

Cascade Helicopter Chelan County



Site Investigation to Start

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has entered into an Agreed Order with Chelan County for implementation of a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the former Cascade Helicopter site located at the Cashmere-Dryden Airport in Cashmere, Washington.

Site Background

Cascade Helicopters, Incorporated owned and operated an aerial pesticide applicator business on property leased from Chelan County at the Cashmere-Dryden Airport from approximately 1973 through 2000. Operations included filling or loading pesticides into helicopters and then, upon the completion of the application, washing or rinsing the helicopters. Because pesticides have been detected in soil and groundwater at the site, and because the pesticides are known to be hazardous to human health and the environment, Chelan County and the Department of Ecology have agreed that a thorough investigation of the site is necessary. Chelan County will be receiving fifty percent remedial action grant funds from the Washington State Toxics Control Account to help pay for the investigation.

Remedial Investigation

The objective of the Remedial Investigation will be to determine the concentration and horizontal and vertical extent of hazardous materials in the soil and groundwater at the site. Several areas, including pesticide storage and mixing area(s), refueling and tie down areas, maintenance/wash down area(s), waste disposal area(s), and run-off

areas, will be evaluated. Seven groundwater monitoring wells, constructed under an Ecology contract, will continue to be sampled and monitored for pesticides.

Feasibility Study

After the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination in soil and groundwater is known, the Feasibility Study will focus on remedial action alternatives for cleaning it up. By this time the extent and volume of contaminated will be known. Options such as on-site treatment and off-site disposal of soil will be evaluated.

What's Next?

Once work plans have been approved by Ecology, soil and groundwater sampling will begin at the site. Work is planned to begin in spring 2002.

How Can You Be Involved?

You are invited to review and submit written comments on this agreed order. The 30-day public comment period will run from December 6, 2001 to January 7, 2002. Ecology will respond in writing to all comments received and the agreed order will be revised if necessary. The public is encouraged to participate in this process.

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**December 6, 2001 to
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