

Responsiveness Summary
0 Comments Received

WA DNR Webster Nursery

Cleanup Site ID: 3380
Facility Site ID: 8786341
Address: 9805 Blomberg St SW, Tumwater
County: Thurston County

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2025 Public Comment Period

Ecology held a public comment period from October 2nd at 8:00 AM to November 3rd at 11:59 PM, 2025 for public review and comment on removing the WA DNR Webster Nursery site from the Contaminated Sites List. We received no comments. Ecology is in the process of delisting the site.

Site Background

Webster Nursery is a 300-acre tree nursery run by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The nursery grows and sells 9 million seedlings each year.

In the past, the nursery used organochlorine pesticides, including chlordane and heptachlor. These chemicals were very effective at killing insects but are also toxic to human health. The nursery has not used insecticides since the early 1990s.

In 1996 when DNR found that an underground storage tank leaked pesticides into soil and groundwater, Ecology added this site to the Contaminated Sites List. Cleanup work happened in 1996 and 2018.

As of October 2025, contamination was below cleanup levels, so Ecology held a comment period on removing this site from the Contaminated Sites List.

Some contaminated soil deep in the ground was left behind during cleanup. An Environmental Covenant filed with Thurston County sets rules to prevent people and wildlife from being exposed to this contamination.

More information about the cleanup work at this site is on the site webpage.