

Former Black Tie Formal Wear Site

Proposal to remove site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List



The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the proposed delisting of the former Black Tie Formal Wear site from the state's Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked "5" on the list (a rank of "1" represents the highest level of risk compared to other sites, and a rank of "5" represents the lowest). You are welcome and encouraged to comment on this proposal through May 24, 2003.

Site background

The former Black Tie Formal Wear site was located at 18027 Highway 99, Lynnwood, Snohomish County, Washington.

From 1985 to 2000, Black Tie Formal Wear operated at this site. Activities included dry cleaning and warehouse storage of tuxedos. The dry cleaning process involved using and storing various chemicals. Throughout the years of operation, releases of dry cleaning chemicals to the soil and groundwater did occur. The company no longer has operations at this site.

In December 1999, during a sale of the company, a site investigation was conducted. Initial sampling indicated tetrachloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE) in soils and PCE, TCE, vinyl chloride, cis-1,2 and trans 1,2 dichloroethene in groundwater. Additional sampling was conducted in 2000.

What was done to clean up the site?

A vapor extraction system (VES) was installed beneath the floor slab in the vicinity of the dry cleaning equipment and operated between May 2000 and June 2002. Eight rounds of quarterly groundwater monitoring have been conducted since June 2000. Confirmation soil sampling was conducted in July 2001, following over a year of in-place vapor extraction cleanup. No violations of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A groundwater cleanup criteria have been detected since October 2001.

Why delist the site?

Ecology has determined that this site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment and proposes removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology would like your input!

Ecology's proposal to delist the former Black Tie Formal Wear site from the Hazardous Sites List is open for public comment through May 24, 2003. Documents pertaining to the delisting are available at the locations listed on page one. Please send your written comments before May 24, 2003, to Brian Sato, Site Manager, at the address listed in the box.

If substantive comments are received, further site investigation or cleanup may be required before the site is de-listed.

April 2003

Public Comment Period:

April 25 – May 24, 2003

Send comments to:

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Toxics Cleanup Program
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Documents can be reviewed at the following location:

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Phone: (425) 649-7190
(Call for an appointment)

If you have special accommodation needs or require this document in alternative format, please contact Rebekah Padgett at (425) 649-7257 or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY).

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