

Toxics Cleanup Program

April 2015

Remedial Investigation Report Available for Review and Comment

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

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Remedial Investigation report. You are invited to:

- Review the Remedial Investigation report.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted April 22, 2015 through May 22, 2015.

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

What is an RI?

The purpose of a Remedial Investigation is to find out what kind of contamination is present and how far it has spread throughout the soil and groundwater at the Site. Once Ecology has that information, we can make plans to clean up the contamination.

Site Background

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

Soil sampling conducted in June 2010 by Ecology staff confirmed the presence of several pesticides above state cleanup levels in the vicinity of the spray shed.

The RI showed soil and groundwater contamination present at the Site. In addition to pesticides, herbicides and petroleum contamination were also found above state cleanup levels.

Comments Accepted

April 22, 2015 through May 22, 2015

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 CRO Public Records Coordinator at cropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepa ge.aspx?csid=11423

> Facility/Site ID #: 20367 Cleanup Site ID #: 11423

Sunnyside Municipal Airport Pesticide Spray Shed

Why This Cleanup Matters

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

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and respond. A feasibility study is planned next. A feasibility study outlines different cleanup options and costs for the Site.

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?



Read about the cleanup in this handout.



To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.



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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