

# Seattle Times Cleanup Site



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## Contact & Information

### Comments accepted:

September 13 – October 12, 2021

### Submit comments online at:

<https://bit.ly/STimesComment>

### Questions or comments:

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### Site Webpage:

<https://bit.ly/EcologySeattleTimes>

### Ecology Blog:

<https://bit.ly/EcologyBlog-SeattleTimes>

### Document review locations:

In consideration of public health and safety, Ecology cannot offer in-person review options at this time. Please refer to the Site webpage above. If you need document review assistance, please contact Brad Petrovich at 425-533-5537

**Facility Site ID:** 4377754

**Site Cleanup ID:** 14495

## Legal agreement ready for public review and comment

Ecology has negotiated a legal agreement called an Agreed Order with Onni for the Seattle Times Cleanup Site (Site). The order names Onni as a Potentially Liable Person (PLPs) and requires them to address contamination at the Site. We would like your input on:

- **Agreed Order** – legal document that requires the PLP to investigate environmental conditions, complete a Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS), and a preliminary draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP) for the Site.
- **Public Participation Plan** – describes how Ecology will inform the community about Site activities and opportunities to be involved in the cleanup process.

## More Information

### View these documents and Site information

Follow the links on the left to view the Site webpage (bottom link), and to submit comments (top link). You can also contact Sunny Becker or Brad Petrovich with questions.

## Español

El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público relacionado a la limpieza ambiental del sitio Seattle Times. Para obtener este documento, o más información sobre este sitio, en español favor de comunicarse con Mark Wheeler al 509-329-3444 o [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov)

## Chinese

華盛頓州生態管理署邀請公眾對Seattle Times地產清理工作的清理行動計劃草案動提供建意見。欲了解更多信息，或要求翻譯服務，請致電林昊 (425) 649-7487，電子郵件 [sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov)

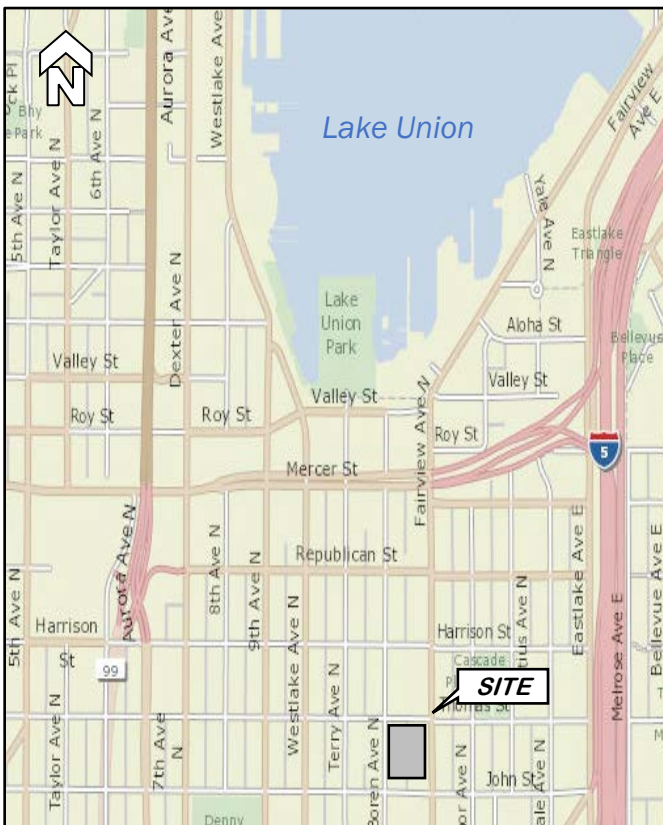
## Site Background

Seattle Times site is located at 1120 John Street in Seattle. Seattle Times first began operations at the facility in 1931. While in operation, the facility included at least 11 underground storage tanks (USTs), which contained a range of compounds including waste oils and liquids, heating oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, and petroleum- and solvent-based inks.

Seattle Times ceased operations at its 1120 John Street facility in 2011. In 2013, Onni John Street (Land) LLC (Onni) purchased the former Seattle Times facility from Seattle Times.



*Historical View of Seattle Times Building*



*Seattle Times Site Location in Seattle*

## Site Investigation and Contamination

In 2012 and 2013, Environmental Partners, Inc. (EPI), on behalf of the Onni Group, performed a limited subsurface investigation at the Seattle Times property.

In 2018, EPI collected additional data to assess the vertical and horizontal limits of contamination previously identified in 2012 and 2013.

In 2020, Onni submitted a draft Remedial Investigation Report to Ecology, which Ecology reviewed and then provided comments. Onni collected additional data in 2020 independently without Ecology’s oversight.

These investigations documented the following hazardous substances in soil and/or groundwater in amounts that exceed minimum allowed levels under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA):

- total petroleum hydrocarbons
- polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- tetrachloroethene (PCE)
- trichloroethene (TCE)
- vinyl chloride (VC)



## What happens next?

Ecology will consider all comments received and may amend the Agreed Order or Public Participation Plan based on them, and hold another public comment period if the documents require significant changes.

If no changes are made, Ecology will finalize the documents, and the PLPs will proceed with the RI, FS, preliminary dCAP, and any interim cleanup actions.

Each of those steps will require a public comment period (see Ecology’s Cleanup Process figure below), and steps may be combined into one comment period.

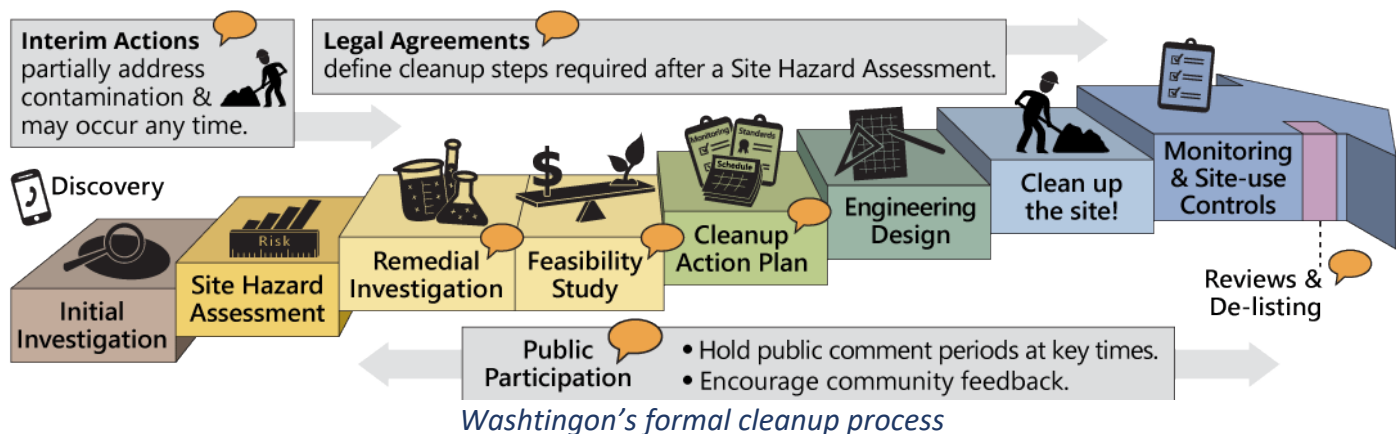
If ten or more persons request a public meeting about this Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan, Ecology will provide notice and host a public meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 emergency, Ecology is hosting public meetings *online* until such time as it is deemed safe and appropriate to host physical meetings again.



## Ecology’s cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act ([MTCA](#)<sup>1</sup>) is Washington’s environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. Ecology implements the [MTCA cleanup process](#)<sup>2</sup> and oversees cleanups.



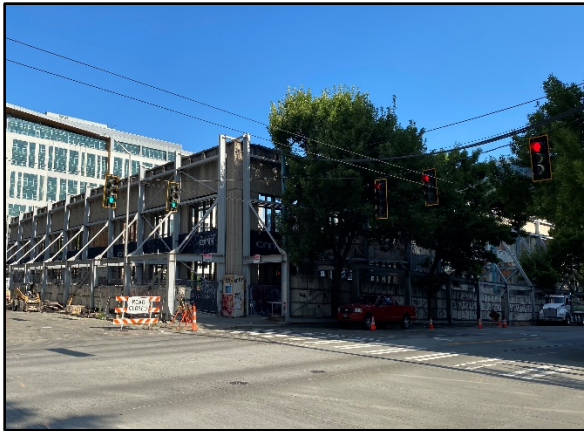
<sup>1</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process>



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## Comments Invited – Seattle Times Cleanup Site



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### Public comment period

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The Washington Department of Ecology is asking for comments on documents related to the cleanup efforts proposed at the Seattle Time Cleanup Site, located in Seattle.

See inside for details on this site and how to comment!

**Accommodation Requests:** To request ADA accommodation, call Ecology at 425-649-7000 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.