



# News Release

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## **Public invited to discuss cleanup work at Ephrata Landfill**

**SPOKANE**—How Ephrata and Grant County will move ahead to clean up contamination at the Ephrata Landfill will be the subject of a public meeting on February 8.

The meeting will begin at **7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 8, at Ephrata City Hall, 121 Alder St. SW in Ephrata.**

The city, county and the state Department of Ecology will discuss the terms of an “agreed order,” which is a legal document that requires the city of Ephrata and Grant County to clean up contamination that may have been caused by leaking drums of waste at the Ephrata landfill.

**The public comment period on the agreed order has been extended to Feb. 15.** This meeting will give the public a chance to ask questions about what will be done at the site.

The city and county have agreed to study the nature and extent of the contamination and determine the available cleanup options. Meanwhile, they are moving ahead with interim cleanup activities to protect people and the environment from exposure to the chemicals in approximately 2,000 drums of hazardous, industrial waste and in the soil around them. The drums of industrial waste were buried in 1975.

The interim activities include verifying the location of the buried drums, sampling their contents and removing them. The city and county also will construct a cap over the closed portion of the landfill and treat and dispose of contaminated ground water.

The agreed order and accompanying documents are available at the Ephrata Public Library on Alder Street in Ephrata and at the Department of Ecology’s office on Monroe Street in Spokane.

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**For more information:**

**Ecology’s Web site:** <http://www.ecy.wa.gov>

**Details about the landfill and agreed order:**

**[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tep/sites/ephrata\\_lf/ephrata\\_lf\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tep/sites/ephrata_lf/ephrata_lf_hp.htm)**