

Permalume Plastics

5015 NE 78th Street, Vancouver



Proposed Delisting from the Hazardous Sites List

You Are Being Asked To Comment

Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans to remove the Permalume Plastics site from the state's Hazardous Sites List (see blue box below).

This site was cleaned up under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Under the VCP, property owners can clean up their own property to meet the requirements of the **Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)** with technical assistance from Ecology.

At the end of this cleanup, Permalume submitted An Independent Cleanup Report. The Site Manager then reviewed this report. Based on the VCP review, Ecology has determined that:

- 1) The site is no longer a threat to human health or the environment.
- 2) The cleanup actions at the site meet MTCA cleanup standards.
- 3) No further action is needed.

Ecology sent a no further action (NFA) letter in 2006 and this public comment period is the final step before removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

The VCP Summary Report and Final Independent Cleanup Report are now available for your review and comments. The box at the right has information on where to view these documents and how to submit your comments. **Please submit your comments April 30 to May 29, 2007.**

Site Description

Permalume Plastics is a 0.87 acre site located at 5015 NE 78th Street, in the Hazel Dell neighborhood (see map on page 2). It is surrounded by residences, industry, businesses, and wetlands. The Boomsnub/BOC Gases Superfund site sits to the west of the property.

Site Background and Cleanup

Between 1967 and 1994, Permalume Plastics made plasticized roofing materials out of:

- Resins,
- Pigments,
- Solvents, and
- Aluminum powders.

If released into the environment, these materials can be harmful to human

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Direct Your Questions & Written Comments to:

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Location where you may view a copy of the VCP Summary Report (only):

Vancouver Community Library
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Location where you may view a copy of the VCP Summary Report and the Final Independent Cleanup Report:

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Facility Site Identification Number
1065

What is the Hazardous Sites List?



The Hazardous Sites List includes all sites which have been assessed for their potential risk to human health and the environment. Sites must be cleaned up to meet state standards under MTCA before being removed from the list.

Sites are then **ranked** on a scale of 1-5 based on the degree of risk, with 1 being the highest. Permalume Plastics has a ranking of 2.

Site Timeline

- 1993 Ecology finds trichloroethylene (TCE) during a site visit.
- 1994 Facility stops operating, City of Vancouver finds containers of hazardous materials.
- 1996 Ecology disposes of hazardous materials from the site (resins and styrene solids, paints and pigments, solvents, tar, and asphalt).
- 1999 Remaining chemicals are removed.
- 2001 Building is demolished
- 2002 The Southwest Washington Health District finds low levels of TCE in drinking water wells onsite.
- 2003 Site is investigated and cleaned up.
- 2006** No further action (NFA) letter.

health and the environment, requiring cleanup and disposal.

Cleanup actions included emptying and removing a septic tank, and cleaning the concrete slab the facility sat on.

Soil and groundwater were tested for TCE and chromium to check that the property was not being affected by contamination from the nearby Superfund site or from Permalume's industrial operation.

Ecology Wants Your Comments

You are invited to review and comment on the VCP Summary Report and Final Independent Cleanup Report. Public comments will be considered in delisting Permalume Plastics from the Hazardous Sites List.

Ecology will respond to your comments at end of the public comment period (**April 30 through May 29, 2007**). Please see the box on the front page of this fact sheet for details on how to review the documents and provide comments.

