

# Manson Elementary School

## Chelan County



### Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove Manson Elementary School (Site), Ecology Facility/Site ID # 66842524, located at 950 Totem Pole Road in Manson, from the Hazardous Sites List. The Site is currently ranked a 4 on the list. Sites can be ranked from "1" to "5". A rank of "1" is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

#### Site Background

As a former old orchard, the Site was subjected to historical pesticide applications. Lead arsenate was widely used to control the codling moth prior to 1950. Unfortunately, as a result, lead arsenate has contaminated many former orchards throughout central Washington. In 2004, Ecology tested the soil at Manson Elementary School and found lead and arsenic contamination exceeding state cleanup levels.

#### Contamination Cleanup

During the summer of 2006, data collected by Ecology showed a distinct boundary between the contaminated soil and the clean native soils. This boundary existed at approximately eight inches below the ground surface across the site. Therefore, Ecology's cleanup consisted of removing the top eight inches of contaminated soil from the Manson Elementary School playground. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of soil was excavated from the site. The

excavated soil was transported to the Okanogan County Landfill in Okanogan, Washington for disposal.

Approximately 2000 cubic yards of clean topsoil was imported to the site and new grass was established.

#### Ecology Welcomes Your Comments!

Documents relating to the cleanup are available for public review. A public comment period will run from August 29, 2007 through October 1, 2007. The box on the right provides information on where to review documents and submit comments.

You are encouraged to submit your written comments to Jeff Newschwander, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received.

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

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

#### August 2007

**Ecology is Accepting Comments**  
August 29, 2007 through October 1, 2007

**Review Documents at**  
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**Manson School District**  
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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/manson\\_es/manson\\_es\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/manson_es/manson_es_hp.htm)

#### Submit Comments or Technical Questions to

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