

UPDATE: CLEANUP WORK AT THE GRAIN HANDLING FACILITY AT FREEMAN



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Grain Handling Facility at Freeman website:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=12540>

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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is requiring Cenex Harvest States (Cenex) and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) to provide answers about carbon tetrachloride and chloroform in soil and groundwater around Cenex's grain handling facility located at 14603 S. Highway 27 in Freeman, Washington.

Drinking water is safe

Since August 2013, an air stripper treatment system has been removing contamination from Freeman School District's drinking water. The district routinely monitors drinking water quality, and samples meet all state and federal drinking water requirements. An emergency backup system is in place to ensure safe drinking water is always available.

Investigation to be completed over the next year

Ecology and the Freeman School District are providing an update on remedial investigation activities beginning in May 2016. The investigation to determine where contamination is located will be ongoing over the next year. The majority of the work will occur off campus, and the on-campus work is scheduled so it will not disrupt students during school activities.

Contractors for Cenex and UPRR are beginning to drill groundwater monitoring wells and soil borings on the Cenex property and will move out from there until they find the limits of contamination.

If you have questions about the investigation, please contact Patrick Cabbage, Ecology's cleanup site manager, at patrick.cabbage@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 329-3543. You can also learn more on Ecology's Grain Handling Facility at Freeman website: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=12540>.





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The Washington State Department of Ecology is requiring Cenex Harvest States and Union Pacific Railroad Company to provide answers about carbon tetrachloride and chloroform in soil and groundwater around Cenex's grain handling facility near the Freeman School District.

The school district treats drinking water and routinely monitors its quality.

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Learn more inside.

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