

# **STUBBLEFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

## **FACT SHEET**



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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*An environmental cleanup is under way at a site called **Stubblefield Salvage and Recycling** in Walla Walla, Washington. The site is contaminated with hazardous substances that pose a threat to people and the environment. EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) is leading this cleanup. This document lays out EPA's plan for involving the community members in the project. EPA developed this plan with input from local residents and community officials. We welcome your ideas for improvement.*

## **Community Involvement Goals**

EPA seeks to have meaningful community involvement in the Stubblefield cleanup.

Our goals are to:

- Provide timely information on site activities and progress
- Establish open communication, responding to questions and concerns as they arise
- Listen to and consider local input

## **What We've Heard from the Community**

The community is generally aware of this site. It is visible from a regularly-used road. People note that it has been an eyesore in the past, but that some improvement can now be seen. Some individuals are concerned that the site may affect property values in the area. People thought it would be helpful to inform the community about the environmental cleanup with direct mailings and some work with a local radio station and newspaper.



## **We'll Keep You Informed**

### **Media Work**

Any public notices will be placed in the local publication called the "Walla Walla Union Bulletin." Also, any press releases issued by EPA will be provided to the Bulletin. EPA will contact the local radio station KUJ to offer the opportunity for an interview to provide updates about site cleanup.

### **Website**

EPA has set up a website to give you background information and updates about the cleanup. Find it at [www.epaossc.org/StubblefieldSalvage](http://www.epaossc.org/StubblefieldSalvage)

### **Documents**

Documents about the cleanup can be found at the locations listed at the end of this document.

### **Fact Sheets**

EPA is providing this document by direct mail to the local community. EPA also will mail and post online a fact sheet when the cleanup work is done. If there are major developments before the work is complete, EPA will mail and post fact sheets at that time, as well.

### **Mailing List**

If you would like to get on the mailing list to receive fact sheets, contact Andrea Lindsay, [lindsay.andrea@epa.gov](mailto:lindsay.andrea@epa.gov) (206)-553-1896 or (800)-424-4372.

## **About Stubblefield**

Stubblefield Salvage and Recycling is an active metals salvage operation that has been at this location since the 1960s. It is located on Myra Road, along the city-county boundary.

Operators use a hydraulic shear to cut up metal and a hydraulic press to compress the metal into blocks. There is a 3-story wood building at the site, once used as a rendering plant. Washington Department of Ecology referred the site to EPA in 2009. Their inspections had documented serious contamination beyond the scope of their programs.

EPA inspectors found leaking transformers, unmarked drums, open tanks, broken shingles containing asbestos, and oil-stained soil. Sampling confirmed the presence of heavy metals in soils, including lead, arsenic, cadmium and chromium, and mercury; and hazardous contaminants in soils called Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs).

## **Cleanup Work**

EPA and their contractors began onsite cleanup work in October 2009. They removed five truckloads of contaminated surface soil, consolidated wastes from over 80 drums with previously uncharacterized contents and shipped them off-site for disposal, and removed 150 cubic yards of asbestos waste.

More contamination remains at the site. Most of the leftover contamination is in the soil below the surface, under heavy equipment, and under the building. Planning and engineering is going on now for future cleanup work.

Cleanup work is expected to start again later this year. At that time, there will be workers in protective gear, truck traffic, and operation of heavy equipment at the site.

## **EPA INVITES YOUR COMMENTS**

If you have comments on this  
Community Involvement Plan,  
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## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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### **Documents**

Walla Walla Public Library  
238 East Alder Street  
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1943  
(509) 527-4550

EPA Records Center  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
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### **Website**

[www.epaosc.org/StubblefieldSalvage](http://www.epaosc.org/StubblefieldSalvage)





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at the Stubblefield Salvage site.*

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