

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 Tiger Oil site, located at 16th and East Nob Hill in Yakima, Washington, from its Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The site is currently ranked a "1" on the list. A rank of "1" is the highest level of 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 *Phase II– Site Assessment Report* and No Further Action determination.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *February 3, 2016, through March 4, 2016*

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

Site Background

Before the site was abandoned, it operated for decades as a retail gas station and bulk fuel storage facility, first by Signal and then by Tiger Oil. Petroleum products were stored underground in large tanks, and then pumped to tanker trucks for delivery to other sites. At least two releases of petroleum products occurred, the first in 1962, when it operated as a Signal station, and the second in 1980, where it was under the ownership of Tiger Oil. Both releases caused concern for nearby drinking water wells. In 1962, replacement drinking water wells were installed. In 1980, nine drinking water wells were found to be contaminated, and the local water treatment plant was shut down for a period of time. Wells were installed to pump out contamination and approximately 10,000 gallons of product was reportedly recovered.

Comments Accepted

February 3, 2016 through
March 4, 2016

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Mary Monahan - Site Manager
WA Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
1250 W Alder St
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009
Phone: (509) 454-7840
E-mail: Mary.Monahan@ecy.wa.gov

DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Yakima Public Library

102 North 3rd Street
Yakima, WA 98901
Phone: (509) 452-8541

Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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=4937>

Facility/Site ID #: 528

Cleanup Site ID #:4937

Toxics Cleanup Program

The station stopped operations in 2001. In 2005, 12 underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the property. Soil contaminated with gasoline, diesel, solvents, and oil was found in the excavation pit. 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.

Cleanup resumed when the City of Yakima purchased the property from Tiger Oil in 2014. Test pits were dug to see how much soil contamination remained. Groundwater monitoring wells were also installed so samples could be taken.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action

Based on previous cleanup activities and current sampling results, 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 and has recommended removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

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.

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, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

Accommodation Requests

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call the Toxics Cleanup Program at 509-454-7834. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341. Speech disability call 877-833-6341.

