



Pilot Project Remediating DDT in Cannabis Farm Soils

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Legislative Proviso Language (3038)

- Implement pilot program to help cannabis farmers in Okanogan County
- Coordinate with Department of Agriculture and the Liquor & Cannabis Board
- Provide status report by Dec. 1, 2024



Implementation Details

WSU study	 Learn how plants take up DDT 	congars
Feasibility Study	 Best soil remediation options to reduce DDT concentrations 	DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
Partnership with Okanogan Conservation District	 Purchase clean soil for affected farmers 	State of Washington

Success to date

- WSU plant uptake study is in progress, results expected in October
- Feasibility study on track, with completion expected in October
- Partnership working to provide clean soil to farmers and place on farms



Next steps for Ecology

Fall 2024

• WSU and Feasibility studies complete

December 2024

• Progress report to Legislature

Spring 2025

• Completion of soil placement for farmers





Department of Agriculture and Liquor Control Board lead future effort

Incorporate study results into future LCB regulatory decision-making

Continue communication with Okanogan County farmers

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