

# Request for Comments

## Proposed Conditional No Further Action determination for the former Boise Cascade Sawmill in Joseph

**COMMENTS DUE:** Friday, March 2, 2012, 4:30 pm.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** One-quarter mile west of Joseph

**PROPOSAL:** The Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a no further action determination for a project to clean up petroleum-contaminated soil at the former Boise Cascade sawmill near Joseph. DEQ issues a no further action determination when a cleanup project has met regulatory standards.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** In 1994, Boise Cascade excavated approximately 10,500 cubic yards of petroleum-contaminated soil from sawmill property and placed it on six acres of plastic-lined cells in one part of the site. They turned the contaminated soil periodically to promote aeration and growth of microbes that digested the petroleum.

Sampling of the soil indicates that, although some petroleum remains in the soil, the hazardous chemicals in the petroleum have been reduced to safe levels. DEQ therefore does not require further remediation. However, DEQ did require the current property owner, OfficeMax, to record a notice of potential hazard with Wallowa County. The reason for this notice is to let people know that the petroleum-containing soil and the plastic liner remain on this property.

This site will remain on DEQ's Confirmed Release List as long as the hazard notice is in place.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Send written comments fax, mail or email to:

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Written comments should be sent by Friday, March 2, 2012. To schedule an appointment or to obtain a copy of the staff report, please contact Mr. Schwarz by email or by phone at 541-298-7255, ext. 230.

**THE NEXT STEP:** DEQ will consider all comments received. A final decision concerning the proposed no further action determination will be made after consideration of public comments.

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