

Agreed Order Available for Public Review and Comment

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to enter into an Agreed Order with the current owners of the Yakima Airport, the City of Yakima and the County of Yakima. An Agreed Order is a formal legal agreement between Ecology and the City and County of Yakima. The purpose of the Agreed Order is to investigate soil and groundwater contamination surrounding petroleum tank excavations (Site) which occurred in 1995, 1996, and 1998. The Agreed Order outlines the steps necessary under the Model Toxics Control Act to complete the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). It also establishes a timeline for that work to be completed.

In addition, Ecology has made a determination of non-significance, meaning the cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the environment.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on proposed Agreed Order. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *April 15, 2009 through May 15, 2009*.

See the box at the right for details.

Site Background

Yakima McAllister Airport is located at 2400 West Washington Avenue in Yakima, Yakima County, Washington. The Site is composed of several areas where contamination has come to be located:

- McAllister Flying Service, Facility/Site # 24492962
- Yakima City Airport, Facility/Site # 27389546
- Yakima Air Terminal, Facility/Site # 1137597
- Wayne G Turner Aircraft Service Inc., Facility/Site # 26698574

Comments Accepted

April 15, 2009 through May 15, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Richard Bassett - Site Manager
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15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Yakima Valley Regional Library

102 N 3rd Street
Yakima WA 98902
Phone: (509) 452-8541

Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9 am – 9 pm
Thursday - Friday: 9 am – 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm
Sunday: 12 pm – 4 pm

WA Department of Ecology Central Regional Office

15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima WA 98902

By appointment only:
Contact Roger Johnson,
rjoh461@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sites_information.html

Facility/Site ID #s:

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In 1995, 1996, and 1998, 28 tanks containing various petroleum products were excavated from seven airport locations. Some of the excavations had either soil or groundwater petroleum product contamination above state cleanup levels. Some of the contaminated soil was remediated onsite, while some of the contaminated soil and groundwater in 13 tanks was left in the excavations.

Soil and groundwater sampling during the remedial investigation (RI) will determine the extent of the contaminated soil and groundwater left at each of the 13 tanks, and determine if further remediation is required. The feasibility study (FS) will outline the various remedial options available for cleaning up the soil and groundwater. The FS will also estimate the time and costs necessary for each of these options.

Determination of Non-Significance

After reviewing a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has made a decision that the cleanup will not have a significant negative impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and consider input. A report of the results of the RI/FS will be made available for public review at the document review locations and website at a later date at the document review locations listed on page 1. A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during this comment period.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the front page.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*

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