



Remedial Investigation Available for Review and Comment

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is providing an opportunity for the public to comment on the Remedial Investigation (RI) report for the Welchs Kennewick / J Lieb Foods Inc. Site (Site).

What is a RI?

The purpose of a Remedial Investigation is to find out what kind of contamination is present and how far it has spread throughout the soil and groundwater at the Site. Once Ecology has that information, we can plan to clean up and monitor the contamination.

Public Comment Invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the Remedial Investigation. You are invited to:

- **Review** the Remedial Investigation report.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *June 18, 2014 through July 18, 2014*.

See the box at the right for details about where to review documents and submit comments.

Site Background

The Site is located at 10 East Bruneau Avenue in Kennewick, Washington. The Site is currently a food processing facility owned by Lieb Properties II, LLC. It was previously owned and operated by Welch Foods, Inc. In August 2006, soil and groundwater contamination from petroleum products was discovered. Two 12,000-gallon underground storage tanks that were removed in the 1970s had leaked.

Contaminated soil was removed from the site down to a depth of approximately 21 feet. Initial groundwater samples collected from soil borings showed diesel and oil contamination above state cleanup levels. Wells to monitor groundwater were installed,

Comments Accepted

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July 18, 2014

Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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DOCUMENT REVIEW LOCATIONS

Mid-Columbia Library Kennewick Branch

1620 S Union St
Kennewick, WA 99338
Phone: (509) 783-7878

Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

WA Department of Ecology

Central Regional Office
15 W Yakima Avenue, Ste 200
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By appointment only:

Contact CRO Public Records
Coordinator at
cropublicrequest@ecy.wa.gov or
(509) 454-7658

Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3710>

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Cleanup Site ID #: 3710

and sampling results for diesel and oil contamination were below state cleanup levels.

Since that time, groundwater monitoring has continued to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

Why This Cleanup Matters

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment, including benzene, a known carcinogen, as well as toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes.

What Happens Next?

After the 30-day public comment period, Ecology will review all comments received and respond.

For information about other opportunities for public involvement such as meetings, hearings, open houses and workshops, please visit Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>

While you are at the calendar page, you may click on the link Frequently Asked Questions about Effective Public Commenting and learn more about the public comment process.

What can you do?

- 1.** Read about the cleanup in this handout.
- 2.** To get more detailed information, review the supporting documents at the locations listed in this document.
- 3.** Write down your comments and questions. Send them to the Department of Ecology at the address provided in this document.

We appreciate your comments and concerns. *Thank you.*

Help with other languages and formats?

Para asistencia en español: (509) 575-2490

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