

Benton City Maintenance Yard Benton County



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

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Benton City Maintenance Yard site, Ecology Facility/Site # 34717571, from the Hazardous Sites List. The Benton City Maintenance Yard site (the Site) is located at 509 7th Street, in Benton City, Washington. The Site is currently ranked a "3" 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

This Site is the location of a former Benton City maintenance facility. In December 1991, three underground storage tanks were removed. Sampling results showed gasoline and diesel contamination above state cleanup levels in the soil.

Cleanup Action

In September 1992, 500 cubic yards of soil was over-excavated around the locations of the three underground storage tanks. Over 100 cubic yards of contaminated soil was taken to the Richland landfill for remediation. Soil samples taken from the bottom and sides of the excavation showed no contamination above state cleanup levels.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on sampling results and the cleanup completed, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology

proposes to issue a determination of No Further Action and remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology Seeks Your Comments

Ecology's proposal to issue a determination of No Further Action and remove the Benton City Maintenance Yard from the Hazardous Sites List is now open for a 30-day public comment period from **July 19, 2007 through August 20, 2007**. The public comment period presents an opportunity to have your ideas and comments heard by Ecology. Pertinent documents are located in repositories listed in the box to the right.

You are encouraged to submit your written comments to Brian T. Deeken, Site Manager, at the Ecology address listed in the box. Ecology will review and respond to all comments received.

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

July 18, 2007 through August 20, 2007

Review Documents at

WA Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima WA 98902
Roger Johnson, Public Disclosure
509/454-7658

Mid-Columbia Library Benton City Branch

810 Horne Drive
Benton City WA 99320

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Web Site

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/benton_maint/ben_city_maint_hp.htm

Submit Comments or Technical Questions to

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