

Naches Intermediate School

Naches, Washington



Interim Remedial Action and 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 Non-Significance (DNS) for the soil cleanup at Naches Intermediate School and adjacent fields in Naches, Washington.

Site History

Soil beneath the grass on the playground at Naches Intermediate School and adjacent soccer, softball and baseball fields is contaminated with lead and arsenic. The contamination likely comes from the use of these chemicals as orchard pest sprays in the early and mid 20th century.

Site Hazard Assessment

Sampling and analysis indicate that contamination exceeds state cleanup levels for lead and arsenic. This site's hazard ranking has been determined to be a 5, where 1 represents the highest relative risk and 5 the lowest.

Cleanup Action

Ecology has considered several alternatives for cleanup.

The alternative preferred by Ecology consists primarily of excavating and hauling some soil away for disposal at a

permitted landfill, mixing remaining soil to reduce contamination levels, placing clean soil on top of the existing soil, and establishing new grass in this clean soil. Ecology has determined that this alternative will reduce contamination levels and prevent inadvertent contact with contaminated soils. The plan includes installation of an irrigation system to maintain the turf grass cover.

Determination of Non-Significance

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 soil cleanup or the DNS to Bob Swackhamer at the address listed in the information box on the right. The comment period will run from June 28, 2006 through July 28, 2006.

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