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# Exxon Mobil Oil Corp Bellingham



## Proposal to Remove Site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet to provide you with information about the proposed delisting of the Exxon Mobil Oil Corp 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 February 12, 2005.

### Site Background

The Exxon Mobil Oil Corp site is a vacant lot located at 908 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Bellingham, Washington. The site was formerly occupied and operated by a succession of oil companies from 1938 to 1975. The oil companies used the site primarily for the storage and transfer of bulk petroleum (TPH) products and chemical warehousing. The site was sold to the City of Bellingham (City) in 1990. The City conducted various independent cleanups at the site including the removal of all above ground storage tanks, storage buildings and pipes, and an underground septic tank. The City also removed TPH-contaminated soil and stockpiled it on site. This soil was later aerated and spread out onto the site. In 2003, as part of a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA), Whatcom County Health and Human Services collected five soil samples which showed no TPH contamination but did show low levels of cadmium and carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (CPAHs) above Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup levels. Based upon this SHA, the site ranked a number 5 on Ecology's Hazardous Sites List. Later in 2003, the City collected an additional five soil samples at approximately the same locations where Whatcom Health had collected its soil samples. This sampling showed no TPH, cadmium, or CPAHs contamination above MTCA cleanup levels.

### Why Delist the Site?

Ecology has reviewed the results of the sampling and 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 Exxon Mobil Oil Corp site from the Hazardous Sites list is open for public comment through February 12, 2005. Documents pertaining to the delisting are available at the location listed in the box. Please send your written comments before February 12, 2005 to Sunny Linn Becker, Site Manager, at the address listed on this page. If substantive comments are received, further site investigation or cleanup may be required before the site is removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

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**Public Comment Period:**

**1/12/05-2/12/05**

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**Location Map of Exxon Mobil Oil Corp Site, 908 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

