

Lee Elementary School Douglas County



Interim Remedial Action and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and the issuance of a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the soil cleanup at Lee Elementary School, Ecology Facility/Site ID # 7763612, in Douglas County, Washington. Lee Elementary School is located at 1455 North Baker Avenue in East Wenatchee, Washington.

Site History

Soil beneath the grass located at the northeast corner of the playfield at the school is contaminated with lead and arsenic. The contamination likely comes from the use of these chemicals as orchard pest sprays in the early and mid 20th century.

Sampling

Sampling and analysis indicate that contamination exceeds state cleanup levels for lead and arsenic. Ecology has considered several alternatives for cleanup.

Cleanup Action

The alternative preferred by Ecology at the school consists primarily of placing an asphalt cap on top of the existing soil. Ecology has determined that this alternative will provide the necessary barrier to prevent human exposure to the contaminants.

Determination of Non-Significance

After reviewing the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) environmental checklist, Ecology has determined that the cleanup 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!

Documents relating to the cleanup are available for public review. A public comment period will run from April 16, 2008 through May 16, 2008. You are encouraged to submit your written comments to Jeff Newschwander, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link for Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

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Ecology is Accepting Comments

April 16, 2008 through
May 16, 2008

Review Documents at

WA Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/leeElem/leeElem_hp.htm

Submit Comments or Technical Questions to

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