

MIDSTATE AVIATION

Kittitas County



Site to be Removed from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology has prepared this fact sheet pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTC) Chapter 70.105D to provide you with information about the proposed delisting of the Midstate Aviation site from the state's Hazardous Sites List.

Site Background

The site is located north of Ellensburg at 1101 Bowers Road and is also known as "Bowers Field". Midstate Aviation has operated as an aerial pesticide application service from this site from 1961 to the present. Allegedly, discharge of rinsate to the ground ceased during 1974. Regardless, incidental spills and releases of pesticides and herbicides during aircraft tank loading and rinsing operations with these chemicals resulted in soil and groundwater contamination. Contaminants of concern include DDT, DDE, and Dinoseb, amongst others. Dinoseb was selected as the indicator compound at the site. It is expected that cleanup using Dinoseb as the indicator compound will result in successful remediation of other pesticides.

Cleanup Actions

In September 1997, Kittitas County and Ecology entered into an Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study at the site. The focus of this work was to identify the source and extent of contamination as well as cleanup options. In addition, an amendment to the original agreed

order was made which allowed for implementation of interim actions. These interim actions consisted of off-site disposal of approximately 2,000 cubic yards of pesticide contaminated soils, testing at various depths and groundwater monitoring via 2 existing wells, and the construction of 2 new wells for a total of 4 monitoring wells.

Why Delist the Site?

As a result of the soil removal, sampling, and groundwater monitoring that has taken place at this site since 1997, Ecology has determined that the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment and is now proposing to remove this site from the Hazardous Sites List. As previously mentioned, approximately 2,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil were excavated and disposed of offsite. Latest quarterly groundwater monitoring has resulted in non-detectable levels of contaminants of concern.

Public Comment Period

Ecology's proposal to delist the Midstate Aviation site is open for a **30-day public comment period between August 15, 2002 and September 16, 2002.** Documents pertinent to the delisting are available at the repositories listed in the box on the right. Please submit your comments to Antonio Valero, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box on the right.

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