



## **Responsiveness Summary**

Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List

Northwest Pipeline Moses Lake

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Public Comment Period March 6 through April 20, 2013

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The Washington Department of Ecology conducted a public comment period from March 6 through April 20, 2013 for the Proposed Delisting from the Hazardous Sites List for the Northwest Pipeline Moses Lake Site. The Site is located at 13579 Wheeler Road NW, Moses Lake, Washington.

The purpose of this Responsiveness Summary is to document Ecology's responses to comments received during the public comment period.

Ecology would like to thank all who provided comments. Ecology's responses to the comments are found in this summary. However, the public comments did not result in changes to the proposed delisting. The Site will be delisted and the delisting will be published in the August 2013 Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is available on-line at [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/mtca\\_gen/hazsites.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/mtca_gen/hazsites.html)

The Responsiveness Summary is organized as follows:

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## Index of Comments Received

(These comments as attached are listed in the order of receipt by Ecology.)

1. E-mail from “anonymous” sent on March 27, 2013.

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### Carter, Patti Y. (ECY)

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**From:** anonymous [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 27, 2013 9:42 AM  
**To:** Carter, Patti Y. (ECY)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Categories:** Red Category

I feel that the ground needs to be retested to make sure its not contaminated or leaked in other or farther than what the removed before they take it off the hazardous list. they may have collected it all in the drums in 2011 but that doesn't mean it could not have exposed other areas around the site as well. I think that level 3 is still a concern and needs to be at least a 4 before removing from the hazardous list. as a concerned citizen of Moses Lake, I feel, like I said, test the ground again and the surrounding areas to make sure there was no other places the mercury could have contaminated or leaked out. if that is not going to happen leave it on the list. thank you

**ECOLOGY'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS  
DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
March 6 TO April 20, 2013**

**I. Response to comment submitted by “anonymous” sent by e-mail on  
March 27, 2013.**

**Comment 1.** “I feel that the ground needs to be retested to make sure its not contaminated or leaked in other or farther than what the removed before they take it off the hazardous list. they may have collected it all in the drums in 2011 but that doesn't mean it could not have exposed other areas around the site as well. I think that level 3 is still a concern and needs to be at least a 4 before removing from the hazardous list. as a concerned citizen of moses lake, I feel, like I said, test the ground again and the surrounding areas to make sure there was no other places mercury could have contaminated or leaked out. if that is not going to happen leave it on the list.”

**Response:** In 1990, 15 drums of gravel and soil were removed from under and around the former meter station and associated piping to a maximum depth of 2 feet. In July and October 2008, 77 surface soil samples and 77 subsurface soil samples were collected from beneath and surrounding the former meter stand to determine the extent of soil contamination. Based on the results of the soil samples, more soil was excavated from the Site. In addition to the 15 drums of gravel and soil previously removed, a total of 131.85 tons of contaminated soil were removed and transported to Waste Management's Graham Road Recycling and Disposal Facility in Spokane for disposal in July 2011. Additional soil samples were collected from the excavation to determine if any contaminated soil remained. Soil sample results indicated that all contaminated soil had been removed from the Site.

This Site ranked a 3 on the Hazardous Sites List. Once a site has been ranked, it can only be removed from the Hazardous Sites List if the site is cleaned up and Ecology determines that no further actions are necessary. Since all the contaminated soil was removed from this Site, no further actions are necessary.