
The Atlantic Richfield Agreement

The County is nearing completion of the Institutional Controls Agreement (ICA) with Atlantic Richfield, and a public review meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10. This is the second in a series of publications to provide information about the agreement.

Institutional Controls Agreement

What is the Institutional Controls (IC) program?

The IC program primarily does two things:

- Ensures development activities can occur and that contaminated or potentially contaminated soil is handled safely.
- Provides the community with information and education regarding arsenic and lead exposure.

We work closely with landowners and developers through the County's Development Permit System to ensure that protective soil caps are put back in place properly, and that excess contaminated soil is taken to a repository. We provide information to homeowners about their property regarding past or planned remediation, and soil, dust, and well water samples. We provide general information on how to work safely on the Superfund site.

Why is it important to me?

Most contamination has been addressed in the Superfund cleanup. However, some contamination remains that can't be reached and/or is thus far undetected. ICs provides safe management of all remaining waste.

Hundreds of soil disturbance projects take place in the county every year, and we ensure that the soil is being handled safely, and that human health and the environment are being protected.

What does the program do for me?

- If you are doing a project in your yard, we help make sure you aren't inadvertently leaving contaminated soil on the surface.
- If you are exposing ceiling and wall cavities during a home improvement project, we can provide guidance on how to safely address dust. We also loan HEPA filter vacuums to clean up dust during and after projects.
- We provide raised garden beds and clean soil for food gardens, and sand boxes for play areas.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the Superfund Coordinator, Carl Nyman, at 563-7019, or email him at cnyman@qwestoffice.net.