

CBC WSU Nurse Training Facility



CBC WSU Nurse Training Facility – Photo courtesy of Google Street View

Comments accepted:

December 1 – December 31, 2023

Submit comments:

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Site Cleanup ID: 1373

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

The Department of Ecology is proposing to remove the CBC WSU Nurse Training Facility site, located at 901 Northgate Drive in Richland, from its Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The Hazardous Sites List is a list of sites Ecology reviewed for their potential threat to human health and the environment. This review is based on how much contamination is present, how toxic it is, and how easily it can come in contact with people and the environment. Sites must go through cleanup and meet state standards before Ecology can remove them from the list.

You are invited to:

- Review the No Further Action Letter, dated July 25, 2019

Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Site Background

In the 1940s, there were railroad operations at the site which included freight loading and unloading areas, a steam plant, and warehouses. By the 1970s, all railroad tracks, buildings, and a large coal pile had been removed.

In the 1970s, Columbia Basin College (CBC) began constructing classrooms on portions of the property and continued into the 1990s. The site now consists of several buildings and parking areas.

In December 2003, contaminated soil was discovered in the northwest corner of the site.

Soil sampling and analysis revealed petroleum (gasoline) contamination above state cleanup levels. There are no records of any activities at the site that may have caused the contamination and the source of the contamination is unknown.

What Has Been Done?

In 2018, Ecology funded site investigations at this site through the Model Remedies Grant Program. Site investigations are the process of gathering data about the site and are used to help develop and implement cleanup plans. The CBC WSU Nurse Training Facility site was selected to receive a portion of the funds.

In 2019, an engineering company, GeoEngineers, performed site investigations and field testing of the soil. Samples were also sent to an accredited lab and the results confirmed no contamination above state cleanup levels remains at the site.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting if requested by 10 or more people. 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://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.



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