

ADAMS COUNTY MAINTENANCE

SHOP - OTHELLO

PROPOSED DELISTING FROM HAZARDOUS SITES LIST



The Washington Department of Ecology is proposing to remove the Adams County Maintenance Shop - Othello (Site) from the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Hazardous Sites List. The Site is located on Highway 26 in the City of Othello, Adams County, Washington (Figure 1).

The Final Independent Cleanup Report was submitted to Ecology in December 2001. Based upon review of the final cleanup report and supporting documents under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), removal from the Hazardous Sites List is being recommended. 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- the site no longer represents a threat to human health and/or the environment;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.

The public is invited to review the Final Independent Cleanup Reports and supporting documents and comment on the proposed Site removal 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 June 6 through July 5, 2002.

SITE BACKGROUND

In about 1975, two 1,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) were installed at the Site directly north of the old shop building. These tanks most recently stored unleaded gas and diesel. While removing the tanks in 1990, a petroleum sheen was noticed on the shallow groundwater. A release of 547 gallons of diesel had been confirmed one week before the tanks were removed.

SITE INVESTIGATIONS

A site investigation was conducted to determine the extent of contamination from the 1990 release. Between November 1990 and March 1991, forty-one test pits were dug, and petroleum product was detected in twenty-one of these pits. An interceptor drain system was constructed down gradient from the tanks located in the northwest corner of the Site. A fluid extraction well was also connected to the system. By March 1991, approximately 240 gallons of petroleum product had been recovered and 47 tons of contaminated soil was removed from the Site. In June 1991, five

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Repository Where You May Review Documents:

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monitoring wells were installed. Both gasoline and diesel contamination were detected in the shallow groundwater. In October 1992, Ecology conducted a site hazard assessment and the Site ranked a 3 (Sites are ranked on a scale of 1-5. A rank of 1 represents the highest threat to human health and the environment and 5 represents the lowest).

Additional site characterization was conducted in 1992 and 1993. Groundwater indicated petroleum was still present in shallow groundwater at concentrations above allowed cleanup levels. Quarterly groundwater sampling was conducted in 1996 – 1998. The last five quarterly samples were all below cleanup levels for petroleum hydrocarbons. Additional sampling for diesel was required, since diesel range organics were previously detected at the Site. Results of the samples showed results below the cleanup level for diesel.

ECOLOGY'S RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the review of the VCP documents, including the results of confirmation groundwater sampling, Ecology has concluded that the release of gasoline and diesel to the soil and groundwater no longer represents a threat to human health and/or the environment. Ecology, under the VCP review, has determined "No Further Action" is needed and proposes the Site be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

HOW YOU MAY BE INVOLVED

- ◆ **Review** the Final Independent Cleanup Reports and supporting documents on the proposed removal of the Adams County Maintenance Shop - Othello 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 **June 6 through July 5, 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.