



Michael Irrigation

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May 24, 2018 – June 25, 2018

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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 the completion of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the site identified by Ecology as the “Michael Irrigation Site” (also known as John Michael Lease Site) located at 5640 Sunset Highway in Cashmere.

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

- Review the Agreed Order
 - Send your comments to Ecology for consideration.
- Comments will be accepted May 24, 2018 through June 25, 2018.

Site Background

BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) has active railroad tracks running next to the Wenatchee River in Cashmere. BNSF also owns a 0.34 acre parcel adjacent to the railroad corridor in the west part of Cashmere. Oil was found in soil at the site during a telephone pole installation in 2004. Since 2004, BNSF has done several investigations into soil and groundwater contamination at the site.

This Agreed Order is for continued investigation of soil and groundwater at the site and to determine the appropriate cleanup option for the site.

A remedial investigation (RI) report will be prepared that presents the current understanding of the site, based on past and new studies. A feasibility study (FS) report will then be prepared to show options for cleaning up the contaminated soil and groundwater. The potential cleanup options will minimize or eliminate the risk to human health and the environment.

After we finish the RI and FS reports, BNSF will complete a draft Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) that describes the cleanup strategy preferred by Ecology. The CAP will be part of a legal agreement that requires cleanup of the Site. Ecology will post the legal agreement and CAP for public review and comment prior to finalization. Actual cleanup will begin after public comment.

Why This Investigation Matters

The oil contamination in soil is above state standards for protection of human health and the environment. Cleanup will improve conditions at the site and reduce exposure to contaminants.

What Happens Next

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

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