

SITE FACT SHEET

Koitlah Point Dump *Site 3*



Description: This site is an inactive dump where refuse was discarded over a steep bluff at Koitlah Point. The top of the dump is covered and leveled, but refuse is still visible on the bluff face. Debris from the dump extends to the beach below Koitlah Point. Since the early 1940s, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Makah Tribe have used the dump. Various types of refuse, including hazardous waste, have been dumped at the site. The landfill was recommended for closure in 1963 and abandoned in the late 1960s. Some illegal dumping still occurs.

Community Impacts: Potential impacts to ground water, soil, and surface water; physical hazards associated with exposed debris; PCB- and diesel-contaminated soils; possible impacts to seafood resources.

Investigations and Actions to Date: Site inspections were performed by the Makah Environmental Restoration Team in October 2000 and in March and April 2004. The site was investigated along with 9 other sites during the 2004 limited remedial investigation; soil samples were collected.

Planned Activities: Assess the extent of soil contamination; assess impacts to seafood; develop feasibility study to assess waste removal.