

Yakima Speedway Yakima County



Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Comment

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Yakima Speedway site, Ecology Facility/Site # 550, from the Hazardous Sites List. The Yakima Speedway Site (the Site) is located at 1600 Pacific Avenue in Yakima, Washington. The Site is currently ranked a "5" on the list. Sites can be ranked from "1" to "5." A rank of "1" is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

Site Background

Currently, the Site operates as an auto race track, as it has since the mid-1950s. In 1993, Ecology received a complaint about uncovered drums stored at the Site, leaking used oil, and other petroleum products. The drums were on a concrete slab at the base of a large scoreboard sign near the center of the race track. In 1995, the Yakima Health District conducted limited soil sampling as part of an investigation completed on behalf of Ecology. Soil samples showed heavy oil above state cleanup standards. Based on the results of the soil samples, the Site was placed on the Hazardous Sites List in 1996.

Cleanup Action

In 2001, PLSA Engineering & Surveying conducted additional soil sampling around two areas: 1) the location of the drums and 2) the location

of an underground storage tank that had been removed in 1989. All samples were below state cleanup levels. This year, Ecology staff reviewed the information about the Site and determined it requires no further action. Ecology proposes removal of this Site from the Hazardous Sites List because it no longer poses a threat to human health and the environment.

Ecology Seeks Your Comments

Documents relating to the cleanup are available for public review. A public comment period will run from June 27, 2007 through July 27, 2007. The box on the right provides information on where to review documents and submit comments.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link *Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting* and learn more about the public comment process.

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Ecology is Accepting Comments
June 27, 2007 through July 27, 2007

Review Documents at
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Central Regional Office
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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site
http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/yakima_spdwy/yakima_spdwy_hp.htm

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