

Sternoff Metals Corporation Site to be removed from the Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans to remove the Sternoff Metals Corporation site from the state's Hazardous Sites List. The Sternoff Metals Corporation site is located at 1600 SW 43rd Street, Renton, Washington.

The site was cleaned up under a Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree. Under the terms of the Consent Decree, the property owners cleaned up the property to meet the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

Ecology Wants Your Input

Ecology has determined that the cleanup work at Sternoff Metals meets the requirements of the Model Toxics Control Act and therefore does not pose 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 Sternoff Metals Completion Reports. Send your comments in writing to Ecology for consideration. Comments may be sent by mail or e-mail, with "**Sternoff Metals**" in the subject line. **Comments will be accepted through March 22, 2010.**

Comments Accepted

February 19, 2010 – March 22, 2010

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/tcp/sites/sternoff/sternoff.html>

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Site Background

The Sternoff Metals Corporation site is situated north of SW 43rd Street between Oakesdale Ave SW to the east and Burlington Northern-Santa Fe railroad tracks to the west in a commercial and industrial district of Renton. The site covers approximately 44 acres with Springbrook Creek running diagonally through the property.

Between 1967 and 1985 Sternoff Metals used the northern 26 acres to recycle scrap metal and electrical equipment from various sources. Auto recycling started in 1968 and processed between 300 and 400 cars per day.

Areas of concern at the site were related to these operations. They included over 115,000 cubic yards of auto shredder fluff (non-metallic parts of shredded cars), wire shredder fluff (insulation and solder), a transformer handling area, aluminum dross and an automobile storage area.

With the exception of a former meat packing plant the southern 18 acres has been used for residential and agricultural purposes.

Based on available information Ecology added the property to the Hazardous Site List in 1996. The site was selected for a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) and subsequent ranking by the Washington Ranking Method (WARM).

The site was given a WARM ranking (Washington Ranking Method) of "1" and placed 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 designed to estimate the potential threat to human health and the environment, relative to all other sites in Washington State.

Chemicals of Primary Concern (COPC) detected above state cleanup levels in soil were polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), petroleum, and lead. COPC detected above state cleanup levels in groundwater were copper, lead, chromium, and zinc.

Zelman Renton, LLC purchased the site, identified as Sternco Industrial Properties, from a court-appointed receiver in 1997. Cleanup was conducted under a Prospective Purchaser Consent Decree signed in July 1997.

Much of the site has been redeveloped. The site has seven buildings and three vacant parcels. Tenants include a warehouse, clothing manufacturer, telecommunication supply, restaurants, a medical services building and a mini-mart/gas station.

What Was Done to Clean Up The Site?

Approximately 119,000 cubic yards of auto shredder and wire fluff contaminated with lead and low levels of PCBs as well as soil contaminated with lead from other areas was stabilized with Portland cement. The material was placed in a repository that is now under Building "B" on the map. Residual soil contaminated with lead and petroleum is also located under the paved area south of Building "B" and under the southwest corner of Building "C".

Soil contaminated with PCBs was sent to a hazardous waste landfill in Idaho. Soil contaminated with petroleum was sent to the Roosevelt Landfill in Klickitat County.

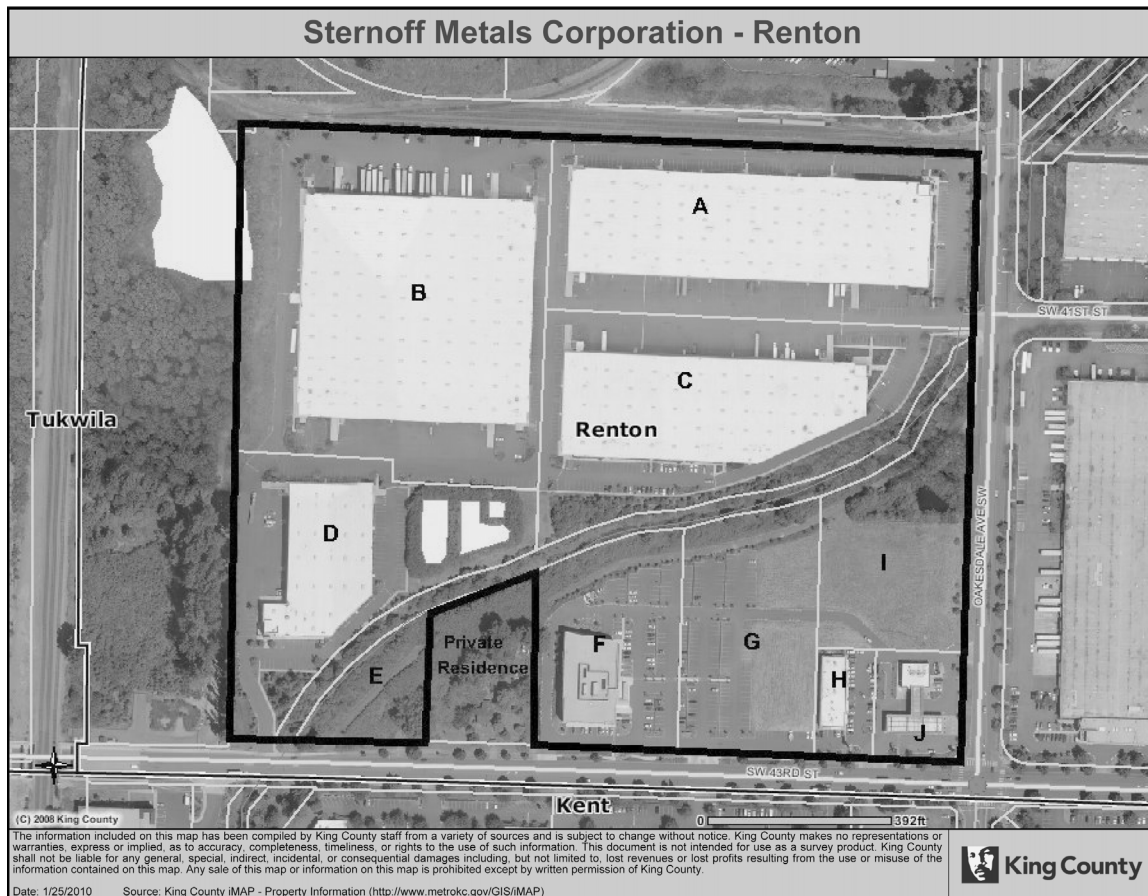
The site will receive a Periodic Review of the institutional controls in accordance with the Uniform Environmental Covenant Act.

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for any suggested changes to delisting 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.

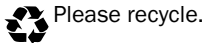
Sternoff Metals Corporation Site Map 1600 SW 43rd Street, Renton, Washington.





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Ecology Seeks Public Comment on delisting the site from the Hazardous Sites List

**Public Comment Period
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