

Agreed Order

The proposed Agreed Order legally documents that WA DOC will carry out the remedy Ecology selected in the draft Cleanup Action Plan. The purpose of the Agreed Order is to protect human health and the environment by ensuring that cleanup happens in a timely manner and according to Washington State's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (Washington Administrative Code 173-340, <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340>).

Comments Accepted

April 14 through May 16, 2016

Step 1. Review the Documents

Online:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4971>

For Offenders in Washington Prisons:

WA DOC Libraries and Legal Libraries

For the Public:

Walla Walla Public Library
238 E. Alder Street, Walla Walla
(509) 527-4550

Washington Department of Ecology
4601 N. Monroe St., Spokane
Please call (509) 329-3400 for an appt.

Step 2. Submit Comments via Email or Mail by May 16, 2016, to:

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4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205
Technical Questions: (509) 329-3412

PLEASE NOTE: Ecology cannot accept collect calls.

Facility Site ID: 779
Cleanup Site ID: 4971

Cleanup Action Plan

Ecology used information from the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=10048>) to identify the proposed cleanup action and a schedule to complete it.

WA DOC presented three cleanup alternatives for Ecology's consideration in the Feasibility Study:

- *Alternative 1:* Monitoring contaminants as they degrade naturally, prohibiting disturbance of contaminated soil through land use controls, improving the existing permeable soil landfill cover, maintaining the gravel cover around the former dry cleaning facility, and decommissioning an unused irrigation well
- *Alternative 2:* All elements of Alternative 1 with the addition of a low permeability landfill cap instead of a soil and gravel cover and an asphalt cap over contaminated soil around the former dry cleaning facility
- *Alternative 3:* Take no action

Because contamination was found in groundwater, Ecology added analyzing groundwater samples four times a year to Alternatives 1 and 2 in the draft plan.

Ecology proposes new Cleanup Alternative 4

Ecology recommends a fourth cleanup alternative in the draft Cleanup Action Plan. Alternative 4 combines the following elements of Alternatives 1 and 2:

- Analyzing groundwater samples four times a year until contamination is below levels of concern
- Prohibiting disturbance of contaminated soil at the closed landfill and former dry cleaning facility with land use controls
- Improving the existing permeable soil landfill cover
- Installing an asphalt cap over soil around the former dry cleaning facility
- Decommissioning an unused irrigation well

SEPA Checklist and DNS

SEPA requires government agencies to consider the potential environmental impacts of a cleanup before it starts. A DNS means the proposed actions are unlikely to cause a significant adverse impact on the environment.

After completing the SEPA checklist and reviewing Site-specific information, Ecology determined the cleanup action will benefit the environment by reducing contaminants in groundwater and soil while also reducing exposure pathways for humans and wildlife. Therefore, Ecology selected a DNS for this cleanup action.

Amended Public Participation Plan

Ecology updated the project contacts, Site background, community background, and public participation activities and timeline sections of the amended Public Participation Plan.

Take Action

- To get more detailed information, review the documents at the locations on Page 1.
- Call Sandra Treccani at (509) 329-3412 to ask technical questions before you draft comments. (**NOTE:** Ecology cannot accept collect calls.)
- Mail or email comments related to cleanup to Ecology at the addresses on Page 1.

We appreciate your interest and comments. If 10 or more people request a meeting to learn more about the draft documents, Ecology will hold one.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and consider all comments we receive by May 16, 2016. The draft Cleanup Action Plan, Agreed Order, SEPA checklist and DNS, and amended Public Participation Plan may be modified based on your comments. If significant changes are made, we will hold another public comment period.

When these documents are final, Ecology will develop a legally binding Consent Decree with WA DOC to implement the Cleanup Action Plan.

El borrador de los documentos de la limpieza para repase y comentario

El Departamento de Correcciones de Washington (WA DOC, por sus siglas en inglés) Penitenciario del Estado de Washington está localizado en 1313 N. 13th Avenue, Walla Walla, en el condado de Walla Walla, Washington. La propiedad penitenciaria de 540 acres abrió como una prisión en 1887. Varias actividades de fabricación y asistencia instalación se han producido desde entonces. Muchas de las actividades involucraron el uso de productos derivados de petróleo y los productos químicos. En algunos casos, las sustancias peligrosas no fueron desechadas apropiadamente, lo que llevó a la contaminación del medio ambiente.

El Departamento de Ecología de Washington (Ecología) está trabajando con WA DOC para limpiar compuestos orgánicos volátiles y metales en el suelo y en las aguas subterráneas cubriendo los ocho acres para el cerrado vertedero en este penitenciaro y una vieja empresa de limpieza en seco.

La opinión del público invitado

Ecología le invita a repasar y comentar sobre el siguiente borrador de documentos para la limpieza desde el 14 de abril al 16 de mayo de 2016:

- La Orden Acordada documentando legalmente que WA DOC llevará a cabo el remedio eligió por Ecología en el borrador del Plan de Acción para la Limpieza.
- El Plan de Acción para la Limpieza (CAP, por sus siglas en inglés) que Ecología recomienda es la Alternativa 4. Esto incluye el análisis de muestras de agua subterránea cuatro veces al año, que prohíbe la perturbación del suelo contaminado, la mejora de la cobertura del vertedero r, la instalación de una capa de asfalto alrededor de la vieja empresa de limpieza en seco, y el cierre de un pozo de riego sin usar.
- La bitácora de la Ley de la Política Ambiental Estatal (SEPA, por sus siglas en inglés) y la Determinación de Impacto Insignificante (DNS,

por sus siglas en inglés). SEPA requiere que las agencias del gobierno considerar los impactos potenciales de una limpieza antes de que comienza. Una DNS significa que las acciones propuestas no son probables que causen un impacto negativo considerable en el medio ambiente.

- Enmendado Plan de Participación Pública.

Repasar los documentos

- *En línea:*
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4971>
- *Para los delincuentes en las cárceles de Washington:* Las bibliotecas y bibliotecas jurídicas de WA DOC
- *Para el público:*
La biblioteca pública de Walla Walla
238 E. Alder Street, Walla Walla
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El Departamento de Ecología de Washington
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Presentar comentarios

Por favor presentar comentarios por correo postal o correo electrónico por el 16 de mayo de 2016, a:

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¿Qué Pasa Después?

Ecología repasará y considerará todos de los comentarios que recibimos por el 16 de mayo de 2016. Si 10 o más que 10 personas pidan una reunión, Ecología llevará a cabo una. El borrador de los documentos puede ser modificado basado en sus comentarios. Si se realizan cambios significativos, llevaremos a cabo otro período de comentarios.

Cuando estos documentos son finales, Ecología desarrollará un acuerdo legal con WA DOC para implementar el Plan de Acción para la Limpieza o CAP.



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**Ecology Seeks Public Comment on Draft
Agreed Order, Cleanup Action Plan, SEPA
Checklist and Determination**

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Language Assistance

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(360) 407-6948

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