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## Fact Sheet

### Hamilton-Labree Roads Ground Water Cleanup Chehalis, Washington



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## Community Interviews: EPA Would Like to Hear From You

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be conducting interviews with local government officials and community members on Wednesday, August 9, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., in the Chehalis area. These interviews are being done to gather information for the Community Involvement Plan for the Hamilton-Labree site. We want to ensure that this Plan accurately captures your feedback on how we can best communicate with you about this site. We would like to hear your comments, ideas, and suggestions. If you would like to schedule an interview, please call **Debra Packard, Community Involvement Coordinator**, at **1-800-424-4372, extension 0247**. We will also be available to interview you over the phone, if you prefer.

## Site Approved for Investigation and Cleanup

In May 2000, EPA proposed that the Hamilton-Labree Roads Ground Water site in Chehalis, Washington, be added to EPA's National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites identified for potential long-term cleanup. The public comment period ended on July 10, 2000, and the site was included on the NPL on July 27, 2000. Now that the site is listed, EPA plans to determine the extent of contamination, then evaluate cleanup alternatives for the contaminated ground water.

## Site History

The Hamilton-Labree site is the property near the intersection of Hamilton and Labree Roads. It is located about three miles south of Chehalis, Washington, along Interstate 5. In 1993, during testing for a commercial well application, perchloroethylene (PCE) was discovered in the ground water. PCE is a chemical commonly used in metal degreasing and cleaning operations, dry cleaning, and other industrial uses. It has the potential to cause cancer in humans. This finding prompted the Lewis County Department of Health to ask the Washington Department of Health (DOH) to investigate ground water contamination in private and public supply wells in the area. DOH sampled in 1993-1994 and again in 1996, confirming PCE contamination. At this time, the county health department advised owners of the contaminated wells to use an alternate water supply for drinking and cooking. The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) has notified all affected well users, and EPA understands that bottled water is being used at those properties. The site was placed on the Superfund National Priorities List in July 2000. EPA's next steps will include sampling to characterize and find the extent of ground water contamination. Afterwards, EPA will evaluate cleanup alternatives.

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