

# Washington State Department of Transportation North Bend Site



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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to remove the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) North Bend 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 May 5, 2005.

### Site Background

The Washington State Department of Transportation North Bend site (also known as the Tanner Pit site) is a 14 acre former borrow pit located at 45000 SE 140<sup>th</sup> St in North Bend, WA, in an area with both residential and commercial uses.

This site was formerly used as a borrow pit. Previous owners also operated a logging equipment recycling business.

As a result of logging equipment recycling operations at this location, the soil was contaminated with petroleum. The site was ranked "3" 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).

In August 1997 the site assessment revealed oil and diesel on open soils at this site. Thirty-four oil contaminated locations were identified on this site. Most of the contamination originated from leaking equipment; however some of the contamination appeared to be from a larger release.

### Cleanup work at this Site

Cleanup work took place intermittently from November 1998 through April 2000 to remove the petroleum contamination. The contaminated soil was excavated and treated with bioremediation on the site.

### Why Delist the Site?

In March 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 WSDOT North Bend site from the Hazardous Sites List is open for public comment from April 6 through May 5, 2005. Documents pertaining to delisting are available at the locations listed in the box to the right. Please send your written comments before May 5, to John Keeling, Site Manager at the address listed on 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 the link to *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting*.

**April 6, 2005**

**Public Comment Period:  
April 6 – May 5 2005**

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

WA Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
3190 160th Avenue SE  
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(Call for an appointment)

**Technical questions and written  
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