

WASHINGTON CENTRAL RAILROAD ROUNDHOUSE



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Comments accepted:

March 29, 2018 through April 28, 2018

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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 Washington Central Roundhouse site (Site), located at 6 E Arlington, in Yakima, from its Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The HSL is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “1” on the list. A rank of “1” is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of “5” is the lowest. This site is a part of the Yakima Railroad area. The Yakima Railroad area is approximately six square miles in size and includes parts of the cities of Yakima and Union Gap. The Yakima Railroad area groundwater is contaminated with tetrachloroethylene (PCE) from past industrial use, and is centered around the railroad/industrial corridor of the greater Yakima area.

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the HSL. You are invited to review the following document:

- *Washington Central Railroad Roundhouse NFA letter*, January 2018
- Please send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted March 29, 2018 through April 28, 2018.

Site Background

The Site was used as a railroad engine maintenance and repair facility for over 100 years starting in the late 1800's. Possible PCE was used to degrease engine parts as part of the engine maintenance. PCE contamination was found in the soil during a sampling event in June 1993.

The Site is now owned and operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe. The roundhouse and maintenance facility has been demolished and is not currently being used.

What has been done?

In August 1996, an environmental firm investigated the area that was sampled in June 1993. There was no PCE found during this investigation. In fact, no contamination was found above state cleanup levels.

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action?

Based on a recent review of the Site files, 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 and has recommended removing the site from the HSL.

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 HSL.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.