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Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Public Comment Invited

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans to remove the Evergreen Airport cleanup site from the Hazardous Sites List (see below). This site was cleaned up under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Under the VCP property owners can clean up their own property to meet the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) with technical assistance from Ecology. Ecology has reviewed the site cleanup activity and determined that

- The site is no longer a threat to human health or the environment.
- The cleanup actions at the site meet MTCA cleanup standards.
- No further action is needed.

Ecology Wants Your Input!

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Final Proposed Cleanup Action Plan and other cleanup reports. You are invited to:

- Review the cleanup documents online or at the repository locations (listed to the right).
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted until March 2, 2009.

What Happens Next

Ecology will respond to your comments after the end of the comment period. Ecology may require further sampling or cleanup based on information given by the public. Otherwise, the site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List after the comment period.



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What is the Hazardous Sites List?

The Hazardous Sites List includes sites that have been assessed for their potential risk to human health and the environment. Sites are then ranked 1-5, based on the degree of risk, with 1 being the highest. Evergreen Airport has a ranking of 5.

Comments Accepted

February 2 through March 2, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Document Review Locations

Fort Vancouver Public Library 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard Vancouver, WA 98663 Phone: (360) 695-1566

WA Department of Ecology **Southwest Regional Office**

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By appointment only: Contact Debbie Nelson, dene461@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-6365

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/ sites/evergreen Air/evrgrnAir hp.html

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Evergreen Airport

Site Background

The Evergreen Airport site includes approximately 52 acres and is located at 13800 through 14114 SE Mill Plain Boulevard in Vancouver, WA. The site was formerly used as an airport and contained hangars, office buildings, a runway, control tower and eight additional buildings (leased). It was developed into an airfield in approximately 1945. Future planned use of the site will be mixed commercial and residential.

Investigations at the site revealed soil contamination at levels above state cleanup standards from gasoline, diesel and heavy oil-range petroleum hydrocarbons and metals (cadmium, chromium and lead). Groundwater was not contaminated.

The site entered the VCP program in October 2005. Remedial actions at the site included:

- Demolition of existing site buildings.
- Removal of an underground storage tank and associated underground piping.
- Decommissioning of six septic tanks.
- Removal of eight dry wells.
- Removal of an underground sump and four above-ground storage tanks.
- Excavation and disposal (in landfill) of 1,540 tons of soil (1,340 tons were contaminated).
- Soil and groundwater sampling.
- Backfill of excavation areas with clean soil.

The Cleanup Action Report contains a summary of the cleanup activities completed and results of post-cleanup sampling. Ecology reviewed this report and others to determine if the cleanup was complete. A No Further Action Opinion letter was issued in December 2008.





Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs) are a large group of chemicals that come from crude oil. They are found in fuels and other petroleum products, including pesticides. These chemicals can get into soil or groundwater through spills or

Hexane, toluene, mineral oils, jet fuels, and other chemicals found in gasoline are some of the chemicals called petroleum hydrocarbons. When TPHs are discovered at a site, they are usually a mixture of some of the chemicals included in this group.

Most petroleum hydrocarbons are not known to cause cancer, but many can affect the central nervous system, immune system, lungs, blood, skin, and eyes. One type—benzene—does cause cancer in humans.

For more information, please visit http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts123.pdf

For information about other contaminants found at the site, visit:

Lead

leaks.

http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts13.html

Arsenic

http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts2.html

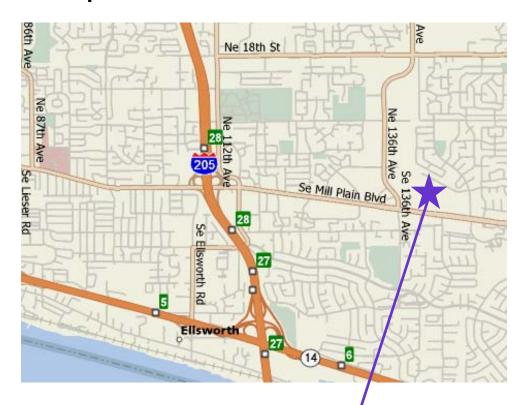
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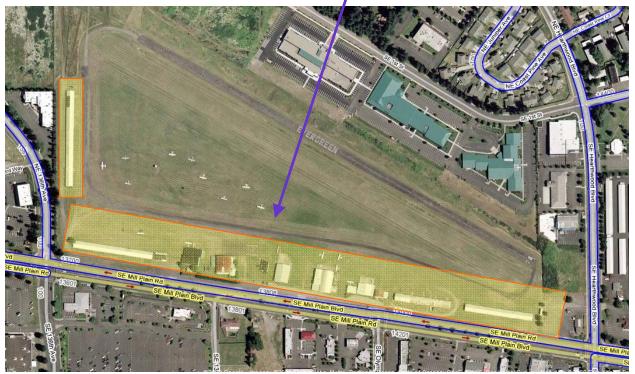
http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts5.html

Part of the Evergreen Airport cleanup site.

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Site map





Approximate site boundary, including the ten areas where cleanup actions were taken.



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