

WESTERN FARM SERVICE, INC. GLADE ROAD FACILITY

(formerly PureGro-Pasco)



DRAFT "FINAL FEASIBILITY STUDY TECHNICAL REPORT"

The "Final Feasibility Study Technical Report" for the Glade Road Facility has been submitted to the Washington Department of Ecology for public review and comment. The document is considered a draft until after a 30-day comment period. Ecology invites the public to review and comment on the report **November 27 through December 26, 2002**. The box at the right shows where documents may be reviewed, additional information obtained and comments sent. If ten or more persons request a public meeting or hearing on the report, Ecology will grant the request.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Glade Road Facility is located at 3482 Glade Road North near the city of Pasco, Franklin County, Washington. Western Farm Service, Inc., (WFS), a division of Agrium, has owned and operated the facility since July 1995. Former owners were Crop Production Services, Inc., also a division of Agrium, and the PureGro Company, a division of Unocal.

The Site is an agricultural chemical distribution facility where fertilizers and pesticides are formulated, mixed, packaged and distributed to buyers for off-site application to agricultural fields.

Hazardous substances have been spilled or released at the Site on several occasions in the past which have resulted in documented contamination of soils and groundwater. Groundwater sampling results indicate nitrate and dinoseb at concentrations which exceed the federal drinking water standards. Recent sampling events have shown a general decline in both dinoseb and nitrate concentrations.

PHASE II REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/ FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS)

A Phase II RI/FS began in January 1999 under Agreed Order No. DE 97TC-E104. The purpose of the RI was to collect, develop, and evaluate additional information about site-related contamination. Tasks completed during this RI included:

- Installing nine monitoring wells;
- Drilling two borings and collecting soil samples;
- Collecting quarterly groundwater samples;
- Collecting surface water samples;

FACT SHEET

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COMMENTS ACCEPTED:

November 27 through
December 26, 2002

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- Surveying the monitoring well elevations;
- Measuring monthly water levels in monitoring wells for one year; and
- Completing Final Phase II RI Report.

The remedial investigation results indicated a probable dinoseb source area is located in the northeast corner of the Site. A nitrate source was not discovered during the RI.

The Feasibility Study evaluated previous investigations as well as work performed during the Phase II RI and supplemental groundwater sampling. The FS identified each contaminated soil area and evaluated and proposed alternatives to address contamination. The alternatives are:

- 1) No action;
- 2) Engineering Controls (capping), institutional controls, and natural attenuation;
- 3) Source removal and natural attenuation;
- 4) Alternative 2 with a slurry wall; and
- 5) Alternative 4 with a funnel and gate treatment wall.

Alternative 3 has been proposed by the potentially liable persons as the preferred alternative.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Ecology will review all written comments submitted on the “Final Feasibility Study Technical Report” and may revise the Report, if necessary.

HOW YOU MAY BE INVOLVED

➤ **Review the Draft “Final Feasibility Study Technical Report.”**

Copies of the Report are available for review at the repositories listed in the shaded box on page one. Files may be reviewed at Ecology in Spokane, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., by appointment only.

➤ **Please send in your written comments November 27 through December 26, 2002 to:**

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➤ **Share this information with any individual or group you think should be informed about the Site.**