

Brewster School District Okanogan County



Interim Remedial Action/ SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the Interim Cleanup Action at Brewster School District, Brewster, Washington.

Site History

Two undeveloped areas within the Brewster School District are contaminated with lead/arsenic contamination deposited during construction of the elementary school and orchard pest spraying in the early 20th century.

Site Assessment

The site assessment included sampling and analysis of surface soils. Results from that sampling indicate that surface soils are contaminated with lead and arsenic exceeding state cleanup levels. Several alternatives for an interim action were considered including institutional controls alone, clean cap with institutional controls, and complete removal of the contaminated soil.

Interim Action

Based on the site assessment and interim action plan developed, Ecology has determined that the preferred alternative, a cover system including soil, gravel, or asphalt, will provide the necessary barrier

to prevent human exposure to the contaminants. The plan includes irrigation system installation to maintain the turf grass cover and a restrictive covenant placed on the deed to prevent unauthorized digging.

DNS

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed in the information box on the right.

Ecology Welcomes Your Comments!

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the Cleanup Action or the DNS to Norm Hepner at the address listed in the information box on the right. The comment period will run from June 17, 2004 through July 17, 2004.

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