

## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

Ecology is proposing to remove the Superior Asphalt Beech Street Site ("Site"), from its Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The sites are ranked according to their level of environmental concern, with a rank of "1" being the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" being the lowest. The Site is currently ranked a "1" on the list.

### Site Background

The Site is located at 2000 East Beech Street in Yakima, Washington. Superior Asphalt and Concrete Company ("Superior") operated an asphalt plant at the site for approximately thirty years, beginning in the late 1960s. In 1991, petroleum was discovered seeping into a pond in Sarg Hubbard Park, located adjacent to the Site.

### What Has Been Done?

In 1991, Ecology issued an order to Superior to investigate and clean up the contamination. In response, Superior placed a liner to protect the pond and installed a contamination collection system. From 1998 through 2002, Superior removed equipment associated with asphalt batch plant operation, excavated petroleum contaminated soil, removed petroleum product floating on groundwater, and restored the site to surrounding grade. The liner and contamination collection system were kept intact during these activities.

Groundwater monitoring at the Site after excavation showed contamination concentrations below Ecology's cleanup levels.

Ecology notified Superior that the requirements of its order had been satisfied. Ownership of the land has passed to the Yakima

### Comments Accepted

October 27, 2008 through  
November 26, 2008

#### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**  
[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/superiorAsphalt/superiorAsphalt\\_hp.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/superiorAsphalt/superiorAsphalt_hp.html)

**Facility Site ID #: 488**

## Toxics Cleanup Program

Greenway Foundation, which is using part of it to extend a paved footpath around the pond.

Ecology has concluded the site currently is not the cause of a threat to human health and the environment and has proposed removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

In 2007, the assets of Superior were purchased by Granite Northwest Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Granite Construction, Inc.

### Restrictive Covenant

A small amount of contaminated soil has been left in place between the liner and the pond. A restrictive covenant has been recorded regarding this property. A restrictive covenant restricts future land use and is recorded with the deed of the property. It runs with the land and is binding on succeeding owners, although a process exists for removing a restrictive covenant if Ecology agrees. In this case, the restrictive covenant prohibits residential use of the property and prohibits disturbing the liner or soil cover without approval by Ecology. It also requires isolation of the remaining contaminated soil and prevents removal of that soil without approval by Ecology. These measures are designed to prevent further contamination.

### Periodic Review

In July 2008, Ecology conducted a periodic review at the Site. Results of the review show that the asphalt cap remains on the Site. A site visit showed that no repair, maintenance or contingency actions have been required. The entire site is securely fenced, with the exception of the edge of the large pond, which is kept open for public recreational access.

### Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List.

You are invited to:

- **Review** the restrictive covenant and other documents related to the cleanup.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *October 26, 2008 through November 27, 2008.*

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