

Ray Rock Grocery



Ray Rock Grocery – Photo courtesy of Google Street View

Comments accepted:

February 1 – March 4, 2024

Submit comments:

Online at:

<https://tcp.ecology.commentinpu.com/?id=emJK4DfMP>

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Site Information:

Facility Site ID: 71399884

Site Cleanup ID: 10237

Document Review:

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10237>

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

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Ray Rock Grocery site, located at 19475 US Highway 2 in Leavenworth, from the Hazardous Sites List (HSL).

The Hazardous Sites List is a list of sites Ecology reviewed for their potential threat to human health 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 No Further Action letter, dated July 29, 2019

Send your comments to Ecology for consideration. Comments will be accepted from February 1, 2024 through March 4, 2024.

Site Background

In 1991, two 3,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the site. Petroleum-contaminated soil was observed in the UST excavation area. Soil sampling confirmed contamination above state cleanup levels.

What Has Been Done?

About 8 cubic yards of contaminated soil was removed and placed in a parking area on a different part of the property and land farmed. Landfarming is an above-ground treatment for deep-contaminated soil. Usually, this involves excavating contaminated soil, spreading it in a thin layer on the ground for aeration, and sometimes adding minerals, nutrients, and moisture to help degrade the contamination over time.

In 2018, Ecology funded site investigations at this site through the Model Remedies Grant Program. Site investigations are the process of gathering data about the site and are used to help develop and implement cleanup plans. The Ray Rock Grocery site was selected to receive a portion of the funds.

In 2019, an engineering company, GeoEngineers, performed site investigations and sampled the soil. The samples were sent to an accredited lab and the results confirmed no contamination above state cleanup levels remains at the site.

Why This Matters?

Petroleum contains many chemicals that are harmful to human health and the environment. Ecology has determined the cleanup performed at the site meets state cleanup standards.

What Happens Next?

After the public comment period ends, Ecology will review and respond to comments received during the comment period. Ecology will hold a public meeting if requested by 10 or more people. 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://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>.



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