

RAMCO Disposal Site

Cover Installation September, 2015

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Comments accepted:

May 25, 2016 to June 24, 2016

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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Recycled Aluminum Metals Co (RAMCO) site, located at 104 Parallel St. within the Dallesport Industrial Park in Dallesport, Washington, from its Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a "2" on the list. A rank of "1" is the highest level of concern compared to other sites on the list, and a rank of "5" is the lowest.

Site Background

From approximately 1982 until 1993, the Recycled Aluminum Metals Company (RAMCO) took in material from aluminum smelters. RAMCO then extracted residual aluminum from this material. The extraction process resulted in wastes being generated. One waste was called salt cake. A second type of waste consisted of captured airborne waste and was called bag house dust. These wastes have the potential to leach contaminants like chloride, nitrates, nitrite, cyanide and ammonia into surface and groundwater.

From 1982 to 1989, these wastes were buried in the unlined disposal site located at the east end of the Dallesport Industrial Park. Between 2007 through 2010, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) removed over 135,000 tons of waste from the site. After the waste was removed, the Port of Klickitat filled the excavation site and installed a final cover designed to control erosion. Based on sampling performed by EPA before and six months after the final waste removal, it appears that pollutants from the RAMCO disposal area have not migrated to surrounding surface water.



Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Website

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3658>

Facility Site ID: #94186268

Cleanup Site ID: 3658

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Para asistencia en Español, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a preguntas@ecy.wa.gov.

Public comment invited

Ecology is asking for your comments on the proposed removal of the Site from the Hazardous Sites List. You are invited to:

- Review the *RAMCO Sampling Assessment & Removal Action Report* and *Recycled Aluminum Metals Environmental Covenant*.
- Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted May 25, 2016, through June 24, 2016

Why Issue a Decision of No Further Action

Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or the environment. Therefore, Ecology has issued a determination of No Further Action and has recommended removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

What happens next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review comments received during the comment period. 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://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publiccalendar/>

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.

