

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Ecology is proposing to remove the Gilbert Elementary and Robertson Elementary Schools sites from the Hazardous Sites List. The Sites are currently ranked “3” 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. Gilbert Elementary School is located at 4400 Douglas Drive and Robertson Elementary School is located at 2807 West Lincoln Avenue.

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 19, 2010 through August 18, 2010*.

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

Site Background

The Site is located on former orchard property and was subject to historical pesticide applications. Soil samples taken in 2005 confirmed lead and arsenic at concentrations exceeding state cleanup levels.

Cleanup Action

During the summer of 2009, Ecology conducted a cleanup and placed all contaminated soils under a geotextile fabric barrier. Then, eight 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 Yakima 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 19, 2010 through
August 18, 2010

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
Yakima, WA 98902

By appointment only:

Contact Roger Johnson,
rjoh461@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

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

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

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.*

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