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# Cascade Helicopters Chelan County - Update

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## Sampling Begins

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has approved the Remedial Investigation work plans for the former Cascade Helicopters site located at the Cashmere-Dryden Airport in Cashmere, Washington. In accordance with the approved plans, sampling for pesticides and petroleum products in the soil and groundwater at the site will begin in August.

### 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 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. Chelan County has hired Golder Associates, Inc. of Redmond, WA to conduct the investigation.

### Remedial Investigation

The objective of the Remedial Investigation (RI) will be to determine the concentration

and horizontal and vertical extent of hazardous materials in the soil. 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. Groundwater will be sampled to determine if any pesticides have migrated from the soil into the aquifer.

### Feasibility Study

After the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination in soil and groundwater is determined, a Feasibility Study (FS) will be written that focuses on cleanup alternatives. Options such as on-site treatment and off-site disposal of soil will be evaluated.

### What's Next?

A draft Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Report will be written based upon the sampling results.

### How Can You Be Involved?

The draft RI/FS will be made available for public comment. The public will be invited to review and submit written comments to Ecology. The public is encouraged to participate in this process.

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