

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 235, WP-61, from the Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is ranked a "5" on the List. Sites can rank 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. This site is found on McChord AFB in Lakewood, Washington. You are invited to:

- **Review** the letter dated May 4, 2009 requesting three sites on McChord AFB be removed from the HSL.
- **Review** the letter dated February 28, 2008 requesting removal of WP-61 from the HSL.
- **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 give comments.

Site Background

WP-61 is a closed leach pit or acid disposal well located between Clover Creek and building 745. Prior to remediation, it was estimated to be about 13 feet deep and had an inlet pipe

Comments Accepted

May 15 through June 15, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Toxics Cleanup Program
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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

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By appointment only:
Contact Carol Dorn,
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(360) 407-7224

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

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

Facility Site ID #: 235

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from building 745. The period of use reportedly dates from 1953 through 1960. Small amounts of plating waste were disposed of in the site. In 1982 a bioassay showed sediment from the bottom of the well was not toxic. In 1995 Ecology's Project Manager stated that he would recommend a No Further Action be given to this site. This is based on negligible threat to human health and the environment, and that a land use restriction would be made on any future disturbance of this property.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

In 2007, samples were taken from the stream bank next to where the dry well had been and sediments from the creek bottom next to the site, and up and down gradient from the site. Surface water from Clover Creek was also sampled up and down gradient of the site. None of the target metals cadmium, chromium or lead, were detected in the water samples. All the total metals results, except cadmium, were about an order of magnitude under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A residential cleanup standards. Cadmium on the creek bank was found at 2.6 mg/Kg which is 0.6 mg/Kg above Method A cleanup level. There is no indication that the contamination is migrating from the site. WP-61 is permanently included in the McChord AFB Graphic Information Office Database mapping which must be reviewed before installation-managed digging permits are issued. 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.

To ask about the availability of this document in a version for the visually impaired call the Toxics Cleanup Program at 360-407-7170. Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

