

Ecology Proposes Removal from Hazardous Sites List

The Spokane Transit Authority conducted cleanup actions at the Spokane Transit Authority Former Railroad Property to eliminate potential exposure to petroleum and arsenic in soil and arsenic in groundwater. This work was completed under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program. As a result of work conducted, Ecology plans to remove the site from the Hazardous Site List. The site is located south of the Interstate Fairgrounds, north of Sprague Avenue, east of Havana Street and west of Fancher Road in Spokane Valley, Spokane County, Washington (see Fig.1).

You are invited to review the associated site documents and comment on the proposed delisting. ***Comments will be accepted January 19, 2009 through February 17, 2009.*** The shaded box at the right has details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Hazardous Sites List

The Hazardous Sites List is a record of contaminated sites throughout the state that are ranked on a scale of one to five. One represents the greatest potential threat to human health and the environment; five represents the least potential threat. The Spokane Transit Authority Former Railroad Property ranked a two because of the contamination in soil and groundwater and the proximity to the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.

A site may be removed from the Hazardous Sites List after cleanup work is completed and it meets Ecology's criteria. Ecology proposes to remove this site based upon the following information:

- Review of the cleanup reports.
- Supporting documentation.
- State standards for cleanup of petroleum and arsenic in soil and arsenic in groundwater have been met at the site.

Site Background

The site is located in a commercial and industrial area of Spokane Valley, Washington and is currently vacant. Occasionally the site is used for overflow parking for the fairgrounds. Union Pacific Railroad has owned the site since the 1970's when it was purchased from Chicago Milwaukee Railroad. The site was used for

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loading and unloading trains, storing automobiles, and as a source of gravel. In 2001 the Spokane Transit Authority purchased the property.

Cleanup Actions

The property was divided into two parcels, A and B. In 1998 and 1999 environmental assessments were conducted on the property in preparation for the sale of parcel B.

The environmental assessments showed petroleum product in an area where an old underground storage tank had been abandoned. The storage tank was removed along with an abandoned drywell and sump in the southwest portion of the former shop building area. A total of 194 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil was removed from the site.

Arsenic was also found in soil near a monitoring well (MW2) that had been installed as part of the environmental assessments. Soil in this area was not removed because it was 45 feet below the ground surface. Groundwater sampling conducted at the site showed arsenic at levels above what is allowed by the state. Additional groundwater monitoring was conducted from October 2007 through June 2008. The results from the last four sets of groundwater samples during these years met cleanup levels.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review and consider all comments **received by February 17, 2009**. Ecology may revise its decision to delist the site based on public comment if appropriate. If no significant issues are raised, the site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List in February 2009.

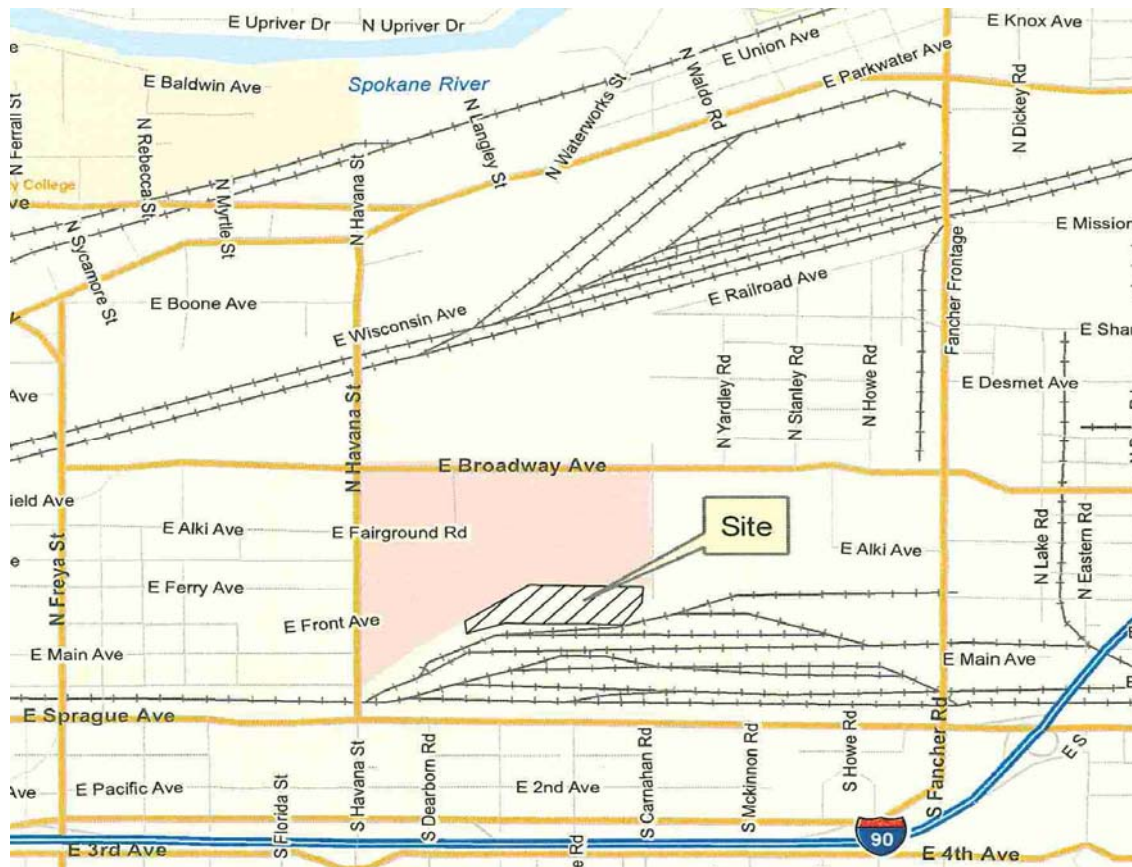


Figure 1 Site Location

