
J.C. Penney Company (Banks Property) Yakima County



Proposed Delisting from Hazardous Sites List Available for Public Review and Comment

Ecology is proposing to remove the J.C. Penney / Banks Property Site, Facility/Site ID No. 538, located at 102 North Naches Avenue in Yakima, Washington, from its Hazardous Sites List. The site is currently ranked a "3" 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.

Site Background

Until 1983, the property was known as the J.C. Penney Automotive Parts and Service Center and was owned by Mr. Robert Banks. The current owner of the property is JEM Naches LLC. Contaminants found at the property from a sample taken from stockpiled soil during August 1992, include PCE, methylene chloride and petroleum. This excavated soil came from a tank excavation.

What Has Been Done?

J.C. Penney conducted a Remedial Investigation (RI) at the site under an Agreed Order. These efforts included soil sampling as well as groundwater sampling. The RI results indicate that site specific hazardous substances of concern are NOT present at the site at

levels which may be a threat to human health or the environment. Also, Ecology and J.C. Penney agree that the Banks Property is not a source of PCE in the groundwater within the site. Based on these facts, Ecology has determined that the release or potential release of hazardous substances at the Banks Property has been resolved.

Ecology Wants Your Comments!

Ecology has determined the site is no longer a threat to human health and the environment and has recommended removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology's proposal to delist the site is open for a 30-day public comment period **from March 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006**. Documents pertinent to the delisting are available at the repositories listed in the box on the right. Please submit your comments to Rick Roeder, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box on the right.

FACT SHEET March 2006

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