

SITE FACT SHEET

Microwave Tower *Site 6*



Description: This site was built by the Air Force in the 1950s as part of the Bahokus Peak radar system. A leveled area, three newer buildings (including the Engineering Plant Building), three newer towers, and two wood-fenced enclosures with radiation warning signs are present at the site. Six underground storage tanks were in use at the site; 11 underground storage tanks are depicted on a 1987 plot plan. Diesel fuel mixed with high-detergent lubricants was used to run the generators at the engineering plant; the used barrels were disposed of at the Warmhouse Beach Open Dump, and the waste oil was either burned in the boilers or the burn pit at the Cantonment Area or spread on roads for dust control.

Community Impacts: Potential impacts to soil and ground water from underground storage tanks; possible abandoned septic tank system.

Investigations and Actions to Date: Site inspections were performed by the Makah Environmental Restoration Team in October 2000 and March to April 2004.

Planned Activities: Conduct test pit investigation of possible underground storage tanks; inventory asbestos-containing materials and lead-based paint; remove asbestos-containing materials; and remove abandoned structures and contaminated soil.