

WAC 246-205-530 Inspecting property. Within fourteen days after a law enforcement agency or property owner notifies the local health officer of potential property contamination, the local health officer shall inspect the property.

(1) To enable the local health officer to determine contamination, the property inspection shall include, but not be limited to, an acquisition of data such as evidence of:

(a) Hazardous chemical use or storage on site;

(b) Chemical stains;

(c) Release or spillage of hazardous chemicals on the property;

or

(d) Glassware or other paraphernalia associated with the manufacture of illegal drugs on site.

(2) As part of the property's inspection, the local health officer may request copies of any law enforcement reports, forensic chemist reports, and any department of ecology hazardous material transportation manifests needed to evaluate:

(a) The length of time the property was used as an illegal drug manufacturing or storage site;

(b) The size of the site actually used for the manufacture or storage of illegal drugs;

(c) What chemical process was involved in the manufacture of illegal drugs;

(d) What chemicals were removed from the scene; and

(e) The location of the illegal drug manufacturing or storage site in relation to the habitable areas of the property.

(3) The local health officer may coordinate the property's inspection with other appropriate agencies. At the request of the local health officer, the Washington state department of ecology may conduct an environmental assessment and may sample the property's groundwater, surface water, septic tank water, soil, and other media as necessary to enable the local health officer to evaluate the long-term public health threats.

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