

Yakima Valley Spray (U-Haul)

1108-1122 S First Street, Yakima County



Cleanup Action Plan Available for Public Review

A Cleanup Action Plan (CAP), drafted by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), is now available for public review and comment. Ecology is issuing a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA, Chapter 197-11 WAC) Rules. The CAP addresses contamination at the U-Haul (Yakima Valley Spray) Site, located at 1108-1122 1st Street in Yakima.

Site History

From 1908-1974 Yakima Valley Spray, a pesticide formulator and distributor, occupied a portion of the present U-Haul property. From 1912-1971, Washington Refining and Shell Oil occupied another portion of the present U-Haul property.

Today, pesticides, hydrocarbons, metals, and solvent contaminants are found at the property. In all, 62 contaminants were found during the remedial investigation. Of greatest concern are the carcinogenic and toxic contaminants to human organs at the site.

Contaminants are found in the site soil and groundwater. The groundwater level annually varies from 13 to 18 feet below the ground surface. About half of this 3.7 acre site is contaminated. There is also adjoining property to the west and north that is contaminated. Contamination is concentrated in some site areas by an historical pesticide pit, historic oil and waste tanks, and sumps.

The site cleanup will be complex due to contamination under two buildings and around and under two railroad tracks.

Selected Cleanup Action

The CAP outlines the selected cleanup action for the U-Haul Site, "Excavation and Disposal along with Bioventing Wells." This alternative was selected based on performance criteria in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) which include:

- protection of human health and the environment
- attainment of cleanup standards
- permanence of cleanup
- reasonable time period for cleanup to be completed
- compliance with other applicable laws

Ecology would like to receive your comments!

The CAP is available for public review and comment from July 8 to August 7, 2001. Copies of the CAP are available at the Ecology Central Regional Office or at the Yakima Valley Regional Library; addresses listed at right. Written comments can be sent to the Ecology Site Manager, Dick Bassett, at the address in the information box on the right.

Ecology may amend the CAP based on the comments received. Additional public notice and opportunity for comment will be provided if the CAP is substantially changed due to public comments. Ecology will then issue an enforcement order to U-Haul of Inland Northwest requiring them to submit work plans and conduct the final site cleanup.

When Ecology issues the enforcement order for the final cleanup action, the public will again be invited to comment on the proposed action.

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