

# **INLAND EMPIRE PLATING**

## **PROPOSED DELISTING FROM HAZARDOUS SITES LIST**



The Washington Department of Ecology is proposing to remove the former Inland Empire Plating (Site) from the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Hazardous Sites List. The final Independent Cleanup Report was submitted to Ecology in December 2001. The recommendation for removal from the Hazardous Sites List is based upon review of the final cleanup report and supporting documents under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Based upon the VCP review, Ecology has concluded:

- the Site no longer represents a threat to human health and/or the environment;
- the remedial actions conducted at the Site satisfy the intent of MTCA; and
- **NO FURTHER ACTION** is needed.

Ecology invites the public to review the final Independent Cleanup Report and supporting documents and to comment on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. The shaded box at the right provides information on where to review the documents and submit comments. **Written comments will be accepted May 16 through June 14, 2002.**

### **SITE BACKGROUND**

The former Inland Empire Plating Site is located at 1205 West College Avenue in Spokane (Figure 1). The Site was occupied by Inland Empire Plating from 1974 to about 1979. Spokane County purchased the property in 1980 and most recently used it as a storage and operations base for the Road Maintenance Department.

### **SITE INVESTIGATIONS**

In 1987 Ecology conducted a site inspection and found evidence of a release of metals to the soil. Soil sample analyses showed elevated levels of metals and cyanide. In August 1991, the site was ranked a 1, following a site hazard assessment. (Sites are ranked on a scale of 1-5. A rank of 1 indicates the highest level of risk and 5 the lowest.) Between 1987 and 1994, Spokane County conducted several investigations and cleanup actions at the Site. These cleanup actions included removal of the settling tanks, excavation, and offsite disposal of soil contaminated by former plating operations and county road maintenance activities. Approximately 700 tons of contaminated soil was removed.

### **FACT SHEET:** **MAY 2002**

**COMMENTS ACCEPTED:**  
**May 16 through June 14, 2002.**

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Between December 1992 and 1994, Spokane County collected additional soil samples from within and outside the previously excavated areas. Between 1997 and 1998, approximately 2,500 tons of soil containing concentrations above allowed cleanup levels of cadmium, chromium, or lead was excavated. Final soil sampling showed some cadmium contaminated soil still remained at the northwest corner of the former road maintenance warehouse.

In 1999, Spokane County conducted additional cleanup to remove remaining contaminated soil. A soil boring was installed to a depth of 59 feet below the ground surface. This was done to characterize geologic conditions at the site and obtain soil samples deeper than the previous excavations. Soil was removed as deep as 56 feet until sample results indicated cadmium concentrations were at accepted cleanup levels. Approximately 500 tons of soil was excavated from the site at this time. All soil excavated from the site (approximately 3,500 tons) was transported to the Roosevelt Landfill. The area where soil was removed was backfilled with clean soil.

### **ECOLOGY'S RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the review of the VCP documents, including the results of confirmation soil sampling, Ecology has concluded that the release of metals and cyanide to the soil no longer represents a threat to human health and/or the environment. Ecology has determined "No Further Action" is needed and

proposes the site be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

### **HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED**

- ◆ **Review** the Final Independent Cleanup Reports and supporting documents on the proposed removal of the former Inland Empire Plating site from the Hazardous Sites List.

To review documents at Ecology's Spokane office, contact Johnnie Harris of Ecology at (509) 456-2751 to schedule an appointment. Reviews may be scheduled for Monday through Thursday, 8-5 p.m. by appointment.

- ◆ Send in your written comments **May 16, through June 14, 2002 to:** Patti Carter (see box on page one for details).
- ◆ **Share this information with any individuals or groups you think should be informed about the Site.**

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Ecology will review all written comments received. A Responsiveness Summary of the comments and answers to questions will be prepared, if appropriate, and made available for public review at the information repository listed in the shaded box on page one. Based on the comments received, Ecology may revise the decision to remove the Site from the Hazardous Sites List