



Proposal to remove site from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to remove Nasty Jack's Antiques from the state's Hazardous Sites List. You are welcome and encouraged to comment on this proposal through April 27, 2007.

Site Background

The Nasty Jack's Antiques site is located at 103 East Morris Street, La Conner, Skagit County, Washington.

On this property there is a retail antique shop, chemical storage shed, furniture refinishing facility, and a parking lot. (See figure on page 3.) The Nasty Jack's Antiques retail shop is located in a national historic building which was constructed in 1890.

The process of refinishing furniture at Nasty Jack's involved adding stripping compound to loosen the paint on the furniture until it was bare wood. Once the stripping process was completed, the furniture pieces were taken outside the building to the outdoor washing and wipe down area where they were washed down with water (See figure on page 3.)

Investigations showed that the soil near the outdoor washing and wipe down area was contaminated with the residue from the stripping process.

Soil and surface water was contaminated with methylene chloride, ethylbenzene, toluene, and xylene. Lead-based paint residue from the furniture stripping was found in the gravel parking lot that encompasses 4,500 square feet.

In April 1991, this site was listed on the State database for Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Site List. This site is ranked a "2" on the Washington State Hazardous Sites List. This ranking is based on a scale of 1 to 5. According to this scale, "1" represents the highest relative risk, and "5" represents the lowest relative risk. This ranking is designed to estimate the potential threat to human health and the environment, relative to all other sites in Washington State.

What was done to clean up the site?

In February 2006, the property owners entered an agreement with Ecology under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The entire parking lot was covered with two inches of thick asphalt, in order to contain the hazardous soil on the gravel parking lot; contaminants are confined to the property area.

A restrictive covenant was placed on the property which is a legal agreement stating that the asphalt area can not be modified or removed without prior written approval from Ecology.

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Ecology is Accepting Comments

March 29-April 27, 2007

Submit Comments or Technical Questions to:

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WA Department of Ecology Toxics Cleanup Program

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Documents can be reviewed at the following location:

**WA Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office**

Address: 3190 160TH Avenue SE
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(Call for an appointment)

All Other Questions:

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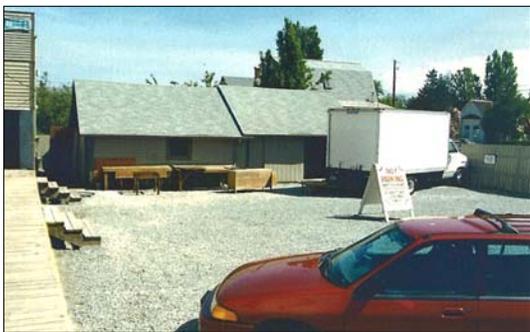
parking lot and placing a restrictive covenant on the property reduces the threat of further exposure to or migration of contaminated materials, and protects human health and the environment.

In addition, the owners conducted the following actions:

- They now use non-methylene chloride stripper (an environmentally friendly chemical).
- The washing and wiping down area is now located in a furniture refinishing shed.
- The stripping process is approximately four hours once every two weeks.
- After the furniture is stripped, it is wiped off with a rag and air dried. These rags used are recycled by the Cintas Corporation.

As a result of the cleanup, the new furniture refinishing process are no longer affecting the surface water and shallow groundwater.

(Picture of site before cleanup)



Why de-list the site?

Ecology has 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.

(Picture of site after cleanup)



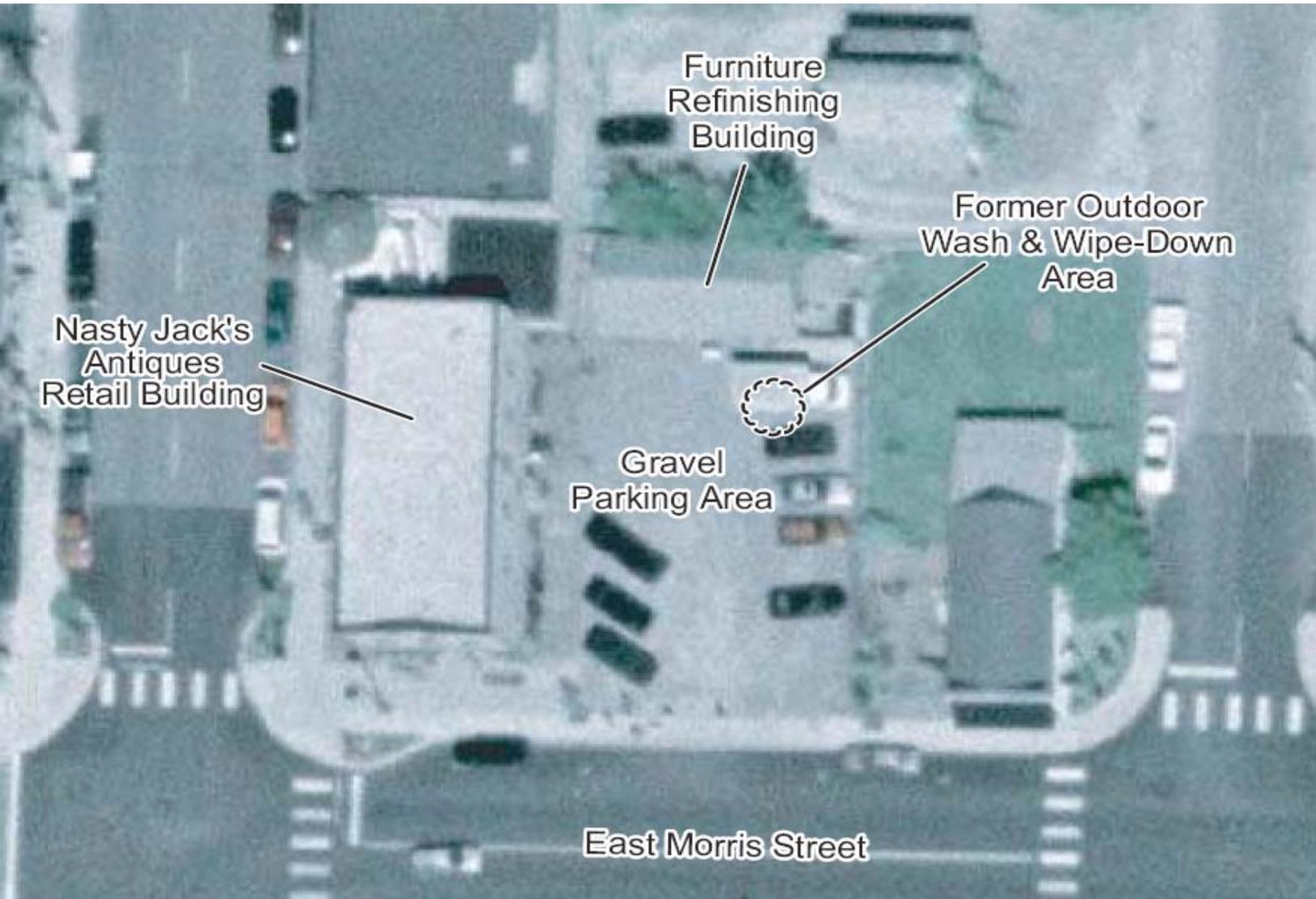
Ecology would like your input

This is your opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposal to de-list the former Nasty Jack's Antiques site from the Hazardous Sites List. Please send your comments by April 27, 2007 to Ecology's site manager, Dale Myers. The box on the first page provides information about where you can review documents, and how to submit comments. If substantive comments are received there will be an additional public comment period. If no significant changes are made, the site will be delisted.

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.

Former Outdoor Wash & Wipe Down Area Map





Nasty Jack's Antiques

Outdoor Wipe and Wash-Down Area
Ecology Seeks Public Comment
On Proposed Delisting of site

Public Comment Period
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