

# General Disposal Corporation



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

during this cleanup process:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to remove the General Disposal Corporation site from the State's Hazardous sites list. Now that this site meets cleanup guidelines and recommendations, Ecology encourages your comments on the proposed delisting through April 21, 2005.

### Site Background

The General Disposal Corporation site is located at 1415 NW Ballard Way, Seattle in a commercial area.

Olympian Stone Company owned the property and operated a stone and cement building supply manufacturing company until 1967 when it was purchased by the General Disposal Corporation. From 1967 to 1986 General Disposal operated a garbage disposal, and maintenance yard where they fixed and refueled trucks. In 1986 Fiorito Enterprises bought the property and leased it to General Disposal.

As a result of activities on this property, the soil was contaminated with petroleum, arsenic, cadmium, lead, and naphthalene. The site was 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 risk level).

### Cleanup work at this Site

Cleanup work took place between March and December 2000 to remove the petroleum contamination. The following activities were completed

- Underground storage tanks used for garbage truck refueling were removed and disposed of off site.
- Contaminated soil was excavated, treated and disposed of off site at a hazardous waste landfill.
- Wells were installed around the perimeter of the property to ensure the effectiveness of the cleanup. Results from this monitoring demonstrate acceptable ground water quality.

In January 2002 Ecology issued a No Further Action letter with a Restrictive Covenant (also called a deed restriction). The Restrictive Covenant was issued to prohibit demolition work on this site to contain the residual soil contamination and prevent exposure to people and the environment. However, in November 2003, the conditions of the Restrictive Covenant were violated and Ecology withdrew the No Further Action letter.

Currently the owner intends to develop the site with commercial buildings, and a ground level parking garage. As a result, Ecology agrees that the proposed permanent structures satisfy the requirements for containing the residual contamination. In June 2004, another No Further Action letter was issued with a Restrictive Covenant stating that once the structures are constructed they will not be modified or removed.

**March 23, 2005**

**Public Comment Period:  
March 23 – April 21, 2005**

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### Documents can be reviewed at the following location:

WA Department of Ecology  
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(Call for an appointment)

### **Why Delist the Site?**

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.

### **Ecology Seeks Your Input**

Ecology's proposal to delist the General Disposal Corporation Site from the Hazardous Sites List is open for public comment March 23 through April 21, 2005. Documents pertaining to delisting are available at the locations listed in the box on the first page. Please send your written comments before

April 21, to Brian Sato, Site Manager at the address listed on the first page of this fact sheet. If substantive comments are received, further site investigation or cleanup work may be required before the site is delisted. If this occurs, Ecology will hold an additional comment period.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at: <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. To learn more about the public comment process read *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting*.



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