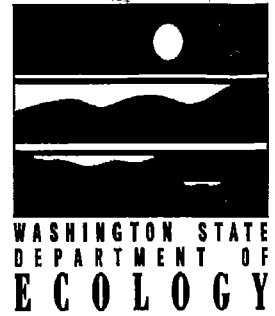


Paxton Sales Corporation

Yakima County



Proposal to Remove Paxton Sales from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List.

Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Ecology proposes to remove the Paxton Sales Corporation (Paxton) facility from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a public listing of contaminated sites requiring further investigation or cleanup actions to comply with environmental regulations.

Ecology and Paxton Sales entered into a Consent Decree to close the cleanup activities at the Paxton facility in October 1996. The consent decree was possible due to the environmental investigations and cleanup actions that have taken place at the Paxton facility.

The Consent Decree is a *de minimus* settlement recognizing that the amount of contamination Paxton could have contributed is insignificant. The amount of contamination at the site is too small to require additional investigation or further cleanup actions.

Removing the Paxton site from the Hazardous Sites List will not remove the site from Ecology's records! Ecology will keep the information regarding the Paxton investigations and cleanup in its files and the computer database known as the Site Information System.

Why is Paxton Sales being delisted?

Paxton Sales Corporation (Paxton) operates a small machine parts and metal fabrication facility in Yakima, Washington.

Paxton was included in the Yakima Railroad Area due to the perchloroethylene (PCE) that was found in the soil. The Yakima Railroad Area is the vicinity that has PCE in the ground water. Bottled water, followed by connections to city water, were provided to the residents of this area. Paxton provided staff time and resources to coordinate the distribution of bottled water under the Ecology Enforcement Order for the Yakima Railroad Area.

In 1992 Paxton removed about two feet of oily residue from the dry well. The removed oily residue was taken to a hazardous waste collection station for disposal. By 1992 any wastewater streams which had been directed to the dry well were either discontinued or routed to the sanitary sewer.

Ground water monitoring wells were installed at the Paxton facility as part of the facility investigation. These monitoring wells and soil sampling have show that the Paxton facility is not contributing to ground water contamination. The consent decree ends the environmental concerns raised by past contamination releases and brings the Paxton site into compliance with the Model Toxics Control Act.

Send Us Your Comments!

Ecology would like to receive your comments regarding the removal of the Paxton facility from the Hazardous Sites List. For more information or to submit comments please see the box on the right side of the page.

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Public Comment Period:
July 18 to August 18, 1997

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