
Westco Martinizing Yakima County



Site to be Removed from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology has prepared this fact sheet pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Chapter 70.105D to provide you with information about the proposed delisting of the Westco Martinizing (Westco) site from the state's Hazardous Sites List.

Site Background

The Westco site is located at 812 Summitview Avenue in Yakima, Washington. Historically, the site has been a dry-cleaning facility from 1953 to the present. Currently the site is known as "One Hour Martinizing, Westco, Inc." Throughout the years of operation, releases of perchlorethylene (PCE) to the soil and groundwater did occur. Two on-site underground storage tanks were eventually removed.

What Was Done to Clean Up the Site?

During the summer of 1995, a soil gas survey was performed to screen the area for PCE and its degradation products. Additionally, a total of four groundwater monitoring wells were installed. Based on the results of these investigatory efforts, interim actions which consisted of the removal of 118.2 tons of PCE contaminated soil and removal of 2 underground storage tanks, which were found to contain PCE-contaminated water and sludge, took place between May 1996 and June 1996. Consent Decree #99-2-01235-5 was entered into by Ecology and Westco, Inc.

The decree was signed by the Yakima County Superior Court on May 7, 1999. In addition to the interim actions that took place in 1996, the decree provided for quarterly groundwater monitoring of three monitoring wells for a minimum of two years. Contingent on the results of these quarterly monitoring efforts, additional sampling of these wells, twice yearly, until the results indicate that groundwater cleanup levels have been achieved was also a provision in the decree. To date, groundwater cleanup levels have been achieved.

Why Delist the Site?

As a result of the soil gas survey, sampling, soil removal, and groundwater monitoring that has taken place at this site since 1995, Ecology has determined that the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment and is now proposing to remove this site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Ecology's proposal to delist the Westco site is now open for a 30-day public comment period, between February 16, 2003 and March 18, 2003. Documents pertinent to the delisting are available at the repositories listed in the box. Please submit your comments to Richard Roeder, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box.

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**Documents are available for
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