

Ecology Proposes to Remove Site from Hazardous Sites List

The Washington Department of Ecology proposes to remove the Whitty's Minimart site from Hazardous Sites List. The site is located at 485 South Main Street in Colville, Stevens County, Washington (see Figure 1).

Ecology's Hazardous Sites List contains a list of contaminated sites throughout Washington State that have been evaluated and ranked. A rank of 1 indicates the greatest potential threat to human health and the environment and a rank of 5 the least potential threat. The Whitty's Minimart site ranked a 3.

Ecology has taken several steps at the site to cleanup soil, groundwater, and surface water contamination. Air quality issues resulting from gasoline vapors were also addressed at the site. Cleanup criterion has been met over an extended period of cleanup actions and monitoring since 1984. Ecology now proposes removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.



Former Whitty's Minimart Location

You are Invited to Comment

There are no specific documents to review as part of this comment period. However, if you would like to look at the files they are available at Ecology's office in Spokane. Some files are available at Ecology's website. The box at the right provides document review locations and contact information.

Send your comments about the proposed delisting to Michael Boatsman at Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted **March 20 through April 18, 2014**. The shaded box at the right has details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Comments Accepted

March 20 through April 18, 2014

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

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Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=6000>

Facility Site ID No. 38465614

Cleanup Site ID No. 6000

Site Overview

Whitty's Minimart was a gas station for twenty years until it closed in 1992. In 1984 the minimart was identified as the source of gasoline found in a storm water drainage system adjacent to the gas station. A creek adjacent to the station was affected by the gasoline. Nearby residents were also reportedly impacted by vapors from the gasoline.

Ecology conducted an investigation and determined there was a leak in a gasoline distribution line at the minimart. Actions were taken to resolve the problem and there were no further complaints until April 1990.

A series of investigations and actions were taken at the site between 1991 and 1997 to further identify the degree of contamination caused by leaks in a gasoline distribution line and correct the problems. A vapor extraction/air sparge system was installed to address contamination in soil and groundwater. Three underground storage tanks were removed from the site along with contaminated soil.

Surface water and groundwater sampling was conducted quarterly to ensure the cleanup actions were performing properly. As a result of the cleanup actions the site has now met Ecology's criteria for removal from the Hazardous Sites List.

Removal from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List

Under MTCA, Ecology may remove a site from the Hazardous Sites List if the cleanup actions have been completed and compliance with cleanup standards has been achieved. These criteria have been met; therefore, Ecology is proposing to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Criteria that has been met:

- Groundwater cleanup levels have been met at the site.

- The cleanup action complies with the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup standards for soil.
- Sufficient monitoring has been done to demonstrate that the cleanup actions have effectively remediated the contamination in soils and groundwater.
- All performance monitoring has been completed.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will review, consider, and respond to all comments received by **April 18, 2014**.

Modifications to the delisting may be made if appropriate. If no modifications are made, the site will be removed from Ecology's Hazardous Sites List in August, 2014.

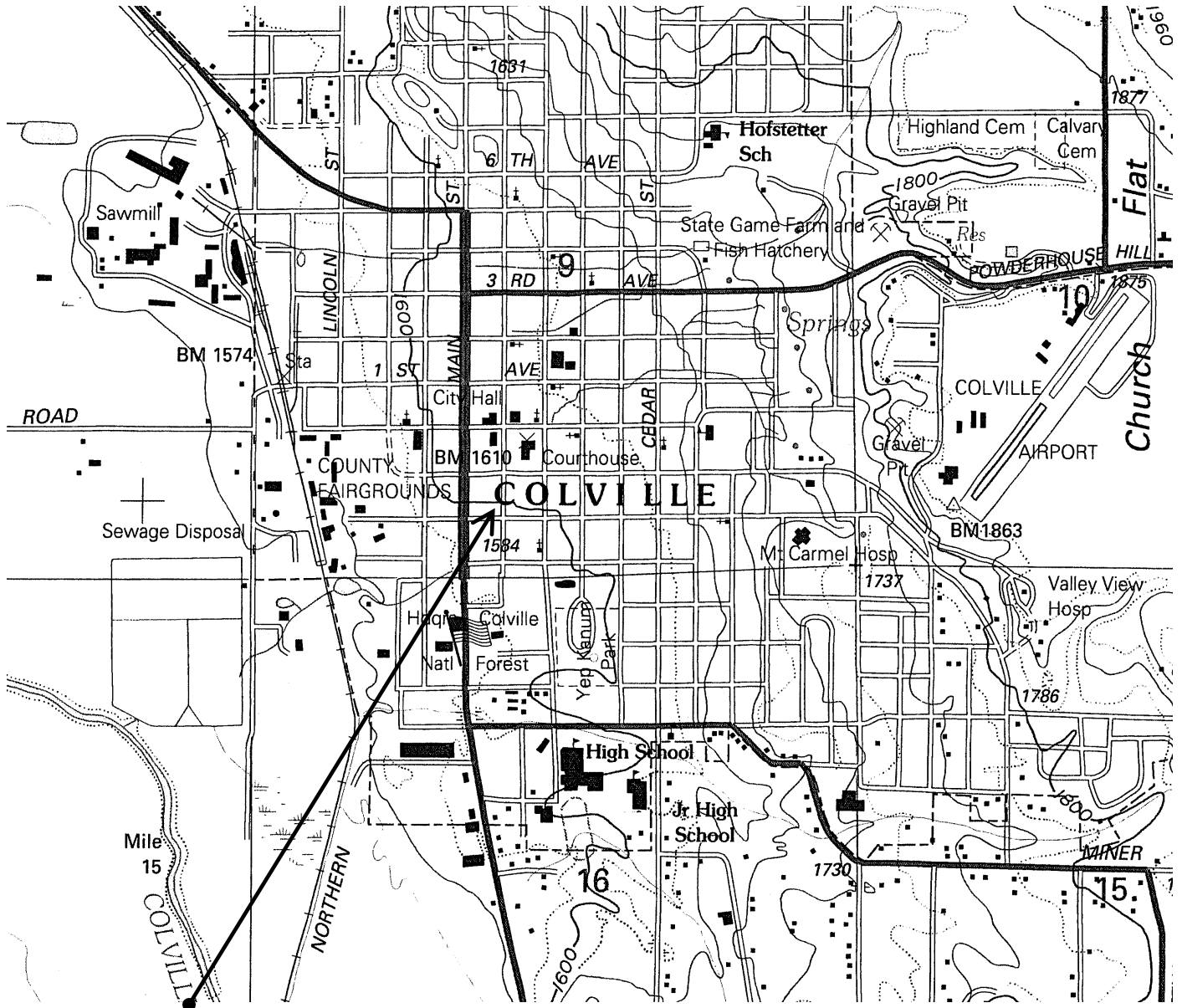


Figure 1

Whitten Oil Site