



# 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 Welchs Kennewick / J Lieb Foods Inc. site (Site) from the Hazardous Sites List. The Hazardous Sites List is a statewide list of contaminated properties. The Site is currently ranked a “5” on the List. Sites can be ranked from a “1” to “5”. A rank of “1” is the highest level of environmental concern compared to other sites on the List, and a rank of “5” is the lowest.

## Public Comment Invited

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

- **Review** the final Groundwater Monitoring report.
- **Send** your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted *May 11, 2015 through June 10, 2015*.

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.

## What Has Been Done?

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,

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#### Submit Comments and Technical Questions to:

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WA Department of Ecology  
Toxics Cleanup Program  
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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  
Yakima, WA 98902

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>

Facility/Site ID #: 89931898

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 Issue a Decision of No Further Action?**

Based on the cleanup completed, Ecology has determined the site does not pose a threat to human health or 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. Heavy oils may also contain carcinogenetic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs).

### **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 <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, llame 509-575-2490, o mande un correo electrónico al equipo de la lengua española de Ecología a [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov).

To request ADA accommodation for disabilities, or printed materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Frosti Smith at Ecology, 509-454-7841. Persons with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. Persons with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.

