

## Ecology Proposes to Remove Site from Hazardous Sites List

The Northwest Pipeline Moses Lake Meter Station site is located at 13579 Wheeler Road NW in Moses Lake, Grant County, Washington (see Figure 1). The site is made up of two meter stations that originally regulated and metered the distribution of natural gas to a local distribution company or customer. These two stations were adjacent to each other within a fenced enclosure. One station was known as the Moses Lake meter station and the other as the U&I Sugar meter station.

An assessment of the site was conducted in 1990, and inorganic mercury was found in soil at the meter stations. The main source of the contamination was most likely from releases of mercury during maintenance of equipment. Mercury releases from thermowells used to measure gas temperatures were another source of contamination. The level of mercury in soil exceeded state standards, therefore cleanup was necessary.

Fifteen drums of gravel and soil were removed from under and around the former meter stand and associated piping of the Moses Lake meter station. Four drums of gravel and soil were removed from under and around the former U&I Sugar meter station. Approximately 132 tons of soil were excavated and transported off-site for disposal in 2011.

Follow-up sampling indicates all contaminated soil was removed and no further actions are required at this site. The Moses Lake meter station was retired in 2000. The current Moses Lake meter station is now located in the former U&I meter building.

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 **March 6, through April 5, 2013** for consideration.

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## Hazardous Sites List

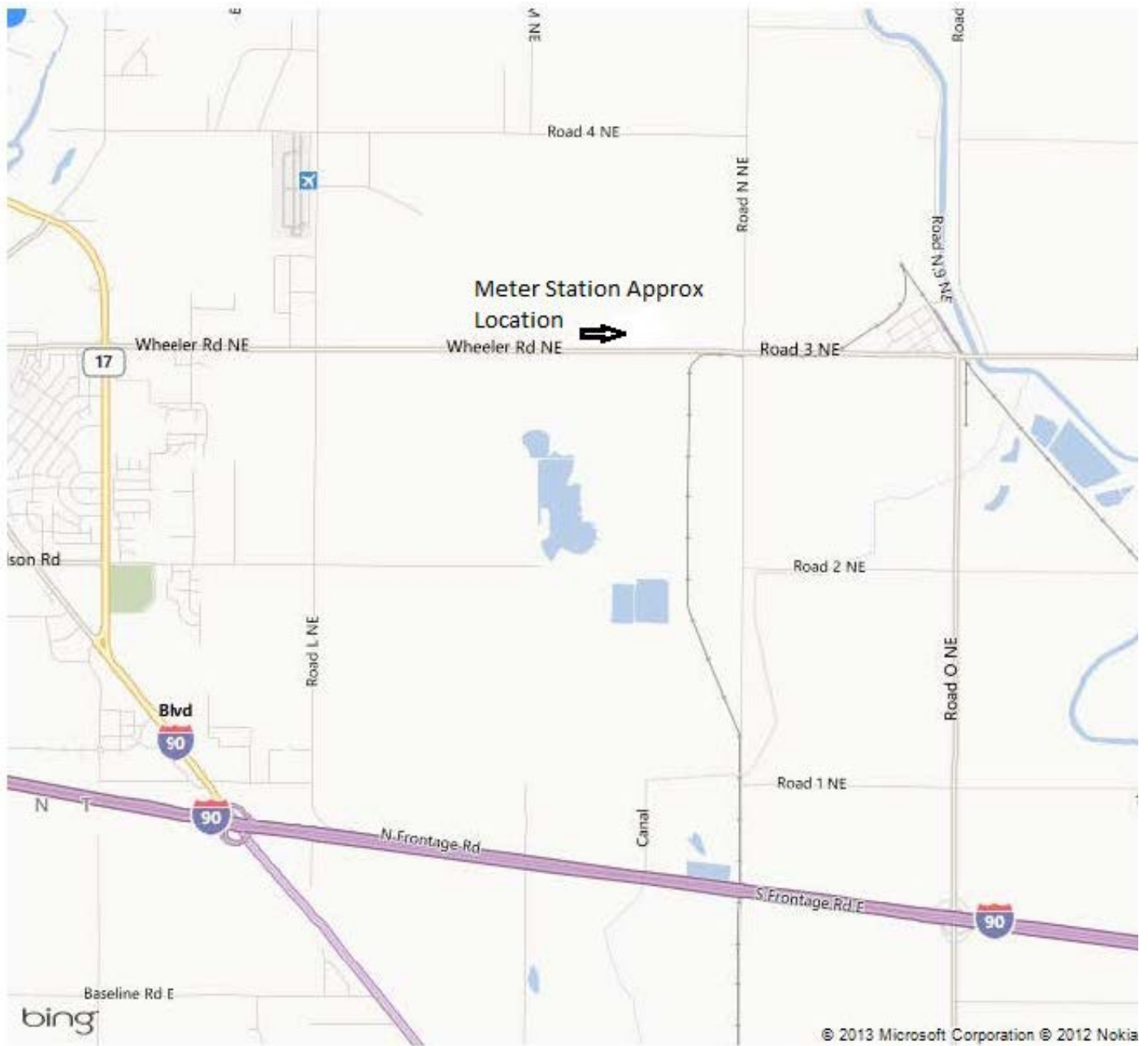
The Hazardous Sites List is a record of contaminated sites throughout the state that are ranked on a scale of one to five. One represents the greatest potential threat to human health and the environment; five represents the least potential threat. The Northwest Pipeline Moses Lake site ranked a three 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:

- 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 2013 edition of the Site Register which is a special edition entitled "Hazardous Sites List."



**Figure 1 - Northwest Pipeline Moses Lake Meter Station Site**  
13579 Wheeler Road NW in Moses Lake, Grant County, Washington