

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List Available for Review and Public Comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the NW Pipeline ST Yakima (Site) from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “3” on the List. Sites can be ranked from a “1” to “5”. A rank of “1” is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the List, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. The NW Pipeline ST Yakima Site is located at 2607 Terrace Heights Road in Yakima. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Site Assessment and Remedial Action Report, and No Further Action letter.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *May 9, 2012 through June 11, 2012*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

This Site is currently a gas pipeline meter station, formerly including mercury-containing equipment. A limited removal action was conducted in 1990, which included the removal of two drum of mercury-containing soil. It was not known at that time if all contaminated soil had been removed.

Cleanup Action

Following assessment activities in 2008, 65.39 tons of non-hazardous waste contaminated soil was physically removed from the site and disposed at a landfill in 2009. Three ‘tote’ bags of dangerous waste was disposed of at a hazardous waste landfill at the same time.

Comments Accepted

May 9, 2012 through June 11, 2012

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

Norm Peck - Site Manager
WA Department of Ecology
Toxics Cleanup Program
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902-3452
Phone: (509) 454-7837
E-mail: Norm.Peck@ecy.wa.gov

DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

**WA Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office**
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
Yakima, WA 98902
By appointment only:
Contact Roger Johnson,
Roger.Johnson@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology’s Toxics Cleanup Website
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3403>

**Facility Site ID # 516
Cleanup Site ID # 3403**

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on the cleanup completed, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. If no changes are necessary, the Site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Cleanup of mercury contamination is important to prevent this Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic (PBT) priority pollutant from spreading in the environment as highly toxic methyl mercury.

What can you do?

1. Read about the cleanup in this handout.
2. To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
3. Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*

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Para asistencia en español: 509-575-2490

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