

Ecology Proposes to Remove Site from Hazardous Sites List

The Washington Department of Ecology proposes to remove the Washtucna Fertilizer Plant site from the Hazardous Sites List. Ecology's Hazardous Sites List contains a list of contaminated sites throughout Washington State that have been evaluated and ranked. A rank of 1 indicates the greatest potential threat to human health and the environment and a rank of 5 the least potential threat. The site ranked a 5 based on petroleum and metal contamination in soil. Several pesticides and herbicides were found in soil but the levels of contamination were low enough to meet state standards.

The site is located at 135 West North Street in Washtucna, Adams County, Washington (see Figure 1). Several owners and operators used the site for various retail and wholesale operations in the agricultural community from the early 1950s until the site was vacated in 2000. Uses included bulk fuel storage and sales, retail supply, hardware supply, vehicle maintenance, bulk feed and storage of agricultural chemicals.

Several steps have been taken at the site to clean up soil contamination. Aboveground storage tanks containing petroleum product were removed in 1975. Fuel has not been stored or sold at the site since 1975. A shed used for herbicide and pesticide storage and a shed used to store packaged petroleum products and agrichemicals have been removed.

In 2014 nearly 117 cubic yards of petroleum impacted soils were removed and disposed of off-site. Cleanup criterion has been met over an extended period of sampling since 1994. As a result of the cleanup work conducted at the site a "No Further Action" determination has been issued. The site now qualifies for removal from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List, and Ecology proposes removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

You are Invited to Comment

There are no specific documents to review as part of this comment period. However, if you would like to look at the files they are in Ecology's office in Spokane. The address and review information is in the box on the right.

Send your comments about the proposed delisting to Patti Carter at Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted **November 20 through December 23, 2014**. The shaded box at the right has details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Comments Accepted

**November 20 through
December 23, 2014**

For ADA accommodations or documents in an alternate format call Carol Bergin 509/329-3546, 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341 (TTY).

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

[https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/
Sitepage.aspx?csid=1600](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=1600)

Facility Site ID No. 567

Cleanup Site ID No. 1600

Removal from Ecology’s Hazardous Sites List

Under MTCA, Ecology may remove a site from the Hazardous Sites List if the cleanup actions have been completed and compliance with cleanup standards has been achieved. These criteria have been met; therefore, Ecology is proposing to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Criteria that has been met:

- Cleanup levels have been met for petroleum and metal contamination in soil.
- The cleanup actions comply with the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup standards for soil and groundwater.
- Sufficient sampling has been done to demonstrate the remedy has effectively addressed contamination in soils.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review, consider, and respond to all comments received by **December 23, 2014**. Modifications to the delisting may be made, if appropriate. If no modifications are made, the site will be removed from Ecology’s Hazardous Sites List in February 2015.

Figure 1 Washtucna Fertilizer Plant Site Map

