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Ecology forms a Vapor Workgroup

The Washington Department of Ecology is in the process of revising and updating the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup regulation. As part of this effort, Ecology is updating provisions on addressing threats posed by subsurface vapor phase contaminants.

Ecology has formed an advisory group to provide input on vapor-related issues. In forming this Vapor Workgroup, Ecology has two main goals:

- Finalize the Draft Vapor Intrusion Guidance. Ecology believes the draft document provides a solid foundation for evaluating this pathway. However, several issues were identified during the public comment period that Ecology would like to discuss with workgroup members before finalizing the guidance document.
- Develop draft MTCA rule language. This rule language will support implementation of the Draft Vapor Intrusion Guidance and recent federal guidance materials.

Workgroup members were chosen to provide a balanced set of knowledge and experience. The group will meet three to four times between May and July, 2010. The first meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2010 from 2 – 4 pm at the Ecology Headquarters Building in Lacey.

The first meeting will review the purpose and objectives of the workgroup, discuss the guidance, screening levels, and develop a strategy for working through remaining issues.

For more information about the MTCA Cleanup Regulation Update:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/regs/2009MTCA/mtcaAmend.html>

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