

DIRTT, Inc. Property

Proposal to remove site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List



Introduction

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has prepared this fact sheet pursuant to the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Chapter 70.105D to provide you with information about the proposed removal of the DIRTT, Inc. Property (formerly Parson's Diesel) 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 April 24, 2002.

Site background

The DIRTT, Inc. Property site covers 1.34 acres and is located at 15807 Highway 9, Snohomish, Snohomish County, Washington. The property is currently occupied by an automotive repair business, a house, and a truck maintenance shop. It borders Wilson Construction to the north, and residences to the east, south, and west. Property ownership has recently been transferred to Scott Witherow, owner of Hilltop Automotive. The property location is in an unincorporated area of Snohomish County.

The shop building at the northern end of the subject property was constructed in 1937. The house on the property was constructed in 1984-1985 after a previous house burned down. The truck maintenance shop at the southern end of the property was constructed in 1992.

The site was investigated by the Snohomish County Health Department in

1993 due to a complaint about oily material observed in the drainage ditch located on the western border of the property, near the northern automotive repair shop. The Snohomish County Health Department collected soil and water samples on site. Diesel oil (diesel-range petroleum hydrocarbons) was found in two of the soil samples, and the site was ranked and placed on the Hazardous Sites List.

A Phase I Site Assessment of the property was conducted in 1993, and the site owners at the time excavated the contaminated soil from areas found to be contaminated by the Snohomish County Health Department. During a recent assessment of the property, it was difficult to ascertain whether sampling and testing of soil or groundwater had been conducted at the time of the clean-up activities.

Work performed

In 2001, the consulting firm Environmental Associates conducted a preliminary exploration of subsurface soils and groundwater to determine the current environmental condition of the site. Soil was collected from six locations and later sampled and analyzed. No detectable concentrations of diesel or motor oil (diesel- or motor oil-range petroleum hydrocarbons) were found. Groundwater was encountered and tested with no detectable concentrations of diesel- or motor oil-range petroleum products found.

Several trenches were dug in June 2001 to depths of more than 10 feet below ground surface. No oil-stained soil or

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Public Comment Period:

March 25 – April 24, 2002

Comments should be directed to:

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Information Repositories

Documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

Snohomish Library
105 Cedar Street
Snohomish, WA

Department of Ecology
3190 160th Avenue SE
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Call Sally Perkins
for an appointment
Phone: (425) 649-7190

For special accommodation needs or language translation assistance, call Rebekah Padgett, Ecology's Public Information Specialist at (425) 649-7257, or (425) 649-4259 (TDD).

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petroleum odors were encountered during these excavation activities. The potential for remaining adverse environmental impacts to subsurface soil and groundwater from the 1993 incident are minimal.

Why delist the site?

The site has been sampled and the contamination remaining on site is below current state cleanup standards. Ecology has 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.

Public comment period

Ecology's proposal to delist the DIRTT, Inc. Property site from the Hazardous Sites List is open for public comment through April 24, 2002. The documents pertaining to the delisting are available at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98008. Call (425) 649-7190 for an appointment. The documents also are available at the Snohomish Library, 105 Cedar Street, in Snohomish.

The public's role in removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List

You have an opportunity to review documents pertaining to the delisting and to comment on Ecology's decision to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List. Please send your comments before April 24, 2002, to Glynis Carrosino, Site Manager, at Ecology's Northwest Regional Office, 3190 160th Avenue SE, Bellevue, WA 98008, by e-mail to gcar461@ecy.wa.gov, or by phone at (425) 649-7263.



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