

## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Ecology is proposing to remove the Orondo Elementary School site from the Hazardous Sites List. The Site is currently ranked a "4" on the list. Sites can be ranked from "1" to "5." A rank of "1" is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

### Site Background

This Site is located on former orchard property and was subject to historical pesticide applications. Soil samples confirmed lead and arsenic at concentrations exceeding state cleanup levels.

### Cleanup Action

During the summer of 2007, Ecology conducted a cleanup and placed all contaminated soils under a geotextile fabric barrier. Then, six inches of clean topsoil were placed on top on the barrier fabric. This cleanup method, referred to as capping, is cost-effective and prevents human exposure to contaminated soil.

Following cleanup, an environmental covenant was recorded for the property with the Douglas County Assessor. The purpose of the environmental covenant is to provide a permanent legal record of the contamination that remains on the property, and to prevent activities at the site that might disturb or damage the soil cap.

### Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on the cleanup completed and environmental covenant in place, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology proposes to issue a determination of No Further Action and remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

### Comments Accepted

September 3, 2008 through  
October 3, 2008

#### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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#### DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

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**WA Department of Ecology  
Central Regional Office**  
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200  
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Contact Roger Johnson,  
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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bridgeport/bridgeport\\_hp.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/bridgeport/bridgeport_hp.htm)

**Facility Site ID #: 9997635**

## Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the final Interim Action Report and Environmental Covenant.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted September 3, 2008 through October 3, 2008.

See the box on the first page for details.

### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed on the front page.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address shown on the back page.

**We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.***

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