

Simplot Soilbuilders Benton County



Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Simplot Soilbuilders site, located at 102501 Biggam Road in Prosser, Washington, from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked a "4" on the list. A rank of "1" is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

Site Background

The site has been used as a pesticide, herbicide, and fertilizer distributor since the late 1960s. Chemical handling at the facility has generally consisted of large numbers of small quantity containers (i.e. 1-30 gallon or 10-100 pound containers).

In 1989, Ecology conducted a site investigation at the property that indicated the presence of trace amounts of five pesticides including: Aldrin, Dieldrin, DDT, DDE and DDD. These pesticides were detected at maximum concentrations of 25 to 732 parts per billion. Cleanup levels were exceeded slightly for Aldrin and Dieldrin.

The areas of concern identified in the Ecology investigation include: the equipment rinsing area, the former above ground Telone tank location and a stained area along the railroad tracks. In addition, samples were collected from an on-site domestic water supply well and analyzed for pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer byproducts.

Site Remediation

In 1990, the site owner contracted SEACOR to conduct additional investigation at the areas of concern. Additional soil samples were collected from the three areas of concern as well as additional groundwater samples from the water supply well.

Soil and groundwater samples collected by SEACOR did not detect any of the contaminants of concern (including the five pesticides detected in the Ecology investigation) above laboratory detection limits. Laboratory detection limits were less than Model Toxics Control Act Method B cleanup levels for the contaminants of concern.

Based upon a review of sampling reports, Ecology has determined the site is no longer a threat to human health and the environment and has recommended removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Request for Public Comments

Ecology's proposal to delist the Simplot Soilbuilders site is now open for a 30-day public comment period, between February 22, 2006 and March 24, 2006. Documents pertinent to the delisting are available at the repositories listed in the box on the right. Please submit your comments to Jeff Newschwander, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box.

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