

SPOKANE CUSTOM WOOD TREATING SITE



Proposed Removal From Hazardous Sites List

The Washington Department of Ecology proposes to remove the Spokane Custom Wood Treating site from the Model Toxics Control Act Hazardous Sites List.

This list contains names of sites throughout the state ranked on a scale of 1 to 5. One represents the greatest potential threat to human health and the environment. Five represents the least potential threat. This site ranked a three because of petroleum and wood treatment chemicals originally found in soils and groundwater. The property is located at 728 North Perry Street in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington (Figure 1).

Properties may be removed from the Hazardous Sites List when cleanup standards are met. Cleanup at this site is being conducted through Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program. Contractors working on site cleanup submitted a Final Independent Cleanup Report in May 2003. Based on review of this report and supporting 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- The site no longer represents a threat to human health and/or the environment.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).
- NO FURTHER ACTION is needed.

You may review documents for this site and send comments about the proposed removal to Ecology **May 17, 2004 through June 16, 2004**. The box at the right gives details about where to review documents and send comments.

Site Background

Spokane Custom Wood Treating operated from the mid 1970s until 1995-96. Commercial lumber was treated at the facility with chemicals to preserve the wood. These chemicals included:

- Pentachlorophenol (penta). It was dissolved in diesel fuel or fuel oil and used until 1988/1989.
- Copper naphthenate. It replaced Penta and was reportedly used until the facility shut down.

Sampling activities at the site showed penta, diesel and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in soil at levels above what is allowed by state regulations. PAHs are a byproduct of the incomplete burning of organic substances such as diesel or fuel oils. The contaminated areas of concern were: 1) the hoist and vault area, 2) the dip tank along the

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eastern property boundary, and 3) the area northwest of the dip tank near test pit 5 (Figure 2). Initial sampling of groundwater detected diesel and penta. However, follow-up sampling did not detect either chemical.

Between May 1998 and July 2000 work completed at the site included sampling of soil and groundwater, removal of an underground storage tank, removal of limited amounts of soil, management and disposal or treatment of hazardous and special wastes and closing the facility.

Cleanup at the site included removal of 180 cubic yards of contaminated soil and hazardous materials. Samples taken after the soil removal showed some contamination remained in the hoist, vault and dip tank areas. This contaminated soil will be isolated and contained with a solid cover of asphalt. A water management system will also be installed to prevent storm water from running through contaminated soil into groundwater.

A restrictive covenant was placed on the property because some contamination remains in soil. The restrictive covenant is a document that shows the type and location of contamination on the property and may limit the type of land uses. This restrictive covenant will remain on the property after the site is removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

How You May Be Involved

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

To review documents at Ecology's Spokane office, contact Mrs. 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 **May 17, 2004 through June 16, 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 and respond to all written comments received during the comment period. All comments and the corresponding Ecology responses are put together in a Responsiveness Summary. The summary is mailed to those individuals who send in comments. You may also review the summary 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.



