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## Comments accepted

December 1- December 30, 2023

## Submit comments

### Online at:

<https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=rcta9EVpm>

### Or by mail to:

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## Document review

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/3754>

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## Site info

Facility Site ID: 455  
Site Cleanup ID: 3754

## Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

The Department of Ecology is proposing to remove the Rainier Plastics Site, located at 1101 Ledwich Avenue in Yakima, from its Hazardous Sites List.

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 our letter saying the cleanup is complete, dated June 28, 2019.

## Site Background

Rainier Plastics operated a cooling system at their plant during the late 1980s. The cooling system included a water supply well and an injection well in a closed-loop system (also known as a non-contact cooling system). The solvent tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected in both the supply water from the well and in the injection well water.

At the time, the PCE was thought to originate from Rainier Plastics. After further investigation, Ecology concluded that the use of PCE was not part of the Rainier Plastic operations, and the contamination likely came from a different, existing Site called Frank Wear Cleaners.

## What Was Done?

Rainier Plastics has recycled scrap plastic materials since 1967. A cooling system that operated at their plant during the late 1980s included a water supply well and an injection well in a closed loop system (also known as a non-contact cooling system).

The solvent tetrachloroethylene (PCE) was detected in both the supply water from the well and in the injection well water. At the time the site was created, the source of the PCE in the groundwater was unknown.

The PCE in groundwater at the site has now been determined to be from an off-site source (a former dry cleaner).

Rainier Plastics has not used PCE and has not contributed to the PCE found in groundwater at the site and at surrounding properties.

## What Happens Next?

Ecology will respond to all the comments we receive by December 30, 2023, and publish our responses. We will hold an online public meeting if 10 or more people request it. After we consider public comments and no changes are necessary, Ecology will remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Public involvement opportunities, such as meetings, hearings, open houses, and workshops, can be found on Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>



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