

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Public Comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Richardson Airways Facility (Site) from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “2” on the List. Sites can be ranked from a “1” to “5”. A rank of “1” is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the List, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your written comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. The Richardson Airways Site is located at the Yakima Municipal Airport in Yakima. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Final Remedial Action report and No Further Action letter
- **Send** your written comments to the Ecology Site Manager for consideration. Comments will be accepted from *March 19, 2010, through April 19, 2010.*

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The City and County of Yakima co-own the Yakima Airport. Richardson Airways operated on leased airport property as an aerial pesticide applicator from the mid 1950s to the mid 1990s. The Site is near the North-South Taxiway, and is located on approximately 17, 500 square feet of grassed area where chlorinated pesticides and herbicides were washed from aerial spraying equipment. Soil sampling occurred in the 1989, again during the 1990s, and finally in 2009. Chlorinated pesticides and herbicides above the State’s cleanup standards remained persistent in the soils during these years. Groundwater at the Site, though extremely shallow, was repeatedly sampled over many years. No groundwater contamination was found above State cleanup levels.

Comments Accepted

March 19, 2010 through
April 19, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical
Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Yakima Valley Regional Library
102 N 3rd Street
Yakima WA 98901
Phone: (509) 452-8541
Hours: Monday-Wednesday 9-9
Thursday-Friday 9-6
Saturday 10-6
Sunday 12-4

WA Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
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By appointment only:
Contact Roger Johnson,
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(509) 454-7658

Ecology’s Toxics Cleanup Website
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/richardson/richardson_hp.html

Facility Site ID #: 442

Cleanup Action

A Consent Decree was signed by the City of Yakima, the County of Yakima, and Ecology on December 26, 2008, for the investigation and cleanup of the Site. Ecology provided a 90 percent cleanup grant for the investigation and cleanup. Landau and Associates were hired by the City and County of Yakima to do the cleanup. Sampling during 2009 defined the periphery and depth of the contaminated soils at the Site. In December, 2009, and January, 2010, approximately 2,250 cubic yards (2,658 tons) of contaminated soils were excavated. These soils were hauled to and disposed of at the Terrace Heights Landfill. The Site was backfilled with sampled and analyzed clean soils. The Site was compacted and returned to its original grade.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on the completed cleanup and the confirmation sampling results, Ecology has determined the Site no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action and proposes to remove the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. As a result of the remedial activities that have taken place at this site, there is no longer a need to restrict the use of the property. Therefore, Ecology also proposes that the City and County of Yakima remove the restrictive covenant from the Site.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. If no changes are necessary, the Site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

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 in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

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

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