

Simplot Soilbuilders Sunnyside



Simplot Soilbuilders Sunnyside – Photo courtesy of Google Streetview

Comments accepted:

June 26, 2019 – July 25, 2019

Submit comments:

Online at

<http://cs.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=YMb6r>

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Site info:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2558>

Facility Site ID: 76742139

Site Cleanup ID: 2558

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Agreed Order Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Agreed Order for the completion of a Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) for the Simplot Soilbuilders Sunnyside site, located at 300 South 1st Street in Sunnyside.

An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) outlining the process, expectations and schedule for cleanup at the site.

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

- Review the Agreed Order
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted June 26, 2019, through July 25, 2019

Site Background

The site began in the 1960s as Simplot Soilbuilders in Sunnyside, as an agricultural distribution facility for fertilizers, pesticides, and soil amendments. It is now operating as Simplot Grower Solutions.

Contamination was found in the area where fertilizer spray equipment was rinsed. The area, located on the northeastern edge of the site, was gravel, with no lining or containment. This rinse area use was discontinued in the 1990s and in late 2012, the contaminated soil was excavated and removed.

In 2011, the main warehouse, office building, fertilizer storage tank area, and associated containment systems were removed. A new office and concrete basin containment structure was built. A maintenance shop remains on the site.

Environmental Investigations in 2007 and 2008 found agricultural chemicals, diesel and gasoline contaminating the soil and groundwater.

Another environmental investigation, called a Remedial Investigation (RI), will be completed as part of the agreed order. The RI will show how far the contamination has gone. After that is complete, a Feasibility Study (FS) will be prepared. The FS outlines different options, with costs and timelines, to do the cleanup.

Why This Agreed Order Matters?

The Agreed Order is necessary to cleanup the site. Cleanup of the contaminants at the site will reduce or eliminate the risk of exposure and to protect human health and the environment.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting if requested by 10 or more people.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement, such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.

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