



Agreed Order available for public review and comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the Taxiway F cleanup site located at the Skagit Regional Airport, Skagit County, Washington. The Taxiway F cleanup site is an area where crop-dusting operations occurred between 1978 and about 2000. The Taxiway F site is formally known as and entered into Ecology databases as the Skagit County Port site.

In April 2009, Ecology and the Port of Skagit County entered a legal agreement called an Agreed Order. Under this Agreed Order, the Port of Skagit County agrees to conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The remedial investigation will identify the nature and extent of contamination associated with the crop-dusting operations. The feasibility study will assess alternative means of cleaning up the contamination. A report presenting the results of the RI/FS will be prepared and made available to the public.

A work plan will be prepared describing the investigations and engineering assessments that will be performed. The work plan will include a Public Participation Plan (PPP). This PPP will describe how the public will be informed of work at the site and indicate specific opportunities for public input.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology would like your comments on the Agreed Order. You are invited to review the Agreed Order and send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted until May 11, 2009.

Comments Accepted

April 10, 2009 through May 11, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Northwest Regional Office - Toxics Cleanup Program
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Bellevue, WA 98008
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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Burlington Public Library

820 E. Washington Ave.
Burlington, WA 98233
(360) 755-0760

Skagit Regional Airport

15400 Airport Drive
Burlington, WA 98233
(360) 757-0011

Washington State Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office

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8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website:

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/skagitCountyPort/skagitCountyPort_hp.html

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Taxiway F Site at Skagit Regional Airport

Site Background

The Taxiway F site is located at an aircraft hangar adjacent to Taxiway F at the Skagit Regional Airport in Skagit County, Washington. The hangar and surrounding area were used for crop-dusting operations between 1978 and about 2000. The surrounding area to the north, east, and south is airport property and is mostly pasture and forested wetland. The property to the west, across Taxiway F, is the PACCAR Technical Center.

Crop-dusting operations released several chemicals of concern. These chemicals of concern include pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides that were released to the environment in the area where mixing and aircraft loading occurred. The extent of these chemicals of concern will be tested as part of the RI. The chemicals have migrated eastward into the forested wetland adjacent to the site.

The RI/FS will assess the concentration and distribution of chemicals of concern (contamination) in soil, sediment, groundwater, surface water, and air. The Port of Skagit County has already performed a significant amount of investigation under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Bringing the site under an Agreed Order will enable the Port to work more closely with Ecology to complete the RI and to develop appropriate cleanup actions. It will also make the Port eligible for grant funds from Ecology, if available, to assist in funding the cleanup actions. Grant funds are raised from a dedicated tax on toxic substances, and are available to local governments.

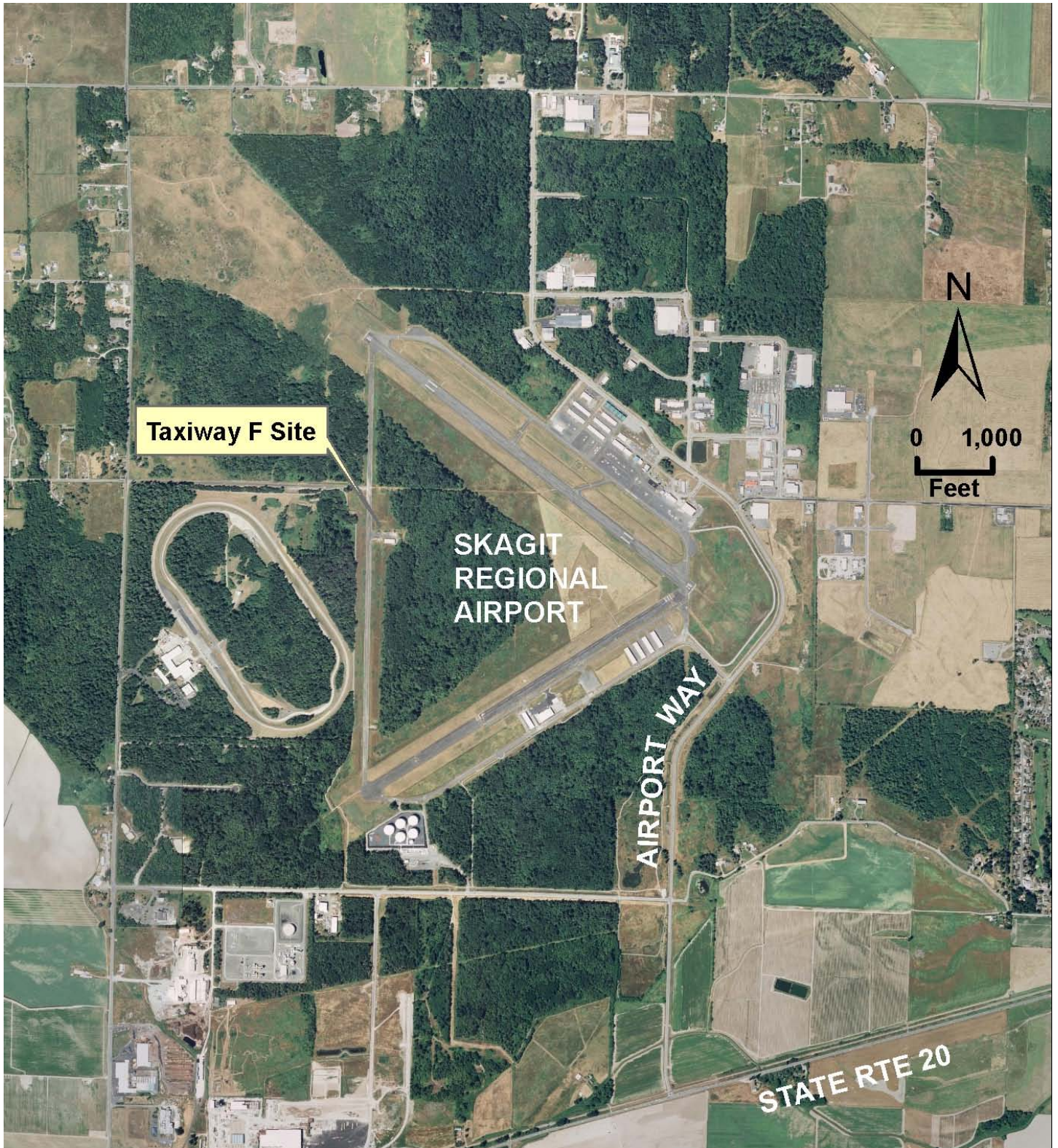
What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and consider input for the plans for the investigations and engineering studies. A work plan for the RI/FS will be prepared and made available to the public at the document review locations and on the website listed in the sidebar on page 1. A report of the results of the investigations and feasibility studies also will be made available for public review at a later date at the same locations.

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui to request a meeting at nlui461@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp> You may also read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* at this link to learn more about the public comment process

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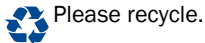


Crop-dusting operations were based at a hangar next to Taxiway F at the Skagit Regional Airport.



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