

Ecology Proposes to Remove Site from Hazardous Sites List

The NW Pipeline Medical Lake site is located at 23600 Espanola Road in Medical Lake, Spokane County, Washington (see Figure 1). The site is used to house a meter station that regulates and meters distribution of natural gas to local customers.

In 1990 an assessment of the site was conducted and mercury was found in soil outside the meter station. The main source of the contamination was most likely from releases of mercury during maintenance of equipment. The level of mercury in soil exceeded state standards, therefore cleanup was necessary.

Five drums of gravel and soil were removed from under and around the former meter stand and work desk.

Additional site assessments were conducted in 2008 and 2009 to determine the extent of contamination in soil. A total of nearly 93 tons of soil were removed and transported for disposal off-site. Follow-up sampling indicates all contaminated soil was removed and no further actions are required at this site.

Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program provided review of the cleanup actions at the site. As a result of the completed work, Ecology plans to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List after public comment is received and considered.

Ecology Invites Your Comments

- **Review** the associated site documents and comment on the proposed delisting. The box on the right provides details about where to review documents and send comments.
- Send your comments to Patti Carter at Ecology from **June 21, 2012 through July 20, 2012** for consideration.

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 NW Pipeline Medical Lake site ranked a three because of the contaminated soil at the site. 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:

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Comments Accepted

June 21, 2012 through July 20, 2012

ADA accommodations or documents in an alternate format, call Carol Bergin 509/329-3546 (voice), 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341(TTY).

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- Review of the cleanup reports and supporting documentation.
- State standards for cleanup of the contaminants in soil have been sufficiently achieved at the site.
- No further action is needed at the site.

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day comment period, Ecology will review and respond to the public comments received about the removal of the site from the Hazardous Sites List. The site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List if no significant changes are made. The list is published twice per year. The removal will be reflected in the August 2012 edition of the Site Register which is a special edition entitled “Hazardous Sites List.”

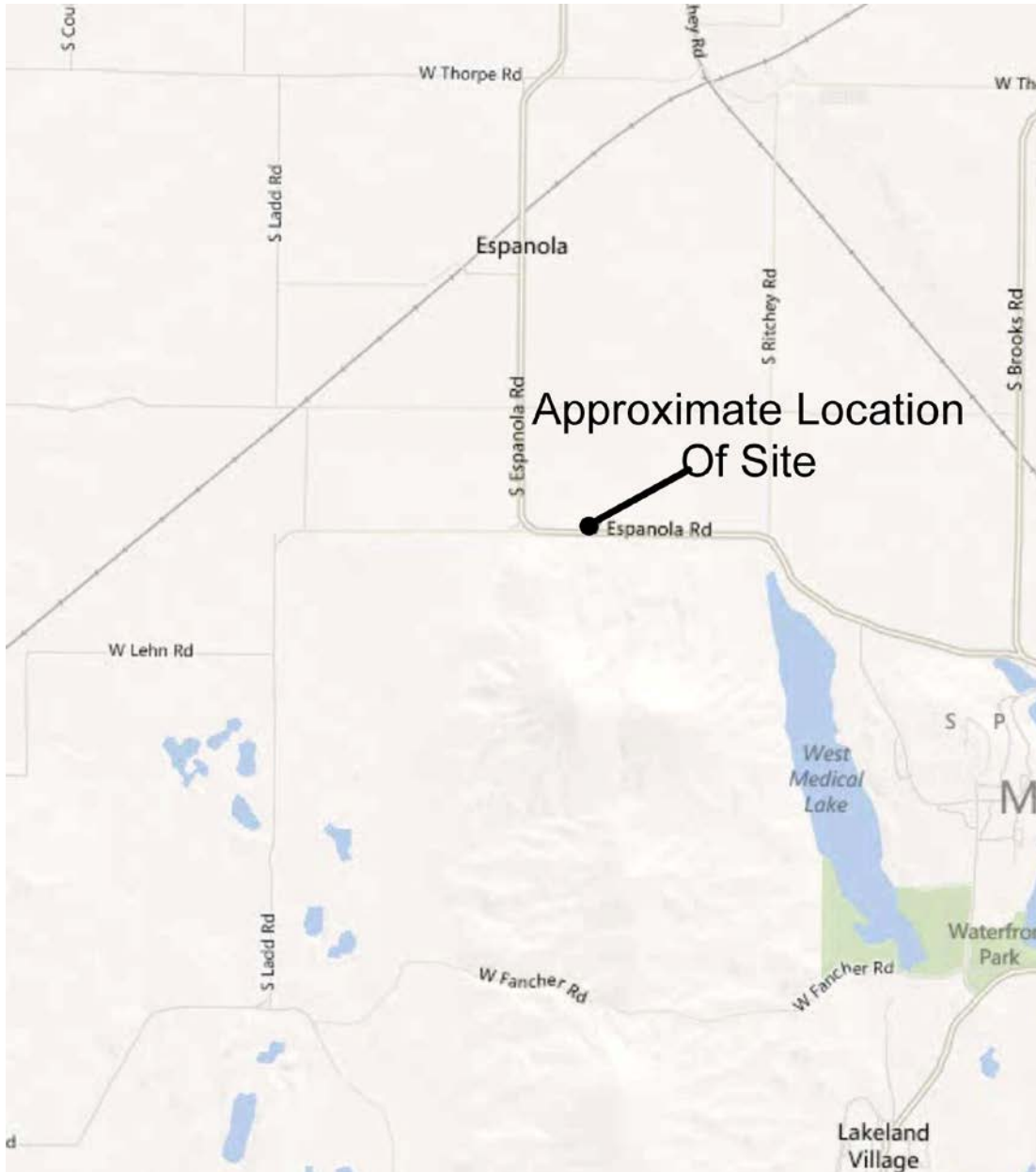


Figure 1
NW Pipeline Medical Lake Site