

Town Pump Gas Station



Town Pump Gas Station – Photo courtesy of Google Street View

Comments Accepted

March 15, 2024 – April 15, 2024

Submit Comments

Online at:

<https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=isJbphFuY>

Or by mail to:

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Site Information

Facility Site ID: 403

Cleanup Site ID: 4905

Document review

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanu/search/site/4905>

White Salmon Valley Library
77 NE Wauna Avenue
White Salmon, WA 98672
509-493-1132

WA Department of Ecology
1250 W. Alder Street
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Proposed Removal from the Hazardous Sites List

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to remove the Town Pump Gas Station Site from its Hazardous Sites List. This Site is located at 521 E Jewett Boulevard, White Salmon.

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 March 31, 2020

Public Meeting

Join us for a public meeting either in-person or online.* We will provide information about the site and an opportunity to have your questions answered.

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In-person: White Salmon Valley Community Library
77 NE Wauna Avenue, White Salmon

Online*: Zoom. See Registration information below.

***Online Registration:** To attend virtually, register for the Zoom meeting. Visit <https://bit.ly/Ecology-TownPumpGasStation>

Questions: Please submit questions in advance. The form is open now. Visit <https://bit.ly/Ecology-TownPumpGasStation-MeetingQuestions>

Site Background

The site is made up of two property parcels. One operated as a gas station until 1992 and the other was a residence that was demolished sometime between 2011 and 2016. Petroleum (gasoline and diesel) contamination in the soil has been documented at the site since 1989.

In the early 1990s, workers removed an Underground Storage Tank (UST) and piping and excavated and disposed of contaminated soil. Some contamination remained and could not be removed due to existing structures, so an institutional control (Restrictive Covenant) was placed on the site. A Restrictive Covenant is a legal agreement that outlines terms and restrictions of activities that may impact or threaten the continued protection of human health and the environment at the site.

What Was Done?

In 2020, Ecology staff performed a Periodic Review of the Site. A Periodic Review is when Ecology reviews conditions at sites where some contamination remains about every five years, to make sure the cleanup is still effective. The Periodic Review concluded that cleanup actions completed at the Site were protective of human health and the environment. The Restrictive Covenant in place continues to be effective in protecting human health and the environment, as well as the integrity of the cleanup action. In December 2023, Ecology and a representative of the Upper Weyers HOA met at the site. Ecology collected several samples. No contaminants were detected in soil or groundwater and no odor or staining of gasoline were noted.

Why This Matters?

Petroleum products contain benzene, which is a known carcinogen and can have harmful effects on human health and the environment. Ecology requires investigation and cleanup to reduce or eliminate exposure to contamination. Given the results of the latest sampling in December 2023, Ecology recommends proceeding with removing the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

What Happens Next?

Ecology will respond to all the comments we receive by April 15, 2024, and publish our responses. After we consider public comments, and if no changes are necessary, Ecology will remove the site from the Hazardous Sites List.

Public involvement opportunities, such as meetings, hearings, open houses, and workshops, can be found on Ecology's Public Involvement Calendar at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>



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