Mike's Aussie Machine Shop



Toxics Cleanup Program

January 2009

Proposal to remove from Ecology's Hazardous Site List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) proposes to remove Mike Aussie Machine Shop from the state's Hazardous Sites List. Mike Aussie Machine Shop is located at 12441 Des Moines Memorial Way in Seattle, Washington.

Mike's Aussie Machine Shop site was cleaned up as part of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Under the VCP, property owners can independently clean up their own property to meet the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) with technical assistance from Ecology.

Ecology Wants Your Input

Ecology has determined that the remediation work at Mike's Aussie Machine Shop site meets the substantial requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MCTA) and therefore the site no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment. Ecology proposes to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List and seeks your input.

You are invited to:

Review the No Further Action Letter and Phase I and Limited Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Report. See box to the right for document location.

Send your comments in writing to Ecology for consideration. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail, with "Mike's Aussie Machine Shop" in the subject line. **Comments will be accepted through March 2, 2009.**

Comments Accepted January 30, 2009 – March 2, 2009

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

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8:00 AM - 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/mikesAussie/machineShop.htm

Facility Site ID #: 2334

Mike's Aussie Machine Shop



Mike Aussie Machine Shop is located at 12441 Des Moines Memorial Way in Seattle, Washington

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Site Background

The Mike's Aussie Machine Shop property (site) is located in a residential-commercial area known as Boulevard Park in South Seattle. The property is approximately ½ acres. Until 1974, one or two homes were apparently on the property. A warehouse was then built, and was used for a variety of purposes: auto parts store, machine shop, glass window, door shop, and truck maintenance and repair. A truck maintenance and repair operation currently occupies part of the warehouse.

Issue of Concern

Ecology visited the site in 1990 and 1991 in response to complaints of machine shop wastes being dumped into a septic system and on the ground. No evidence of these activities was found.

Nonetheless, this site was listed on the state database for Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Site List on March 18, 1991 for suspected non-halogenated solvents, petroleum products, and metals in soil and ground water. A site hazardous assessment was also completed and the site given a "5" ranking on the Washington State Hazardous Sites List. This ranking is based on a scale of 1 to 5 where "1" represents the highest relative risk, and "5" represents the lowest relative risk. This ranking is also 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 2000, King County Health Department Public Health revisited the site and noticed oil staining near an above-ground storage tank. Soil sampling was conducted and heavy oil, cadmium, and lead were found to exceed current MTCA Method A cleanup levels.

A follow-up investigation in 2005 included eight geoprobes drilled to a maximum depth of 10 feet. Soil sampling confirmed the elevated cadmium concentrations noted in 2000.

Oil, cadmium, and lead contaminated soil was excavated and disposed of offsite in June 2005. Confirmation sampling showed the remaining soils met MTCA cleanup standards.

What Happens Next?

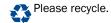
After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for any suggested changes to de-listing the site from the Hazardous Sites List. If no significant changes are necessary, the site will be delisted.

A public meeting has not been scheduled at this time. However, one will be held if ten or more people request a meeting during the comment period. Please contact Nancy Lui to request a meeting at nlui461@ecy.wa.gov or at (425) 649-7117.

For information about other Ecology public comment periods, meetings, hearings, workshops, and open houses, please visit Ecology's public events calendar at http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp

You may also read *Frequently Asked Questions* about Effective Public Commenting at this link to learn more about the public comment process.





Mike's Aussie Machine Shop King County, WA

Ecology Seeks Public Comment on de-listing the site from the Hazardous Site List

Public Comment Period January 30, 2009 - March 2, 2009

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