

**Toxics Cleanup Program****September 2013**

## **Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Public Comment**

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the American Red Cross Yakima site (Site) in Yakima from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “5” on the List. Sites can be ranked from a “1” to “5”. A rank of “1” is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the List, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

### **Public Comment Invited**

Ecology is asking for your comments on proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. The American Red Cross Yakima Site is located at 302 S 2nd Street, in Yakima. You are invited to:

- **Review** the No Further Action recommendation and the Environmental Covenant.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *September 26, 2013 through October 28, 2013*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

### **Site Background**

In 1993, a 450-gallon waste oil tank adjacent to a building located at 302 S 2nd Street was removed. The building is currently owned by the American National Red Cross; the waste oil tank had been used by the previous occupant of the building, Lynch Motor Co. During tank removal operations, a release of petroleum products to the surrounding soils was discovered.

### **Cleanup Actions**

Soils were excavated to approximately 18 feet below ground surface (bgs), the extent possible without jeopardizing the existing structure. Groundwater was not encountered during excavation activities. Approximately 100 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils were removed from the site. An estimated 6.5 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils remained below 18 feet bgs and adjacent to the building.

### **Comments Accepted**

September 26, 2013 through  
October 28, 2013

**Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

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### **DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS**

**Yakima Valley Regional Library**  
102 N 3rd Street  
Yakima WA 98902  
Phone: (509) 452-8541  
Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9 am – 9 pm  
Thursday - Friday: 9 am – 6 pm  
Saturday: 10 am – 6 pm  
Sunday: 12 pm – 4 pm

**WA Department of Ecology**  
**Central Regional Office**  
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200  
Yakima, WA 98902  
By appointment only:  
Contact Roger Johnson,  
Roger.Johnson@ecy.wa.gov or  
(509) 454-7658

**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6200>

**Facility/Site ID #: 51712731**  
**Cleanup Site ID #: 6200**

At some unknown time after the removal of the petroleum contaminated soils, an addition to the existing building was constructed over the removal area. The original removal area is no longer accessible. In September 2012, the American National Red Cross filed an environmental covenant for the property with Yakima County. The environmental covenant places restrictions on property activities due to the existence of the remaining petroleum contaminated soils.

### Environmental Covenant

An environmental covenant restricts future land use and is recorded with the deed of the property. It runs with the land and is binding on future owners, although a process exists for removing an environmental covenant if Ecology agrees. The environmental covenant requires Ecology approval before altering or removing the existing structure on the property. It would also not allow soil excavations in certain areas of the property without prior Ecology approval.

### Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on the cleanup completed and the recording of the environmental covenant, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action.

### Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes.

### What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. If no changes are necessary, the Site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at

<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

### What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns.  
*Thank you.*

### Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español: (509) 575-2490

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