

Agreed Order for Remedial Investigation Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on upcoming activities at the Sunnyside Municipal Airport Pesticide Spray Shed, located at 3318 East Edison Road in Sunnyside, Washington.

The Sunnyside Municipal Airport Pesticide Spray Shed (Site) has soil contaminated with chemicals historically used for pesticides. Ecology has drafted an Agreed Order for a Remedial Investigation (RI), which will gather more information about how much contamination is present.

As the owner of the Site, the City of Sunnyside has been officially named as a “potentially liable party.”

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Agreed Order. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Agreed Order.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *March 13, 2013 through April 12, 2013*.

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

Site Background

Ecology received a complaint in October 2008 reporting an old pesticide spray storage shed had been torn down and chemicals had been dumped at the Site.

Limited soil sampling conducted in June 2010 by Ecology staff confirmed the presence of several chemicals used as pesticides, and degradation products, at levels above what is considered protective of human health and the environment.

Comments Accepted

March 13, 2013 through
April 12, 2013

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Sunnyside Public Library

621 E Grant Avenue
Sunnyside WA 98944
Phone: (509) 837-3237

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10 am - 7 pm
Friday-Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm
Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902

By appointment only:

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

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=11423>

Facility/Site ID #: 20367

Cleanup Site ID #: 11423

Toxics Cleanup Program

The sampling took place in the vicinity of the spray shed. The chemicals identified include dieldrin, Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE), and toxaphene.

Why This Cleanup Matters

The chemicals identified in soil at the Site are known to be harmful to human health and the environment. Additionally, the chemicals are currently banned in the United States for agricultural usage and are probable human carcinogens.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review all comments received. At the end of the comment period, Ecology will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary. We will send this document to those who commented and post it online. We will make changes to the Agreed Order if needed based on public comments.

Ecology expects to complete the RI by the end of 2013. Ecology will make reports available at the Site webpage, Sunnyside Public Library, and Ecology's Central Regional Office.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

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: (509) 575-2490

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