

Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) plans to remove the Pacific Plaza Garage site from the Hazardous Sites List. The owners cleaned up the site under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. Ecology reviewed the cleanup and determined that:

- The site is no longer be a threat to human health or the environment. Controls are in place banning changes to the parking structure that might cause exposure to contaminated soil. (This Environmental Covenant protects the cleanup).
- The site cleanup actions meet state cleanup standards.
- No further action is required.

Site Background

The Pacific Plaza Garage site is located at 1250 Pacific Avenue in Tacoma. The parking structure was built in the 1970s. Later remodeling unearthed an underground storage tank (UST) on the property.

Investigators found that the UST had leaked and contaminated nearby soil with diesel- and heavy oil-range total petroleum hydrocarbons. The contamination did not affect groundwater.

Site Cleanup

In 2008, Pacific Plaza Garage:

- Removed the UST, 700 gallons of liquid petroleum products and 100 gallons of sludge.
- Excavated, removed and disposed of 472 tons of contaminated soil.
- Covered the remaining contaminated soil with a concrete cap.

Ecology Wants Your Comments

Ecology invites you to review and comment on the No Further Action Letter. The comment period runs from **May 30 through June 28, 2013**. You can find site documents at locations listed to the right.



What is the Hazardous Sites List?

The Hazardous Sites List includes sites that have been assessed for their potential risk to human health and the environment. Sites are ranked 1-5, based on the degree of potential risk; 1 is the highest.

The Pacific Plaza Garage site is ranked 5.

Comments Accepted

May 30—June 28, 2013

Send Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

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Citizens for a Healthy Bay

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Ecology's Pacific Plaza Garage Cleanup website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=1367>

Facility Site ID #: 9198

