

Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Frank Winslow, LHG, Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program

TO: Project Site File

SUBJECT: Comment for Hazardous Sites List Delisting - Boulevard Nursery
Facility Site ID: 3749 and Cleanup Site ID: 223

Comment from Leslee Osborne:

I have only one concern about this property. I have been a neighbor since the property was the Boulevard Nursery. We inquired about purchasing the property and were told by the owners that there were tanks buried at the back of the property that held the pesticides. My concern is that if this is the situation and a buyer unknowingly starts moving the ground for new buildings the tanks could be ruptured and could still be holding pesticides including DDT.

Thank you for sending us the details about the property. I will look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Leslee Osborne

Response to Comment:

In response to the above comment, Ecology took the following actions.

1. The two limited Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment reports from 2009 and 2020 were re-reviewed. No above ground or underground tanks were reported other than a septic tank near the front of the property that was abandoned in 2009.
2. Ecology contacted the current property owner, Mr. Brian Barlow. Mr. Barlow stated that he was not aware of any tanks on the property. He referred Ecology to Mr. Tracy Specht who did the demolition work at the site.
3. Ecology contacted Mr. Tract Specht, the demolition contractor. Mr. Specht stated that he had not observed any tanks on the property.
4. Ecology contacted the commenter, Leslee Osborne. Leslee Osborne stated that the previous property owner told her about tanks in about 2008 when the property was for sale. She stated that the previous owner suggested that they do not buy the property due to the pesticide concern. Another concern was that a large amount of soil had been pushed into a large pile in the rear of the property about a year after the property was purchased by the new owner. Ecology noted to Ms. Osborne that we were not aware of cases of DDT storage in underground storage tanks. Leslee Osborne stated that she would call Ecology if she became aware of additional information.

Conclusions:

The reported conversation between the previous owner and Ms. Osbourne is a concern. However, Ecology does not have sufficient information at this time to take further action regarding this concern. Should additional information become available in the future, then Ecology can reassess this concern.