

Richland Horn Rapids Landfill



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Comments accepted:

June 9, 2017 to July 10, 2017

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Agreed Order Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation for the Richland Horn Rapids Landfill Site located at 3102 Twin Bridges Road in Richland.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Agreed Order. You are invited to:

- Review the *Agreed Order*, including Exhibit C (Remedial Investigation Work Plan).
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted June 9, 2017 through July 10, 2017.

Site background

The Horn Rapids Landfill is owned and operated by the City of Richland Public Works Department. The landfill began receiving waste in 1974. Groundwater contamination was identified in some landfill monitoring wells in the late 1990s. Contaminants found include several volatile organic compounds (VOCs). VOCs are found at other landfills with groundwater contamination caused by landfill gas or migrating leachate.

From 2000-2005, the City conducted a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study to investigate groundwater contamination by installing and sampling additional groundwater wells and investigating landfill gas movement. Landfill gas was identified as the source of groundwater con-



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<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx/csid=4891>

Facility Site ID: 308

Cleanup Site ID: 4891

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tamination. The City constructed a landfill gas control system in conjunction with closure of part of the landfill, and continues to sample groundwater. Groundwater monitoring in 2017 continues to show that VOCs are present in downgradient wells on City property at levels exceeding state groundwater quality criteria. No drinking water wells are impacted.

Ecology considers the City of Richland to be a "potentially liable person (PLP)". PLPs are responsible for cleanup under Washington State law. The investigation that will inform the ultimate cleanup action is outlined in the Agreed Order.

An Agreed Order is an agreement between Ecology and the PLP about what work should take place. Ecology is requiring the City of Richland to continue the remedial investigation at locations beyond the landfill boundary. A remedial investigation provides information about what contamination is present, and how far it extends. After information from this investigation is received, a decision about how to move forward with the cleanup will be made.

Why This Investigation Matters?

The contamination present in the groundwater at the Site includes VOCs. VOCs include many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment. Ecology wants to address risks to human health and the environment.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. We will make changes to the Agreed Order if needed based on public comments.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

