

Manson Elementary School Manson, Washington



1 Interim Remedial Action and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the soil cleanup at Manson Elementary School, Manson, Washington.

Site History

Soil beneath the grass, pea gravel, and sand on the playground at Manson Elementary School is contaminated with lead and arsenic. The contamination likely comes from the use of these chemicals as orchard pest sprays in the early and mid 20th century.

Sampling

Sampling and analysis indicate that contamination exceeds state cleanup levels for lead and arsenic. Ecology has considered several alternatives for cleanup.

Cleanup Action

The alternative preferred by Ecology consists primarily of excavating and hauling some soil away for disposal at a permitted landfill, importing clean soil, and establishing new grass in this clean soil. Ecology has determined

that this alternative will provide the necessary barrier to prevent human exposure to the contaminants. The plan includes an irrigation system installation to maintain the turf grass cover.

Determination of Non-Significance

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed in the information box on the right.

Ecology Welcomes Your Comments!

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the soil cleanup or the DNS to Bob Swackhamer at the address listed in the information box on the right. The comment period will run from June 14, 2006 through July 14, 2006.

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