

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 Oak Harbor Freight Terminal site (Site), located 290 E Penny Road in Wenatchee, from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “5” 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.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. You are invited to:

- **Review** the *Limited Phase II Soil Sampling Report*, Environmental Covenant, and No Further Action determination.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *August 5, 2015 through September 4, 2015*.

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

Site Background

The Site is in a commercial zone at the north end of Wenatchee. Prior to commercial use, it was used for agriculture, primarily orchards. The orchards were removed in the early 1990s. It is likely the property was an orchard during the time lead and arsenic pesticides were commonly used.

In April 2004, limited soil sampling was conducted at the site of a proposed cell phone tower on the Oak Harbor site. Soil samples were collected and analyzed for pesticides and metals. Concentrations of arsenic and lead were above Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Method A cleanup levels. Organochloride pesticides were detected in at levels well below the MTCA level A cleanup levels. Mercury was not detected in any of the samples.

In December 2005, an Ecology representative visited the site to evaluate the exposure risk. At the time of the site visit, the entire property was observed to be covered in asphalt. This eliminates direct contact with any

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Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Wenatchee Public Library
310 Douglas St
Wenatchee, WA 98801
Phone: (509) 662-5021

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**WA Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office**
1250 W Alder St
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By appointment only:

Contact CRO Public Records
Coordinator at
cropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 575-2027

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=2147>

Facility/Site ID #: 3014217
Cleanup Site ID #: 2147

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contaminants in the soil. Therefore, no further action would be necessary at the Site if an environmental covenant was recorded to prevent site activities that would allow exposure to contaminated soils. An environmental covenant was recorded for the Site in May 2015.

Environmental Covenant

An environmental covenant restricts future land use and is recorded with the deed of the property. It runs with the land and is binding on future owners, although a process exists for removing an environmental covenant if Ecology agrees. The environmental covenant requires Ecology approval before altering or removing the existing cap of asphalt, building foundations, and compacted gravel on the property.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on prevention of direct contact with contamination and the recording of the environmental covenant, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action.

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 <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>

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.

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

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