

# THE DAVENPORT HOTEL

## PROPOSED DELISTING FROM HAZARDOUS SITES LIST



The Washington Department of Ecology is proposing to remove the Davenport Hotel site from the Hazardous Sites List. This list contains names of sites throughout the state that have been ranked from 1-5 based on their level of threat to human health and the environment. A rank of 1 represents the greatest threat and 5 the least. This site was ranked a 5 and is located at 10 South Post Street in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington (Figure 1).

When a site meets appropriate cleanup standards it may be removed from the Hazardous Sites List. Removal of this site is based upon review of the Final Independent Cleanup Report submitted to Ecology in July 2000 under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Based on this report and supporting VCP documents, Ecology has concluded:

- The site no longer represents a threat to human health and/or the environment;
- Cleanup actions conducted at the site satisfy the intent of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) and;
- NO FURTHER ACTION is needed.

Ecology invites the public to review and comment on the Final Independent Cleanup Report and supporting documents

**January 6, 2004 through February 5, 2004.** The shaded box at the right provides information on where to review the documents and send comments.

### SITE BACKGROUND

The Davenport is a historic hotel that operated from 1914 until 1985. In 1994 the owners of the hotel hired consultants to conduct an investigation of fuel storage tanks located underneath the hotel.

During this investigation, it was discovered that fuels from the tanks had leaked into soil and groundwater in the sub-basement of the hotel.

Possible sources of contamination at the site were removed. This included closing the six underground storage tanks in the sub-basement and basement; removal of fuels in all six storage tanks; removal and treatment of water that had collected in the concrete tank vault and removal of hydraulic fluid from a monitoring well. Since these removals, monitoring of groundwater shows contamination is below levels required by the state to be protective of human health and the environment.

Because of the location of the contaminated soil under the hotel, removal was not possible. These soils were under the concrete floor of the sub-basement. Removal

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**Comments Accepted:**  
**January 6, 2004 through**  
**February 5, 2004.**

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could possibly damage the structural integrity of the hotel's foundation.

Since some petroleum contamination remained in soil beneath the hotel, a restrictive covenant was placed on the property. A restrictive covenant is a document that shows the type and location of contamination on a property and may limit the type of land uses. The restrictive covenant will remain on the property after the delisting from the Hazardous Sites List.

The hotel was reopened in 2002 after extensive renovation.

### **HOW YOU MAY BE INVOLVED:**

- ◆ **Review** the Final Independent Cleanup Reports and supporting documents.

To review documents at Ecology's Spokane office, contact Johnnie Landis of Ecology at (509) 329-3415 to schedule an appointment. Reviews may be scheduled for Monday through Thursday, 8-5 p.m. by appointment.

- ◆ **Send** in your written comments **January 6, 2004 through February 5, 2004 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 and prepare answers. Responses will be made available at the information repositories 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.



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