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Comments accepted:

December 2, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Submit comments:

Online at
<http://cs.ecology.wa.gov/commentinput.aspx?id=TKpUh>

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Feasibility Study Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Feasibility Study for the Agri-Tech/Yakima Steel Fabricators site, located at 6 and 10 ½ East Washington Avenue in Yakima. The Feasibility Study is required under the existing Agreed Order. An Agreed Order is a legal agreement between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) outlining the expectations, process, and schedule for site cleanup.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Feasibility Study. You are invited to:

- Review the “*Agri-Tech and Yakima Steel Fabricators Feasibility Study*,” dated May 10, 2019
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted December 2, 2019, through December 31, 2019

Site Background

The site was a farmer’s cooperative, which prepared, stored, and sold fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and carrier oils (mineral oil). The site is currently on Ecology’s Hazardous Sites List with a ranking of “2”. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

The Agri-Tech/Yakima Steel Fabricators facility consists of two parcels and together total 6.24 acres of land. Two buildings are currently on the site, one on the Yakima Steel Fabricators parcel and is used for steel fabrication and the other is on the Agri-Tech property and is leased by Yakima Steel Fabricators for steel fabrication.

In 1960, a lime and sulfur formulating plant was constructed on the Agri-Tech property. Residues and wash water from the formulation plant were disposed of in a waste pit on the Agri-Tech and Yakima Steel Fabricators Property. A fruit-packing supply and equipment company was operated on the Agri-Tech property from 1982 through 1989. Steel fabrication has operated on the Yakima Steel Fabricators property since 1980.

What Has Been Done?

A Remedial Investigation was submitted on June 15, 2004. The Remedial Investigation identified the extent and nature of contamination. A Remedial Investigation outlines exposure pathways and contaminants of concern. The Feasibility Study outlines different cleanup alternatives and proposes a chosen cleanup alternative.

Why This Matters?

This site contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment. Cleanup of the contaminants at the site will reduce or eliminate exposure risks to 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. A Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) will be developed to implement the cleanup. This cleanup will eliminate or reduce actual and potential threats posed by the contaminants to human health and the environment.

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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