

Walla Walla Farmers Co-op Cleanup Complete



Comments accepted:
May 1 – 30, 2018

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Website:
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=916>

Facility Site ID: 769
Cleanup Site ID: 916

Ecology has not scheduled a public meeting about removing the Walla Walla Farmers Co-op site from the Hazardous Sites List, but we will if 10 people request it.

Ecology proposes to remove the Walla Walla Farmers Co-op from the Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Walla Walla Farmers Co-op cleanup site (site) from the Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The HSL includes all contaminated sites that have had their hazard ranked relative to other known contaminated sites in Washington. Sites are ranked on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 presenting the highest risk. In 1990, Ecology ranked this site a 1 due to pesticide contamination in groundwater.

Investigation, cleanup, and monitoring of the contamination occurred from 1985 to 2017. Following four consecutive quarters of groundwater monitoring results meeting state standards, we believe that the site no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment.

Learn more in historical cleanup documents

The following documents provide more information about the site and the data supporting our decision to remove the site from the HSL. You may view them on our website.

- 2017 Groundwater Monitoring Report
- Periodic Review Report, 2013
- Periodic Review Report, 2007

Site background

The site is located at 111 Ninth Ave, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington (see map on page 3). Walla Walla Farmers Cooperative, an association which operates on a non-profit cooperative basis as an agent for its members, owns the farm chemical storage, mixing, and handling facility.

Past and present operations include storing, mixing, and handling farm chemicals. Previously, pesticide and herbicide containers and fertilizer sprayers were rinsed, and contaminated rinse water seeped into the ground. As a result, soil and groundwater became contaminated.

In 1985, Ecology started investigating the site after a complaint about illegal dumping. Since then, a series of investigations and cleanup actions have occurred to:

- Determine the extent and locations of contamination
- Remove contaminated soil and cap remaining contaminated soil that couldn't be excavated
- Improve and monitor groundwater quality

In addition, a restrictive covenant was recorded on the property to limit or prohibit site activities that could expose remaining contamination or affect the completed cleanup actions. Land use is limited to industrial purposes. The pavement may not be disturbed, no soil may be removed, and groundwater withdrawal and use is restricted. The covenant shows the type and location of contamination to inform prospective buyers, and Ecology must be notified of a property sale.

Next steps

Ecology will review all comments received by May 30, 2018, and determine whether any information provided affects our decision to remove the site from the HSL. If not, we will proceed with the process. We thank you for your input in advance.

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Treccani at sandra.treccani@ecy.wa.gov or 509-329-3412. If you would like to request a public meeting, please contact Erika Bronson at erika.bronson@ecy.wa.gov or 509-329-3546. We will hold a meeting if 10 people request it.

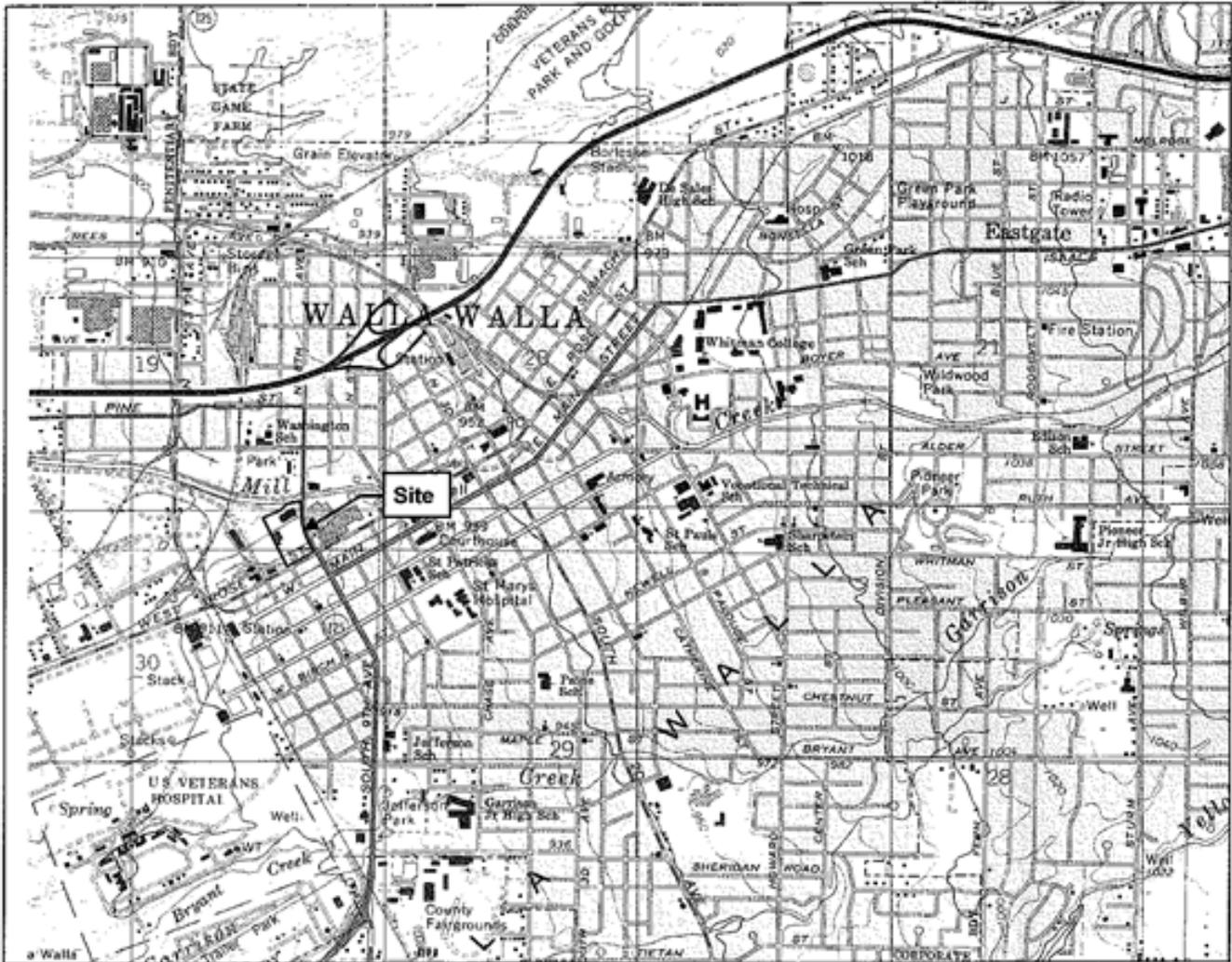
Ecología propone remover el sitio Walla Walla Farmers Co-op de la Lista de Sitios Peligrosos

El Departamento de Ecología del Estado de Washington (Ecología) está proponiendo remover el sitio de limpieza Walla Walla Farmers Co-op (sitio) de la Lista de Sitios Peligrosos de todo los sitios contaminados que han sido clasificados por su nivel de riesgo relativo a otros sitios contaminados en Washington. En 1990, Ecología clasificó este sitio como un 1 en una escala de 1 a 5 en la cual 1 representa el más alto riesgo.

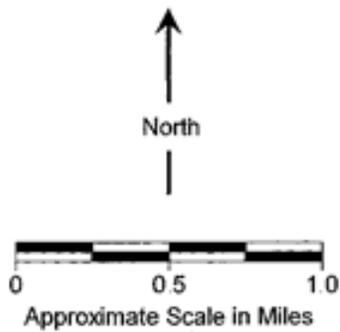
Investigación, limpieza, y monitoreo de contaminación con pesticidas en el suelo y aguas subterráneas ocurrieron de 1985 al 2017. Después de cuatro trimestres consecutivos de monitoreo con resultados que cumplieron con los estándares estatales para aguas subterráneas, creemos que el sitio ya no posee un riesgo a la salud humana o el medio ambiente.

Ecología está aceptando comentarios sobre esta propuesta del 1 de mayo hasta el 30 de mayo de 2018. Si tiene preguntas, favor de contactar a Sandra Treccani a sandra.treccani@ecy.wa.gov o al 509-329-3412 y solicite un traductor.

Location of Walla Walla Farmers Co-op

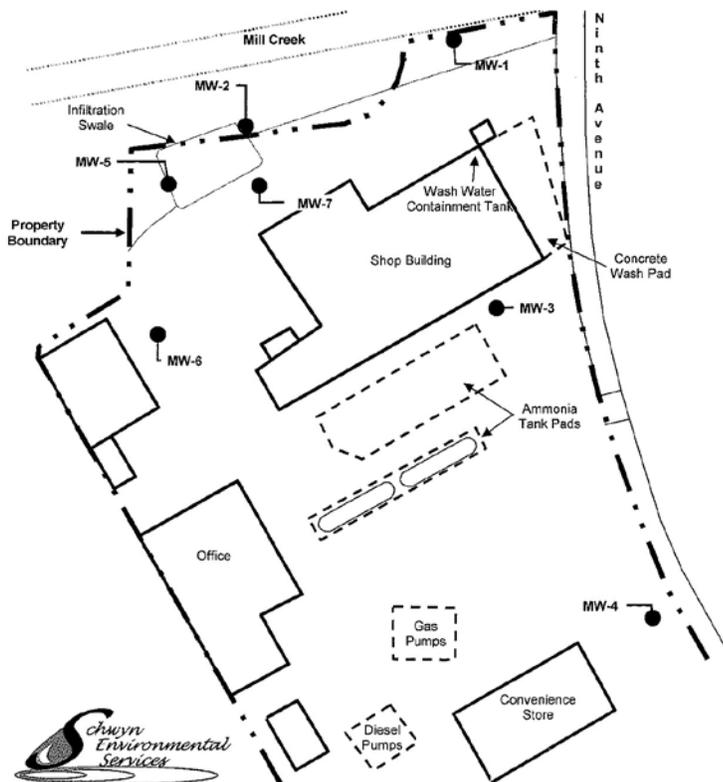


Source: USGS 7.5' Topographic Quad, Walla Walla, WA-OR, 1998.



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Información en Español incluida

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