

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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the McChord Air Force Base (AFB), Site 236, WP-64, from the Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a "5" on the List. Sites can be ranked from a "1" to a "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. These sites are located on McChord AFB in Lakewood, Washington. You are invited to:

- **Review** the letter dated May 4, 2009 requesting three sites on McChord AFB to be removed from the HSL.
- **Review** Final summary Report Remedial Action for Site Closure at WP-64 dated June 2008.
- **Review** Final CY 2007 Annual Report Remedial Action-Operation Basewide Long-Term Monitoring and Natural Attenuation.
- **Send** your written comments to the Ecology Site Manager for consideration. Comments will be accepted from *May 15, 2010 through June 15, 2010*.

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

Comments Accepted

May 15 through June 15, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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WA Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
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Phone: (360) 407-7210
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Document Review Locations

Pierce County Library
6300 Wildaire Drive
Lakewood, WA 98499
Phone: (253) 582-6040
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Fri.- 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m.

WA Department of Ecology Headquarters

300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503
By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn,
cesg461@ecy.wa.gov or
(360) 407-7224

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/SiteLists.htm>

Facility Site ID #: 236

Site Background

WP-64 is the site of a decommissioned pesticide dry well that previously was connected to a small sink used to clean smaller pesticide equipment and used for hand washing. The initial investigation of the site and soil removal to seven feet occurred in 1993.

A down gradient monitoring well (CW-13) was established that same year and has been monitored as part of McChord AFB Long Term Monitoring Program. Additional soil was removed to the water table (about 16 feet) in 2007. The site is currently paved and incorporated into a well-maintained 9.3 acre asphalt parking lot that is secured behind a gate within an industrial area identified as the civil engineer yard.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Cleanup actions at WP-64 have removed most of the chlordane and eliminated potential exposure routes and pollution pathways. Residual chlordane has been isolated to a small area over ten feet below the ground surface. The only contamination pathway is the groundwater. The groundwater monitoring well has not shown any chlordane concentrations above regulatory limits. 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.

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.*

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en Espanol favor de contactar a Maria Peeler a (360) 407-6704.

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