

# Bay Chemical Yakima County



## Site Cleanup Plans

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the following draft documents for the cleanup of heavy metals contamination at the former Bay Chemical Site:

- Consent Decree (a legal agreement to clean up the site)
- Engineering Design Report
- Soil Excavation and Containment Area Construction Plans
- Compliance Monitoring Plan
- Health and Safety Plan
- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance

### Site Background

The site is located immediately south and east of the intersection of Washington Avenue and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) main rail line in Yakima. The site covers approximately 52 acres owned by the BNSF and Roche family. From 1963 to 1976, operations conducted by the Bay Chemical Company on property leased from BNSF resulted in releases of hazardous substances to the soil and groundwater. The primary contaminants of concern at the site are

metals released during Bay Chemical's manufacturing process and include antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, manganese, mercury, and zinc.

### Draft Consent Decree and Plans

Ecology and BNSF are entering into a Consent Decree that describes the requirements for the cleanup. The cleanup, which complies with Washington State's Model Toxics Control Act, will consist of the excavation and on-site consolidation and capping of soils contaminated with heavy metals.

### How Can You Be Involved?

You are invited to review and submit written comments on the Consent Decree, cleanup plans, and SEPA document. They can be viewed at Ecology's office and the Yakima Valley Regional Library (addresses to right). **The 30-day public comment period will run from October 6, 2006 to November 6, 2006.** Ecology will respond in writing to all comments received.

## FACT SHEET October 2006

### Public Comment Period:

October 6, 2006 through  
November 6, 2006

### Documents are available for public review at:

Ecology Central Regional Office  
address listed above

Yakima Valley Regional Library  
102 N 3rd Street  
Yakima WA 98902

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup  
Website:  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bay\\_chem/bay\\_chem\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bay_chem/bay_chem_hp.html)

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