

Gebbers Farms Okanogan County



Enforcement Order for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Proposed

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is issuing a Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, Chapter 70.105D RCW) Enforcement Order to conduct a Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of groundwater at the Gebbers Farms dumpsite.

Site Background

Gebbers Farms Inc. is located on P & G Road adjacent to the migrant worker camp and railroad tracks approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Anderson Field near Brewster. The property is owned by Gebbers Farms, Inc.

Ecology has received reports of dumping, burning, and burying of unrinsed and partially filled pesticide containers near the labor camp.

A herbicide, dinoseb, was detected in a drinking water well for the migrant worker camp during May 1991. Subsequent sampling and analysis of the water supply well in 1997 and 1998 failed to detect dinoseb in the water supply.

Ecology has received additional reports regarding dumping of household trash, orchard clippings, automotive trash, and some plastic gallon jugs in the same location as the previous complaint.

What is Being Done?

The Enforcement Order requires Gebbers Farms, Inc. to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of pesticide contaminated groundwater. The Remedial Investigation will determine the source and extent of site contamination. The Feasibility Study will evaluate cleanup options.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

You are invited to review and comment on the proposed Enforcement Order between **September 26, 2001 and October 26, 2001**. Information repositories, which include the Enforcement Order, have been set up at the locations listed in the box to the right. To review more detailed site documents than those in the information repositories, contact Ecology's Central Regional Office records center at (509) 454-7658 to schedule an appointment.

Please submit your written comments to Brian T. Deeken, Project Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box on page one. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received, and may revise the Enforcement Order. Updates of the site activities will be provided to those who submit comments or request to be placed on the site mailing list. (If you received this fact sheet from Ecology, you are already on the site mailing list.)

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Public Comment Period:

**September 26, 2001 to
October 26, 2001**

Documents are available for
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Ecology Central Regional Office
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Gebbers Farms, Inc. Site Location Map

