



Site Register

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This periodic publication alerts the public to the availability of reports, public comment periods, and other activities related to the study and cleanup of hazardous waste sites under Chapter 70.105D RCW, the MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT, and in accordance with WAC 173-340-600.

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Brownfields 2003 National Conference: Register Now

If you are interested in learning or sharing information about Brownfields, you will not want to miss this FREE, national conference co-sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the International City/County Management Association.

Nearly **\$130 million in grant money** will be available this year from EPA to states, tribes, and communities to assess, clean-up, and redevelop Brownfield sites.

Registration: Register today at www.brownfields2003.org to attend the October 27-29, 2003, conference in Portland, Oregon. Once you register, you will receive periodic updates and newsletters about the conference.

Interim Cleanup Action: Alcoa Vancouver Cleanup—East Landfill Site, Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA Clark County, 98666

Consolidating three on-site landfills. Removing contaminated soil from the Columbia River bank. Armoring the Columbia River bank adjacent to the East Landfill. Covering the remaining East Landfill with an engineered, double-lined (RCRA) cap.

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DATES: 09/12/03 - 10/11/03

REPOSITORIES AND ADDRESSES

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Notice of Proposed Consent Decree - Yakima Valley Spray, Yakima County

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), under the authority of Chapter 70.105D RCW, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), is proposing to enter into a Consent Decree with Potentially Liable Parties (PLPs) for the remediation of the Yakima Valley Spray, Yakima, Washington facility. The PLPs include U-Haul of Inland Northwest, Shell Oil and Shell Chemical, Atofina Chemicals, Chevron Chemical, Occidental Chemical, Puregro, T H Agriculture & Nutrition, Univar USA, Wilbur-Ellis, and Burlington Northern and Sante Fe (BNSF) Railroad.

The Consent Decree states that the PLPs will remediate the facility soils to the cleanup levels in the Cleanup Action Plan. The PLPs have the option of either excavating the entire contaminated soils at the site or partial excavation of the most contaminated soils followed by bioventing/biosparging treatment of the remaining soils. The facility is located at 1108-1122 South 1st Street in Yakima.

Site History

Yakima Valley Spray, a pesticide formulator and distributor, and Shell Oil, a bulk oil distributor, co-existed at this facility for most of the period from 1908 to 1974. During this time, releases of toxic substances occurred over about two acres of the present U-Haul of Inland Northwest property and also part of the adjacent BNSF property. Releases to the soil include at least 62 contaminants, some of which migrated to the 14 to 20-foot deep local groundwater.

This facility is also a part of the Yakima Railroad Area where Perchloroethylene (PCE) came to exist in the soils and in the groundwater. From 1968 to 1973, a 6,000-gallon tank of PCE existed at the site. Cleanup of the PCE will also be addressed.

Future Actions

During the winter of 2003-2004, the PLPs will excavate contaminated soils and take them to an appropriate permitted facility. During the winter the groundwater level is at its lowest level and a maximum amount of contaminated soils will be accessible. After excavation or treatment of the soils, additional wells will be constructed and will be monitored quarterly to note the affects of the cleanup. Groundwater monitoring will continue for several years.

You Can Be Involved

Ecology is inviting the public to comment on the proposed Consent Decree from September 19, 2003, to October 19, 2003. Copies of the Consent Decree are available at the Ecology Central Regional Office or at the Yakima Valley Regional Library, addresses listed at right. Written comments can be sent to the Ecology Site Manager, Richard Bassett, at the address in the information box at the right.

Draft Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study/Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review & Comment – Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (also known as BNR Maintenance & Fueling Facility), Facility Site ID No. 2104, Skykomish, 98288, King County

Ecology and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) *have completed the draft Remedial Investigation* to determine the extent of contamination at the BNSF Former Maintenance and Fueling Facility site *and an integrated draft Feasibility Study/Environmental Impact Statement is also available* for public review and comment through November 1, 2003.

Documents are available for review at the following locations:

- Skykomish Library, 100 5th Avenue North, Skykomish (weekdays only)
- WA Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Ave. SE, Bellevue WA 98008. Call (425) 649-7190 for an appointment.
- Ecology's Web Site: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bnsf_sky/bnsf_sky.html

For more information or to submit written comments, please contact Louise Bardy, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed above or at (425) 649-7209, e-mail lbar461@ecy.wa.gov. For comments, include "BNSF-Skykomish Comment" on the envelope or in the e-mail subject line.

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SITE HAZARD ASSESSMENTS

If it is determined that further work is required at a site after an initial investigation, a site hazard assessment may be conducted at the site that provides Ecology with basic information about the site. With that information, the Washington Ranking Method is used to estimate the potential threat the site poses, if not cleaned up, to human health and the environment.

Site hazard assessments will be conducted on the below-named sites. Their hazard ranking or determination of No Further Action will be published in the February 2004 Hazardous Sites List.

King County – Contact Yolanda Pond, Public Health – Seattle & King County
Midway Cleaners, 23647 Pacific Highway South, Kent, WA 98032

Snohomish County – Contact Geoffrey Crofoot, Snohomish County Health District and Maura O'Brien, Wa. Dept. of Ecology
Monte Cristo Mine Area site, four miles SE Barlow Pass Mountain Look Highway, Silverton, WA 98241

Whatcom County – Contact Mindy Miller, Whatcom County Health Department
Azurite Mine Tailing pile site, Harts Pass Road, Mazama, WA 98833

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

Through its Voluntary Cleanup Program, Ecology provides services to individuals cleaning up contaminated sites. For a fee, Ecology staff will review an independent cleanup report(s) and provide a written decision about the adequacy of the cleanup actions taken and described in the report. Upon a satisfactory review, a site (or just that phase of the cleanup) may receive a “No Further Action” decision from Ecology. The following reviews have been completed and decisions rendered.

Site Name: Gateway ARCO
Site Address: 1130 N. 185th Street, Seattle, WA
Decision: No Further Action Required

Site Name: Former
Site Address: 10 N 8th St, Yakima, Yakima County
Decision: No Further Action Required

Site Name: Unocal Build Plant 0729
Site Address: 1010 E First St, Cle Elum, Kittitas County
Decision: no further action required

New Voluntary Applications Received

Site Name: Shell Oil Co., NW Market St
Site Address: 803 NW Market, Seattle, WA
Report Name: Interim Cleanup Report
Request received: 10/03

Site Name: Hangar Holdings, Inc.
Site Address: 7675 Perimeter Rd. S., Seattle, WA 98108
Report Name: Interim Cleanup Report
Request Received: 10/03

Site Name: Pacific Coast Oil of Tacoma, Inc.
Site Address: 1223 McKenzie Ave., Bremerton, WA
Report Name: Final Cleanup Report
Request Received: 10/03

Site Name: 188th Associate Property
Site Address: 18017 Des Moines Memorial Drive, Burien, WA
Report Name: Final Cleanup Report
Request Received: 10/03

Site Name: Former Unocal Service Station
Site Address: 23845 Pacific Hwy. S., Des Moines, WA 98198
Report Name: Final Cleanup Report
Request Received: 10/03

Site Name: Former Copeland Lumber Facility
Site Address: 27010 Florence Dr., Stanwood, WA 98387
Report Name: Final Cleanup Report
Request Received: 10/03

Site Name: Coating Unlimited, Inc.,
Site Address: 18420 68th Ave., S. Ste #110, Kent, WA 98032
Report Name: Final Cleanup Report
Request Received: 10/03