

# Cleanup Loads Headed to Lower Burke Canyon Repository

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**Mine waste hauling to the Lower Burke Canyon Repository is starting up again.** The repository is operated by the Coeur d'Alene Trust under the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency. Contaminated soils will come to the repository from different sources.

## About how many truckloads might come from each source?

- Institutional Controls Program (ICP) projects in Mullan and Wallace: about 2300 truckloads.
- Trust Remedy Protection projects in Mullan: about 800 truckloads. (This number is up from earlier estimates because of new drainage features to address flooding in Mill Creek.)
- Trust Basin Property Remediation Program projects in Canyon Creek, Wallace, and Mullan: about 500 truckloads.

The Cities of Mullan and Wallace have already sent some truckloads to the repository to support their work on sanitary sewer line replacements and other ICP projects.

Repositories help reduce risks posed by metals like lead and arsenic. It's a priority to provide cities and counties with a well-managed facility that will take in mine waste year-round. Moving waste from several sites into one smaller, managed location helps control sources of contamination.

## What are the haulers required to do?

The Trust, EPA, and Panhandle Health District (which runs the Institutional Controls Program) are committed to limiting impacts to the local community. The Trust and Panhandle Health District will continue to monitor the haulers coming into the repository during the work season. Following are measures designed to reduce impacts from truck traffic.

1. Truckers are expected to comply with traffic rules, including speed limits. Two new speed notification signs were added to the one already in operation. Trucks using the repository use State Highway 4 (also known as Canyon Creek Road), which has a speed limit of 35 mph in the lower section of Canyon Creek and 45 mph through the LBCR access road. Speeds are set by the Idaho Transportation Department. The Shoshone County Sheriff serves this area. While EPA cannot reduce this speed limit or enforce against traffic violations, we have informed both ITD and the Sheriff about neighborhood complaints.



*Measures are in place to help reduce truck impacts.*

2. The haulers carrying contaminated material are required to cover their loads. Any truck that arrives at the repository is allowed to dump that load, but any hauler without a tarp is given a warning and is not allowed to return a second time without a tarp.
3. Haulers can bring waste to LBCR during normal hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. ICP waste is occasionally delivered outside of these hours with the use of a gate access card provided by the ICP.
4. Trucks delivering waste during normal hours go through a decontamination process before going back on the road. Trucks delivering waste through the ICP entrance are required to stay on the clean material cap. They are not decontaminated before leaving the site. The Trust's contractors wet down the waste area as needed to reduce dust.
5. Panhandle Health District conducts mandatory training for ICP contractors. This training is offered on a weekly basis. It includes information on the importance of obeying cover requirements, speed limits, and designated routes.

A big *thank you* to everyone in the community for your cooperation and patience as we work to protect the health of people and the environment. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns. (See list, on the reverse side. ⇨)

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