
Hicks Road Pit

Benton County



Agreed Order for RI/FS and SEPA Available for Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of suspected contaminated soil and groundwater at the old Hicks Road Pit. In addition, Ecology would like to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) early scoping process to help identify environmental issues that need to be evaluated at the site.

Site Background

Hicks Road Pit is an old borrow pit that was mined for road and fill material. For an undetermined period of time after mining, the pit was used as an unregulated disposal area for generally unknown materials. The site is located at the south west intersection of Apricot and Hicks roads in Benton County. The site is currently owned by the Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District (SVID) but a past owner and operator at the site was Benton County.

To determine the extent and degree of contamination at the site Benton County and the SVID have hired a consultant to characterize the site by investigating soil and groundwater for potential hazardous materials. These investigations should occur during the summer of 2006. The results of the investigations will be published in a Remedial Investigation Report.

What is a RI/FS?

The Agreed Order is an agreement between Ecology, the SVID and Benton County where the SVID and Benton County agree to do specific tasks to investigate the site and report the findings of the investigation. The first task is the investigation. The data collected during the investigation will be evaluated to determine if additional investigations are necessary, if cleanup is necessary and the type of cleanup or whether no further actions are necessary at the site. Ecology will oversee the project to ensure that all terms of the Agreed Order are satisfied.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the draft Agreed Order or any environmental issues that may need to be evaluated at the site to Donald Abbott at the address listed in the information box. Documents can be reviewed at the locations listed to the right from May 15, 2006 through June 14, 2006.

Ecology will incorporate appropriate comments into the Agreed Order, in addition to addressing other comments and questions concerning environmental issues that may need to be evaluated at the site. If ten or more persons request a public meeting on the Agreed Order or environmental issues that may need to be addressed at the site, Ecology shall hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments.

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