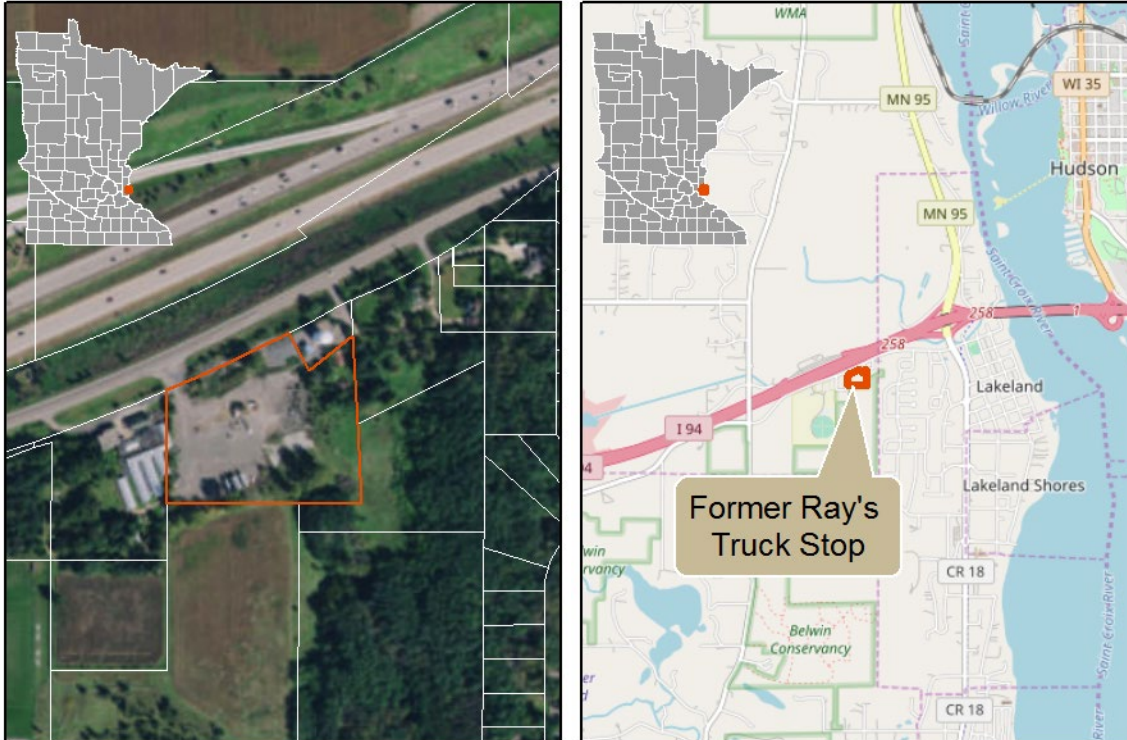


Former Ray's Truck Stop

Summary and background

The former Ray's Truck Stop is located at 15813 Hudson Road in West Lakeland Township in eastern Washington County. The site is on the south side of Interstate 94 between Stagecoach Trail South (CSAH 21) and St. Croix Trail South (CSAH 18). The City of Lakeland lies between the site and the St. Croix River.



Ray's Truck Stop operated from 1955 to 1984 and included a restaurant, truck weigh station, fueling services, and a maintenance garage. Leaking petroleum tanks at the site caused soil and groundwater contamination, and contaminated many private drinking-water wells. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Petroleum Remediation Program removed the tanks and managed the contamination cleanup from the mid-1980s until its completion in 2017.

Contamination impact and cleanup

Petroleum products and chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were found in nearly 200 private drinking water wells in the area. On May 21, 1987, the MPCA issued a declaration of emergency in the City of Lakeland. The Minnesota Department of Health established a special well construction area for portions of the City of Lakeland, Lakeland Shores, and West Lakeland Township, which prohibited drilling new water wells without approval from the Department of Health. A municipal water supply system for the cities of Lakeland and Lakeland Shores was constructed in 1991. The MPCA connected hundreds of homes with contaminated wells to the new system and sealed hundreds of private wells in the area.

On the Ray's Truck Stop site, the MPCA's cleanup included excavating shallow contaminated soil and removing petroleum product from groundwater and petroleum vapors from the soil. Petroleum contamination remains in

the deeper soil and groundwater at the site, but it is stable and poses minimal risk to human health. The MPCA closed the Ray's Truck Stop petroleum release site file, MPCA Site ID LS0000486, on October 19, 2017.

Ongoing MPCA activities

The MPCA's Superfund Program continues to monitor the effect of chlorinated VOCs and refrigerants from unknown sources to the groundwater in Lakeland, referred to as the Lakeland groundwater contamination site, MPCA Site ID SR0000145. The Superfund Program continues to seal wells in the area of contamination.

For more information

Request information at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/information-requests>

Former Ray's Truck Stop site is MPCA Site ID LS0000486

<https://cf.pca.state.mn.us/wimn/siteInfo.cfm?siteid=121591>

Lakeland Groundwater Contamination Site is MPCA Site ID SR0000145

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