Hazardous Sites List

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## Hazardous Sites List & Notice of Hazardous Ranking

This issue is an updated Hazardous Sites List as required by [WAC 173-340-330](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-330). It includes all sites that have been assessed and ranked using the Washington Ranking Method. Also listed are National Priorities List sites. Additions to the list, changes in remedial status of sites on the list, and removals from the list are published twice a year in February and August. Placing of a site on the Hazardous Sites List does not by itself imply that persons associated with the site are liable under Chapter 70A.305 RCW. For additional information about a site on this list, please contact the appropriate indicated person. Please direct questions regarding the Hazardous Sites List or Site Register to the staff listed below. If you need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call the Toxics Cleanup Program at 360-407-7170. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

## How a Site Gets on the Hazardous Sites List

Sites on the Hazardous Sites List (excluding National Priorities List and Tacoma Smelter Plume sites) have undergone a preliminary study called a Site Hazard Assessment. A Site Hazard Assessment provides Ecology with basic information about a site. Ecology then uses the Washington Ranking Method to estimate the potential threat the site poses to human health and the environment, if not cleaned up. The estimate is based on the amount of contaminants, how toxic they are, and how easily they can come in contact with people and the environment. Sites are ranked relative to each other on a scale of one to five. A rank of one represents the highest level of concern relative to other sites, and a rank of five the lowest. Hazard ranking helps Ecology target where to spend cleanup funds. However, a site's actual impact on human health and the environment, public concern, a need for an immediate response, and available cleanup staff and funding also affect which sites get first priority for cleanup.

## How a Site Gets Removed From the List

A site may be removed from the list only if the site is cleaned up. In some cases, long-term monitoring and periodic reviews may be required to ensure the cleanup is adequate to protect the public and the environment. Ecology will provide public notice and an opportunity to comment for any site it proposes to remove from the Hazardous Sites List.

## How to Access Department of Ecology Site Files

More information related to [All Cleanup Sites in Washington State](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/reports/cleanup/all) is available through Ecology’s [Cleanup & Tank Search (CATS)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/) tool. Otherwise, to review any records pertaining to a site on the Hazardous Sites List, please contact the Public Disclosure Office (see the information below) to review documents by appointment only.

The Washington State Department of Ecology amended Chapter 173-03 WAC Public Records effective December 16, 2017. [WAC 173-03-06](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-03&full=true#173-03-060) now requires that all public record requests must be directed to the agency Public Records Officer at the following email address or mailing address. Email address: RecordsOfficer@ecy.wa.gov. Mail: Public Records Officer, WA Dept. of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600. Telephone: 360-407-6040.

Ecology provides additional information about each site through various reports, such as the [Site Register, Hazardous Sites List (HSL), and the Toxics Cleanup and Tank Search](https://www.ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data).