



## Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Champion

Historic Smokehouse  
Wallace, Idaho  
2014

### Environmental Commitment

The Historic Smokehouse Barbeque and Saloon has worked diligently to reduce pollution from its restaurant operations in Wallace. By setting a positive example about reducing waste, the Historic Smokehouse is encouraging others in northern Idaho and across the state to make decisions that help protect the environment.

### Pollution Prevention Success

The Historic Smokehouse has focused on reducing waste by increasing recycling and purchasing restaurant items that contain 100% postconsumer recycled content.

#### Reducing Waste

Waste is ubiquitous in every industry, but restaurants have unique challenges to repurposing that waste and keeping it out of the landfill. Food contamination can prevent recycling, restaurant wastewater can carry grease to treatment plants where it is difficult to remove from the waste stream, and it can be difficult to select disposable items that are both durable and recyclable. The management and employees at the Historic Smokehouse and Saloon have undertaken considerable effort to recycle as much of the waste generated by the restaurant as possible, including all paper, aluminum, and plastic. Additionally, the restaurant has chosen to purchase 100% postconsumer recycled content tableware for its restaurant operations. Not only does the recycled content reduce waste generation upstream, but it can also be recycled again. The commitment to reducing waste, especially in such a fast-paced environment, shows great leadership.

#### Reducing Water Pollution

The Historic Smokehouse Barbeque and Saloon has also extended its efforts to recycling all fat and grease generated by the restaurant. Recycling these items reduces the demands placed on wastewater treatment systems and subsequent impacts to surface waters, helping to keep northern Idaho's waters clean.

### For More Information

To learn more about the Historic Smokehouse Barbeque and Saloon and its pollution prevention efforts, visit the company's website at [www.smokehousebbqsaloon.com](http://www.smokehousebbqsaloon.com).