

### Termination of Site Cleanup Order and Waste Permit at the Crop Production Services Site

The purpose of this public notice is to announce the proposed termination of the site cleanup order and waste permit at the Crop Production Services (CPS) site (formerly Western Farm Service). This notice also describes:

- The CPS site.
- Proposed termination of cleanup activities.
- Ecology's decision-making process.
- How the public can participate.

#### Termination Proposal

Environmental investigations in the 1990s found that soil and groundwater at the CPS (formerly Western Farm Service) site was contaminated with agricultural chemicals. Under state and federal law, CPS was required to investigate and cleanup the contamination. The cleanup of soil was completed in the mid 1990s but groundwater contamination remained above cleanup levels and has been monitored continuously since that time.

Recent sampling indicates groundwater now meets human health and environmental cleanup standards, and CPS has requested to end monitoring and cleanup activities. Opportunities for public input are part of the proposal to terminate the existing cleanup order and permit for this site.

#### Site Cleanup Order and Permit Documents

CPS has been monitoring groundwater in the area for two decades. The last two years of groundwater samples indicate cleanup standards have been met. Now that Ecology and CPS believe the site meets cleanup standards, CPS has requested termination of the administrative order and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit, pending submittal of public comments.

#### Administrative Order DE95HS-E933

This 1995 order specifies the groundwater monitoring required for the site. It describes which wells must be sampled, for which chemicals, and how often. It also identifies the cleanup standards that must be met to end the monitoring program.

Public comment period  
June 15 to July 30, 2010

The request to terminate the order and RCRA<sup>1</sup> permit, the administrative order, and this notice are available for review at:

■ **Walla Walla Public Library**  
238 East Alder Street  
Walla Walla WA 99362  
509-527-4550  
*The information desk can direct you to the documents*

■ **Washington State Department of Ecology Central Regional Office**  
15 West Yakima Avenue  
Yakima WA 98902-3452

#### You may request copies of the documents from:

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E-mail: [grca461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:grca461@ecy.wa.gov)

#### Mail comments to:

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**Comments must be postmarked or received by July 30, 2010.**

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1. Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

**RCRA Permit**

In 1980, CPS obtained a RCRA interim status permit for their hazardous chemical (waste) activities. This is a federal permit that, among other things, compels CPS to investigate and cleanup any contamination. Although CPS no longer conducts RCRA regulated activities at this site, CPS is required to retain the permit until all waste related activities, including cleanup, are complete.

**Site Description**

The facility covers about three acres and is surrounded by other commercial properties as well as Walla Walla Community College.

The site has been an agricultural chemical distribution facility since 1950 or 1951, and CPS has owned and operated it since 1969. Until 1987, tanks containing pesticide and fertilizer residues were rinsed and the rinsates collected in an unlined pit. Sometimes the pit overflowed into a ditch and field north of the pit. Most of the rinsates soaked into the ground.

In 1987, sediments from the pit bottom were excavated and transported to an unknown location for disposal. Since 1988, pesticide tanks have been rinsed in the field prior to returning to the facility, and fertilizer tanks have been rinsed at a newly designed rinse area with collection system.

**Procedures for Reaching Final Decisions**

The termination of the order and permit are subject to public review and comment. The public review process can be found in the Washington Administrative Code 173-340-600, WAC 173-303-840, and WAC 173-303-900.

**A Public Hearing is Possible**

If ten or more people request it, Ecology will conduct a public hearing. To request a hearing, or to request special accommodation for the hearing if one is held, contact Greg Caron by the end of the comment period. To find out if a public hearing will be held call him after **July 30, 2010**.

**How to Participate**

You may request, review and comment on any of the documents. Comments must be received by the deadline to be considered.

The most effective comments are those that:

- ✓ Provide specific information describing what aspect you believe is inappropriate.
- ✓ Provide factual and regulatory support for the comment.
- ✓ Suggest changes to fix the problem.
- ✓ Include supporting material that is not in Ecology’s records (e.g., if the comment references a state or federal rule, Ecology already has that information; but, if the comment references a report not in the Ecology’s records, then this would be appropriate supporting material). You need to provide a copy of the reference.

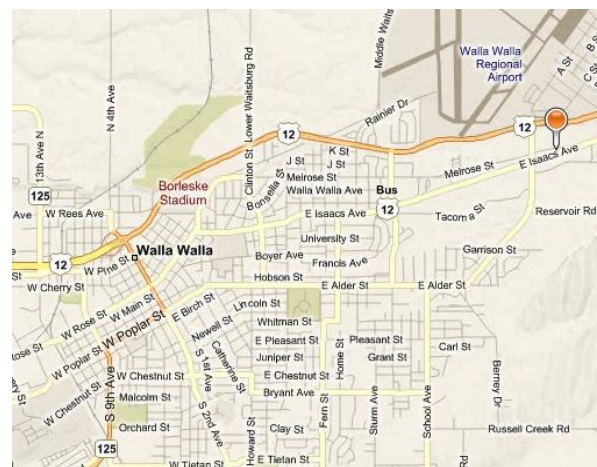
**Decision Making Process**

**Responding to comments and testimony**

Ecology will consider and respond to written comments submitted by the public and any testimony, if a public hearing is held.

**Final decisions**

After considering the comments and possible testimony, Ecology will make a final decision or make a new tentative decision on the termination of the order and permit. If public comments result in substantial changes, then an additional public comment period will take place.



*Location of the CPS facility:  
3083 East Isaacs Ave., Walla Walla, WA.*

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