
Red Shirt Mill Okanogan County



Emergency Remedial Action Plan/ SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Emergency Remedial Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) for the Emergency Remedial Action at the Red Shirt Mill Site (Site).

Site History

The Red Shirt Mill Site is located on Airport Road near Twisp and borders the Methow River. The Red Shirt Mill was in operation during the 1930s and 1940s. The mill processed ore from the Red Shirt Gold Mine. Tailings, crushed rock left over from the mill process after the ore was extracted, were deposited onsite and remain onsite.

Remedial Investigation

A Remedial Investigation (RI) was recently completed at the Site. Results from soil/sediment/tailings sampling indicate that contaminant concentrations in the area in and around the mill building greatly exceed state cleanup levels.

Emergency Remedial Action

Based on information obtained from the Remedial Investigation conducted at the Site, Ecology has decided to conduct an Emergency Remedial Action at the Site. This action will consist of removal and disposal of the Red Shirt Mill building

and the excavation of "hot spots" of contamination in the area of the mill building. Ecology is in the process of putting this work out for bid to contractors. The Emergency Remedial Action Plan is available for review at the addresses listed in the information box on the right.

DNS

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the Emergency Remedial Action will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the locations listed in the information box on the right.

Ecology Welcomes Your Comments!

Please address any written comments or questions you may have on the Emergency Remedial Action Plan or the DNS to Rachel Caron at the address listed in the information box on the right. The comment period will run from November 6, 2002 through November 20, 2002.

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Documents are available for public review at:

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