

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Public Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the McChord Air Force Base (AFB), Site 232, Landfill (LF)-01 and LF-02, from the Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. Sites can rank from a “1” to a “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. The Site is ranked a “3” (medium level of concern on a scale of 1 to 5) and the status is listed as “remedial action completed, confirmation monitoring underway”.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your written comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. This site is located on McChord AFB in Lakewood, Washington. You are invited to:

- **Review** the letter dated May 4, 2009 requesting three sites on McChord AFB to be removed from the HSL.
- **Review** Final CY 2007 Annual Report Remedial Action-Operation Basewide Long-Term Monitoring and Natural Attenuation.
- **Send** your written comments to the Ecology Site Manager for consideration. Comments will be accepted from *May 15, 2010 through June 15, 2010*.

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

Comments Accepted

May 15 through June 15, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Toxics Cleanup Program
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Document Review Locations

Pierce County Library
6300 Wildaire Drive
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Phone: (253) 582-6040
Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Fri.- 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m.

WA Department of Ecology Headquarters

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Contact Carol Dorn,
cesg461@ecy.wa.gov or
(360) 407-7224

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/SiteLists.htm>

Facility Site ID #: 232

Site Background

LF-01 is immediately west of the main entrance to McChord AFB, due west of the main gate and south of McChord Drive. From 1946 until the mid-1950s, Site LF-01 had reportedly been used to dispose of boiler ash and tree stumps. Waste types could include construction debris, ash, and possibly aircraft parts. Excavation during construction of the new main gate in 2004 showed the boiler ash was there. No drums or other containers were found during the excavation. The soil removed during the gate construction was not classified as hazardous.

Site LF-01 is on the Washington HSL with a ranking of 3 (medium level of concern on a scale of 1 to 5) and the status is listed as “RA completed, confirmation monitoring underway.”

Site LF-02, the former Milburn Pond landfill, is west of Site LF-01 and south of McChord Drive. The landfill reportedly was used for disposal of ash, including industrial, domestic, construction, demolition debris, beginning in mid-1950s through 1976. LF-02 is on the Washington HSL with a rank of 3 (medium level of concern on a scale of 1-5) and the status is listed as “RA completed, confirmation monitoring underway.”

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Ecology determined that Site LF-01 and LF-02 no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment. The basis of this decision comes from the results of samples taken during construction of the new gate. There were no reports of contaminants above regulatory limits for the past seventeen years of sampling in the monitoring wells down gradient of both sites. Therefore, Ecology Issued a determination of No Further Action and proposes to remove the Site from the Hazardous Sites List.

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 Español favor de contactar a Maria Peeler a (360) 407-6704.

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