

Terrace Heights Elementary School



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Comments accepted:

August 23, 2017 to
September 22, 2017

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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 Terrace Heights Elementary School Site, located at 101 N 41st St, Yakima, Washington, from its Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a "5" on the list. A rank of "1" is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. You are invited to:

- Review the *Terrace Heights Elementary School NFA Recommendation* and the *THES Interim Action Report*
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted August 23, 2017, through September 22, 2017

Site background

This school was part of an area-wide lead and arsenic sampling program. Ecology completed soil sampling at schools with possible past pesticide use. Prior to the mid-1940s, lead arsenate was commonly used to control the codling moths on fruit trees. Because of the school grounds past use, it was suspected that the soil in the school playground area might be contaminated with lead and arsenic.



Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3874>

Facility Site ID: 221207

Cleanup Site ID: 3874

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Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en Español, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

In 2005, Ecology took samples of the soils throughout the property. Both lead and arsenic were found at levels exceeding State cleanup standards.

In 2013, Ecology worked with the school to minimize exposure to lead and arsenic. A synthetic barrier and an 8 inch cap of clean soil was installed to cover the contaminated soil. Because contamination was not removed from the Site, a property restriction is in place to ensure the barrier and cap remain in place..

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

As long as the barrier and cap remain in place, the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action and has recommended removing 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.

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

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.

