

Cleanup at Sammy's Place

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is conducting a soil cleanup at Sammy's Place in 2022 to remove contaminated soil so the site will be ready for development. Sammy's Place is located at 13500 Thompson Road in Nehalem. For information regarding previous site use, please see ordeg.org/ecsi-6341.



Previous Removal and Sampling

In fall 2020, DEQ removed solid and hazardous waste from the Sammy's Place property. Following the removal, DEQ used funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to collect soil and groundwater samples from across the property to determine if there was contamination on site that might pose a risk to people, plants and/or animals.



The sampling results identified three areas on the property with residual contamination above levels considered safe for future use. The contaminants included: petroleum, dioxin, metals and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). A report summarizing the sampling results is available at the DEQ project website: ordeg.org/ecsi-6341 – select the document called Sammy's Place SI Report.

Cleanup Actions

Beginning the week of February 21, 2022, DEQ will cleanup areas with residual soil contamination. Contractors will excavate these areas and dispose of the soil at a permitted landfill. Rock and soil will be evaluated against DEQ screening levels to determine whether it is clean enough to use as backfill in the excavated areas.

The duration of the cleanup is expected to be five business days and will occur between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In order to complete this cleanup work, occasional heavy truck traffic and construction noise may be noticeable. Thompson Road will remain open during the cleanup, but for your safety, please avoid the area.

A report summarizing the cleanup will be available on the DEQ project website, ordeg.org/ecsi-6341.



Sammy's Place, September 2020.

Alternative formats

DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email deqinfo@deq.state.or.us.



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