

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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Tidricks Quality Transmission site (Site), located at 1802 S 1st Street in Yakima, from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a "1" 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 the proposed removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Remedial Investigation Report.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *August 4, 2015 through September 3, 2015*.

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

### Site Background

The Site is situated on property that formerly housed automotive businesses including sales, repair, and service facilities. In 1992, Ecology investigated a report of oil dumping at the property when the Site was occupied by Carlos Motors. In 1993, Tidricks Quality Transmission began operations on the property. In 1994, limited soil sampling was performed in conjunction with a Site Hazard Assessment conducted by the Yakima County Health District. The soil sampling confirmed releases in the vicinity of two drywells and a waste oil underground storage tank (UST). Excavated soil from the vicinity of the waste oil UST and the north drywell showed concentrations of chlorinated solvents including tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) above the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A soil cleanup levels.

### Comments Accepted

August 4, 2015 through  
September 3, 2015

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

1250 W Alder St  
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

By appointment only:

Contact CRO Public Records  
Coordinator at  
cropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov or  
(509) 575-2027

#### Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4944>

Facility/Site ID #: 543

Cleanup Site ID #: 4944

## Toxics Cleanup Program

In 2007, the property underwent a second investigation by Ecology in conjunction with a Dangerous Waste Compliance inspection. The investigation was prompted by visible evidence of improper storage and handling of generated waste streams by the then-current business operator, Tidricks Quality Transmission. Numerous examples of releases to the ground were documented. Limited sampling performed during this investigation confirmed heavy oil and lead contamination of soil at concentrations that exceeded their respective MTCA Method A soil cleanup levels.

### What Has Been Done?

In 1994, Cayuse Environmental (Cayuse) removed one of the drywells (south drywell) and some petroleum-contaminated soil. Cayuse also decommissioned the waste oil UST and two gasoline USTs on the property, and cleaned up the soils at the north drywell. In all, Cayuse reported that approximately 700 tons of petroleum-contaminated soils were removed and disposed at the former Rabanco landfill at Roosevelt, Washington. Cayuse noted that petroleum-contaminated soil was left intact under a building structure and provided a recommendation for further action.

In 2013, Ecology noted inadequately characterized soil and groundwater as well as sampling deficiencies. Ecology then entered into an Agreed Order with the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs) to perform a remedial investigation and feasibility study. In 2014, PLSA conducted a data gaps investigation with soil and groundwater sampling. Soil sampling was conducted in several trench excavations and three groundwater monitoring wells were installed and sampled. With this updated

information about the contamination, Ecology is ready to close out the Agreed Order. No additional work will be required, and all cleanup standards have been met.

### 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 <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar>

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.

#### Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov).

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Frosti Smith at Ecology, 509-454-7841. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

