

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Ecology is proposing to remove the John Newbery Middle School site from the Hazardous Sites List. The Site is currently ranked a “5” 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.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List. The John Newbery Elementary School Site is located at located at 850 N Western Avenue in Wenatchee. You are invited to:

- **Review** the No Further Action letter and Restrictive Covenant.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *July 7, 2010 through August 6, 2010*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

This Site is located on former orchard property. Soil samples confirmed the presence of residual pesticide contamination in the form of lead and arsenic at concentrations exceeding MTCA Method A cleanup levels.

Cleanup Action

During construction of the school in 1993, the Wenatchee School District conducted an interim remedial action at the site by capping contaminated soils with eight to twelve inches of clean topsoil. Confirmational samples collected from the site following remediation show that all contaminated soils are contained under the clean soil cap.

An environmental covenant was recorded for the property with the Chelan 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.

Comments Accepted

July 7, 2010 through
August 6, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Valerie Bound
WA Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3452
Phone: (509) 454-7886
E-mail: vdre461@ecy.wa.gov

DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Wenatchee Public Library

310 Douglas
Wenatchee WA 98801
Phone: (509) 662-5021
Hours: Mon – Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri – Sat: 9 am - 6 pm
Sun: 1 pm - 5 pm

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902
By appointment only:
Contact Roger Johnson,
rjoh461@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/johnNewbery/johnNewberyES_hp.html

Facility Site ID #: 352

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on sampling results and the cleanup completed, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action and proposes to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. If no changes are necessary, the Site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

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 in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

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

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en Espanol: 509-575-2490

To ask about the availability of this document in a version for the visually impaired call the Toxics Cleanup Program at 509-454-7841. Persons with hearing loss, call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability, call 877-833-6341.

