

Interim Remedial Action Plans and SEPA Determination of Non- Significance Available for Review

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 cleanups at two elementary schools in Yakima, Washington. Gilbert Elementary School is located at 4400 Douglas Drive and Robertson Elementary School is located at 2807 West Lincoln Avenue.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Interim Remedial Action Plan and SEPA documents.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the site documents
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration.
Comments will be accepted *June 1, 2009 through July 1, 2009*.
See the box at the right for details.

Site Background

Soil beneath the grass on the playgrounds at the two elementary schools contains lead and arsenic. The lead and arsenic 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 both schools consists primarily of placing clean soil on top of the existing soil, and establishing new grass on this clean soil.

Comments Accepted

June 1, 2009 through July 1, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Yakima Valley Regional Library

102 N 3rd Street
Yakima WA 98902
Phone: (509) 452-8541
Hours:
Monday - Wednesday: 9 am – 9 pm
Thursday - Friday: 9 am – 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm
Sunday: 12 pm – 4 pm

**WA Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office**
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
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By appointment only:
Contact Roger Johnson,
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(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

Robertson Elementary:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/robertsonSchool/robertsonSchool_hp.html

Gilbert Elementary:
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/gil_school/gilElemSchool_hp.html

Robertson Elementary - F/S ID # 2322990
Gilbert Elementary - F/S ID # 5154076

Ecology has determined that this alternative will provide the necessary barrier to prevent human exposure to the contaminants. At each school, the plan includes modification of the existing irrigation system to maintain the turf grass cover.

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 adverse impact on the environment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The checklist may be reviewed at the location listed in the information box on the first page.

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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