

# Jerry's Custom Mechanics



Jerry's Custom Mechanics – Photo courtesy of Google Street View

## Comments accepted:

December 1 – December 31, 2023

## Submit comments:

### Online:

<https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=cFiB4Z6mV>

### By Mail:

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## Site info:

**Facility Site ID:** 85292259

**Site Cleanup ID:** 4282

## Document Review:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4282>

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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Jerry's Custom Mechanics site from its Hazardous Sites List (HSL). The site is located at 3695 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland.

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 29, 2019

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

## Site Background

In the early 1980s, the site began operating as Jerry's Custom Mechanics. A custom paint booth was built behind the building in 1991 but has since been removed.

In 2005, a City of West Richland's building inspector observed a green sheen on water in an old well casing that was located inside the building. Initially, the green sheen was thought to be antifreeze, but sampling revealed chromium and lead contamination above state cleanup levels and was most likely the result of the painting operations that were performed at the site.

## 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 Jerry's Custom Mechanics site was selected to receive a portion of the funds.

In 2019, an engineering company, GeoEngineers, performed site investigations and collected soil and groundwater samples. The samples were sent to an accredited lab and the results confirmed no contamination above state cleanup levels remain 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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