

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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the WA DOT Rimrock Maintenance Site 1 (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.

### **Site Background**

A Washington State Department of Transportation maintenance building existed on the Site located near the intersection of State Highway 12 and 410, west of the City of Naches, until 1995, when it was demolished. In May 1991, petroleum contamination was discovered in the soil and groundwater during the decommissioning of two underground storage tanks (USTs). Both tanks (one 5,000-gallon and one 500-gallon) had leaked. The piping had leaked as well.

### **Public Comment Invited**

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. The WA DOT Rimrock Maintenance Site 1 is located near the intersection of State Highways 12 and 410, Naches. You are invited to:

- **Review** the *Independent Remedial Action Report*, dated March 1997; *Groundwater Investigation*, dated August 1999; and the No Further Action letter.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *June 18, 2014 through July 18, 2014*.

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

### **Comments Accepted**

June 18, 2014 through  
July 18, 2014

**Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

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### **DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS**

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

**Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**  
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=4941>

**Facility/Site ID #: 540  
Cleanup Site ID #: 4941**

### What Has Been Done

In June and July of 1991, the Washington State Department of Transportation excavated a limited amount of petroleum contaminated soil and completed more sampling. After the maintenance building was demolished because of work on the highway intersection, it allowed for more petroleum contaminated soil to be removed in 1995 and 1996. In total, approximately 1,200 cubic yards of soils were removed. Sampling confirmed all contaminated soil was either removed or stockpiled and treated onsite. Groundwater monitoring was started in October 1997 with four groundwater monitoring wells. After monitoring quarterly for a year, no groundwater showed contaminants above state cleanup levels.

### Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes.

### 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.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

### 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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