



NEWSPAPER NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD for PROPOSED CLEANUP AT FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites the public to read and comment on a proposal to clean up a former firing range on Fort Lewis by close of business on Monday, November 1.

The proposed clean up, or “interim cleanup action,” is for the Evergreen Infiltration Range, located on Fort Lewis. This range was once used to conduct military training. Guns fired lead bullets into a hill (berm), which is now highly contaminated with lead including lead bullet fragments.

Lead contaminated soils will be removed from the hill (berm). These soils are contaminated above the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) soil cleanup standard for lead. Lead bullet fragments will be removed from these soils and treated before placed on active firing ranges at Fort Lewis. The Interim Cleanup Action Plan for the Evergreen Infiltration Range is available for public comment.

Ecology is lead agency for the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) and reviewed the proposed clean up for potential environmental impacts it might cause. The proposed cleanup will not have a significant environmental impact. Ecology issued a determination of non-significance (DNS). The SEPA DNS and a SEPA checklist are available for public comment.

Ecology invites the public to read and comment on the proposed interim cleanup action and the SEPA DNS. The public comment period begins October 1, 2004, and ends November 1, 2004.

The Interim Cleanup Plan for Evergreen Infiltration Range Fact Sheet, SEPA DNS, and the SEPA checklist will be available during regular library hours at:

Grand Staff Library
Building 2109
Pendleton Avenue
Fort Lewis, WA
(253) 967-5889

You may also read documents, Monday through Friday from 9am to 4:30pm by appointment, at:

Department of Ecology
Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program
Southwest Regional Office
300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503
(360) 407-6362

Ecology will consider and respond to all written comments and then make a final decision or a new tentative decision on the proposed interim cleanup action. To get a copy of the Fact Sheet and SEPA DNS, contact Leon Wilhelm at 360-407-6362 (voice) or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service), by email at leow461@ecy.wa.gov or at the address below. Or visit Ecology's web site: www.ecy.wa.gov.

To submit comments, send a letter or email to Leon Wilhelm, Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction Program, Southwest Regional Office, and P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, WA 98504-7775. If comments are emailed, please provide a name and US mail address. Personally deliver your comments to Leon Wilhelm at the Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, WA 98503.

Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the hearing, contact Leon Wilhelm or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service).