

# Former Katco Sales Facility



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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to remove the Former Katco Sales 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 former Katco Sales site is a 2 acre lot located at 12735 Willows Rd, Kirkland, in a commercial, residential, and agricultural area.

Katco Sales, Inc. purchased the property in 1992 as a facility for storing and distributing heavy equipment such as track hoes, tractors, and graders. They also stored fuel for their equipment at this site until 1999. In 2002 heavy equipment operations ceased when Katco Sales sold the property to GNS Associates, LLC. In 2003 REO Enterprises bought the land.

As a result of fuel and heavy equipment storage on this property, the soil was contaminated with petroleum. 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).

Ecology carried out investigations in 1995 and 1996 and discovered oil and diesel on open soils at this site. Soil near above ground tanks

and under parked heavy equipment was also contaminated.

### Cleanup work at this Site

Cleanup work took place from 2002 through 2003 to remove the petroleum contamination. The following activities were completed during this cleanup process:

- Aboveground storage tanks containing fuel were removed and disposed of off site.
- Contaminated soil was excavated, treated and disposed of off site at a hazardous waste landfill.

### Why Delist the Site?

In February 2005 Ecology issued a No Further Action letter. Ecology 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 remove the Katco Sales 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 to the right. Please send your written comments before April 21, to Grant Yang, Site Manager at the address listed on this fact sheet. If substantive comments are

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**Technical questions and written comments:**

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

WA Department of Ecology  
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(Call for an appointment)

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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