

# Crop King Woods Industries



## Comments accepted:

Jan 17, 2019 – Feb 15, 2019

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## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Crop Kings Woods Industries site, located at One East King Street in Yakima from its Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The site is currently ranked a “1” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List. You are invited to:

- Review the Site Status Memo – Former Crop Kings Woods Industries Site, dated August 17, 2018
- Review the Site Status Memo – Former Crop Kings Woods Industries Site, dated February 5, 2018
- Review the Notice of Completion of Removal Action – Former Woods Industries Site, dated September 2, 2004
- Review the Restrictive Covenant – Former Woods Industries Site, dated July 23, 2004
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted January 17, 2019 through February 15, 2019

## Site Background

Crop King, formerly known as Woods industries, Inc., leased and operated the site as a pesticide formulation plant from approximately 1938 to 1985. Possible tetrachloroethylene (PCE) contamination, a common solvent with many commercial uses, was reported in 1985.

The site is part of the Yakima Railroad Area (YRRA). The YRRA is approximately six square miles in size and includes parts of the cities of Yakima and Union Gap.

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The YRRA groundwater is contaminated with PCE from past industrial use and is centered around the railroad/industrial corridor of the greater Yakima area. Further investigation confirmed the presence of PCE in both soil and groundwater. Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), formerly known as Burlington Northern Railroad (BNRR), owns the property and the facility is currently vacant.

### What Has Been Done?

In 1990 and 1991, BNSF conducted a Remedial Investigation (RI). The RI is an environmental investigation where soil and groundwater samples are taken to find out how far the contamination has gone. In 1993, after the RI, buildings were demolished and contaminated soil was removed. Although potentially contaminated soil remains on site, a restrictive covenant was filed. A restrictive covenant is a legal document that will require further cleanup if soil excavation occurs.

Further groundwater monitoring has shown concentrations below state cleanup levels. Vapor Intrusion, which can happen when soil or groundwater is contaminated and the gases can make their way into buildings, does not pose a risk to human health as the remaining building on the site is vacant.

### What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting if 10 or more people request one. If no changes are necessary, the site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement, such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.

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