

## **Proposal to remove the Northwest Pipeline Bellingham Site from the Hazardous Sites List**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the **Northwest Pipeline Bellingham Site** (Site) from the State Hazardous Sites List. The Site is located at Britton Rd and Mt Baker Hwy, Bellingham, WA 98226.

The Site was cleaned up under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). Under the VCP, property owners clean up their own property to meet the state cleanup standards under the Model Toxics Control Act, Washington's hazardous waste cleanup law. Ecology provides technical and regulatory review assistance to those who entered into the VCP.

### **Public Comment Invited**

Ecology has determined that the cleanup work at the Site meets the requirements of state cleanup regulations. The Site was cleaned up to the point that it no longer poses a threat to human health or the environment. Ecology proposes to remove the Site from the Hazardous Sites List, which is a list of contaminated sites maintained by Ecology that shows sites ranked and slated for cleanup.

Ecology seeks your input. You are invited to:

- **Review** the No Further Action Letter (March 7, 2013) and Site Assessment and Remedial Action Report (December 2012).
- **Send your comments** to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted **February 27 through March 30, 2015**.

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

### **Comments Accepted**

**February 27- March 30, 2015**

#### **Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:**

Diane Escobedo - Site Manager  
Washington State Department of Ecology – Toxics Cleanup Program  
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#### **Document Review Locations**

**Washington State Department of Ecology – Northwest Regional Office**  
3190 160<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008

Call for an appointment: Sally Perkins

Phone: (425) 649-7190

Fax: (425) 649-4450

E-mail: [sally.perkins@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sally.perkins@ecy.wa.gov)

Hours: Tuesday – Thursday

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

#### **Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=42>

To request ADA accommodations or materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 425-649-7117, Relay Service 711, or TTY at 877-833-6341.

### Site Background

This facility consists of a natural gas line meter station within a fenced and locked enclosure. Metering equipment was located over soil and gravel inside a metal building.

### Hazardous Sites List

Ecology added the property to the Hazardous Sites List in 2000. The Site underwent a Site Hazard Assessment (SHA) and was ranked a “5” under the Washington Ranking Method (WARM). The WARM ranking uses a scale of 1 to 5, where “1” represents the highest risk and “5” represents the lowest risk. This ranking estimates the potential threat to human health and the environment relative to other sites in Washington State.

### Contaminants of Concern

The hazardous substance cleaned up at the site was mercury and arsenic-contaminated soil.

### What Was Done to Clean Up The Site?

In 1991, seven 55 gallon drums of soil and gravel were removed from under and around the meter station to a depth of 24 inches. Confirmational sampling indicated residual concentration of mercury above state cleanup level in the remediated area. In 1992, five additional 55 gallon drums of soil and gravel were removed from under and around the meter building to a depth of 22 inches in 1992. Although the sample results showed decreased mercury concentrations, the residual concentration of mercury remained above state cleanup levels in the soil collected from the remedial excavation.

Between October 2006 and April 2007, additional samples were collected at the extent of the former remedial boundaries using a grid-based system throughout the Site, to assess residual mercury and arsenic contamination. Results indicated that only arsenic contaminated soil remained at a maximum depth of one foot. In August 2012, a total of 66.6 tons of arsenic-contaminated soil were removed from the Site and disposed of off-site at a permitted facility (Waste Management’s Hillsboro landfill in Hillsboro, Oregon under Permit # 105791).

Ecology determined the Site meets state cleanup standards for soil protective of human health and the environment. Therefore, it now can be delisted from the Hazardous Sites List.

### What Happens Next?

After the 30-day comment period, Ecology will review and respond to the comments received from the public regarding the proposed delisting. If no significant changes are made, this Site will be removed from the Hazardous Sites List.

**Site Map**





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## **Northwest Pipeline Bellingham Site Snohomish County**

**Ecology Seeks Public Comments to remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List  
Public Comment Period: February 27 – March 30, 2015**

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**El periodo de Comentarios Públicos referente al sitio de Northwest Pipeline Bellingham  
es del: 27 de febrero al 30 de marzo, 2015.**

Para obtener más información en español o traducciones de otros materiales, favor de comunicarse con Gregorio Bohn al tel. (509) 454-4174 por correo electrónico al [gboh461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:gboh461@ecy.wa.gov). Debe hacer referencia al Sitio de Northwest Pipeline Bellingham. Debe mandar sus comentarios escritos al Diane Escobedo, supervisor del sitio, al [diane.escobedo@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:diane.escobedo@ecy.wa.gov) o al tel. (425) 649-7097.

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若需中文資訊料和翻譯文件請聯絡林昊天電話: 425-649-7187, 電子信箱: [sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov) 並請註明是有關西北管道貝靈翰工地的問題。若有書面建議請聯絡Diane Escobedo, 整治工地管理, 電話: 425-649-7097, 電子信箱 [diane.escobedo@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:diane.escobedo@ecy.wa.gov)。

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