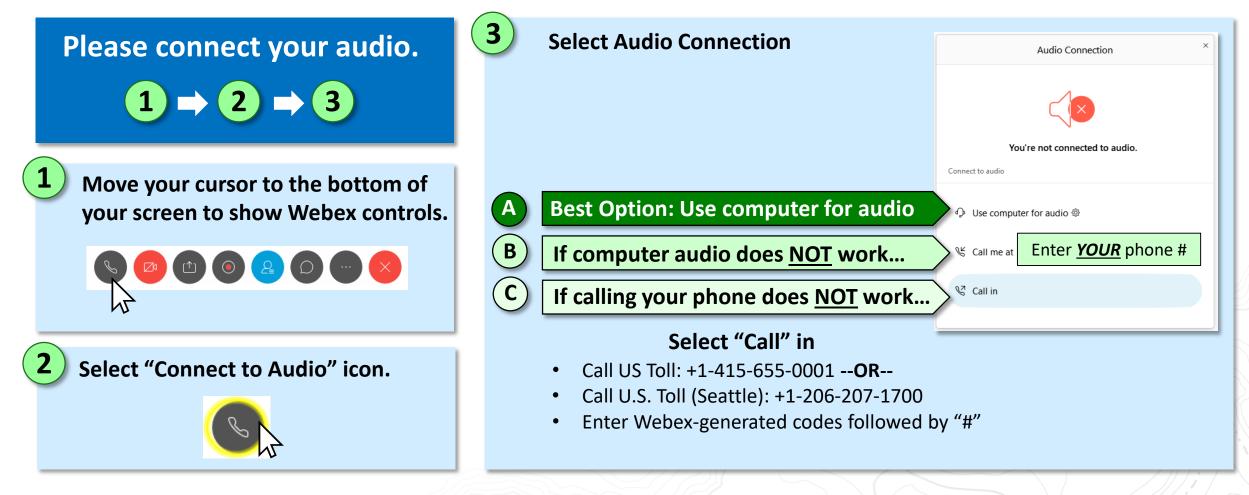
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# **Online Meeting Presentation Team**



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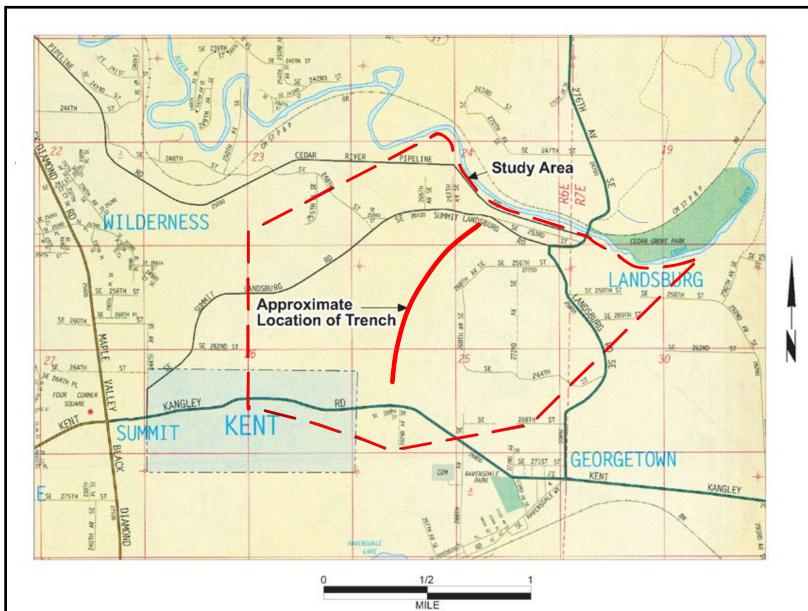
**Consent Decree Amendment** 

Landsburg Mine Site, Ravensdale, Washington



# Site Location and Background

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### LANDSBURG MINE SITE CLEANUP RAVENSDALE

- Underground coal mine, now MTCA cleanup site
- Mining caused land surface to subside, forming trench
- In late 60s and late 70s, ~ 4500 drums of industrial wastes and oily sludge disposed into northern part of trench
- 1993 MTCA Agreed Order (RI/FS)
- 2017 Consent Decree (Cleanup)

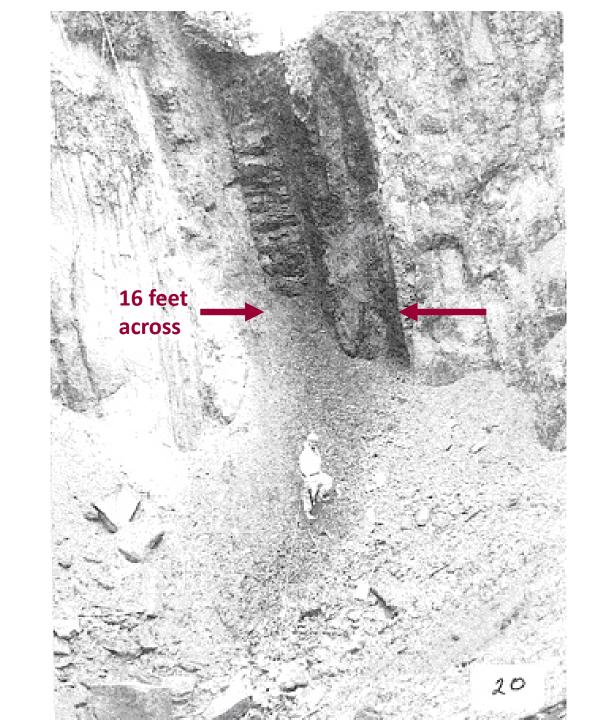




#### FORMAL CLEANUP PROCESS UNDER THE MODEL TOXICS CONTROL ACT







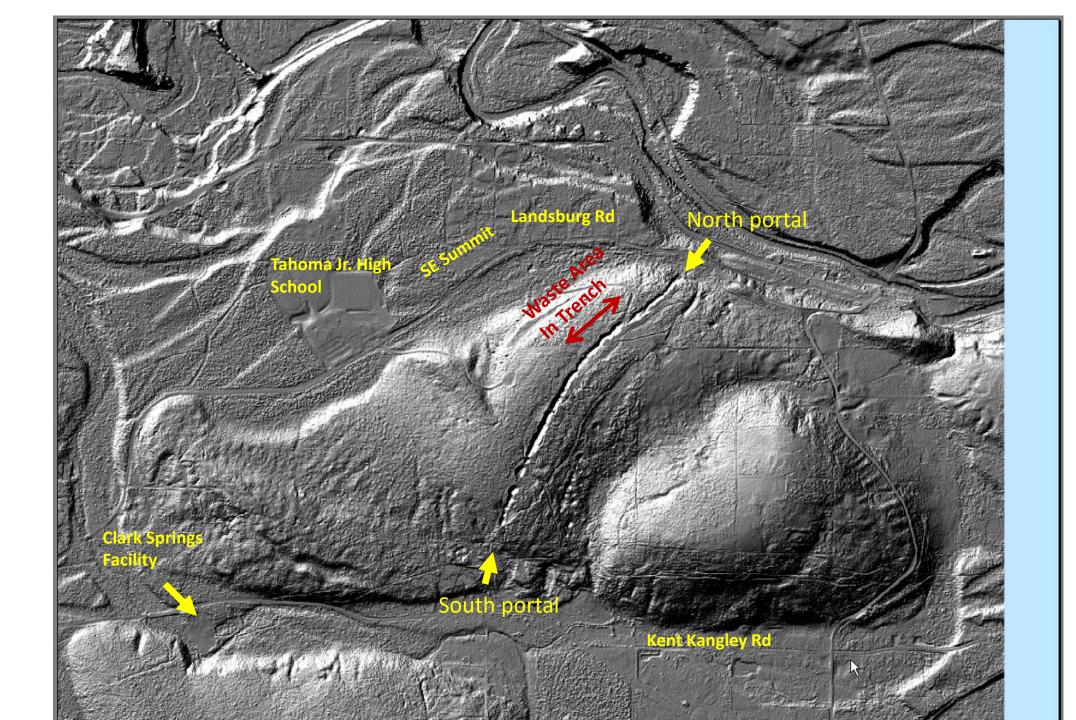
### LANDSBURG MINE SITE CLEANUP RAVENSDALE

No contamination of groundwater except recent 1,4-Dioxane in some wells

Fill in trench and cap wastes
 – COMPLETED EARLIER THIS
 YEAR

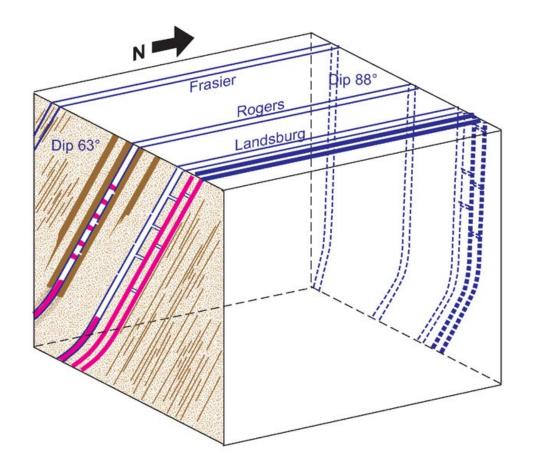




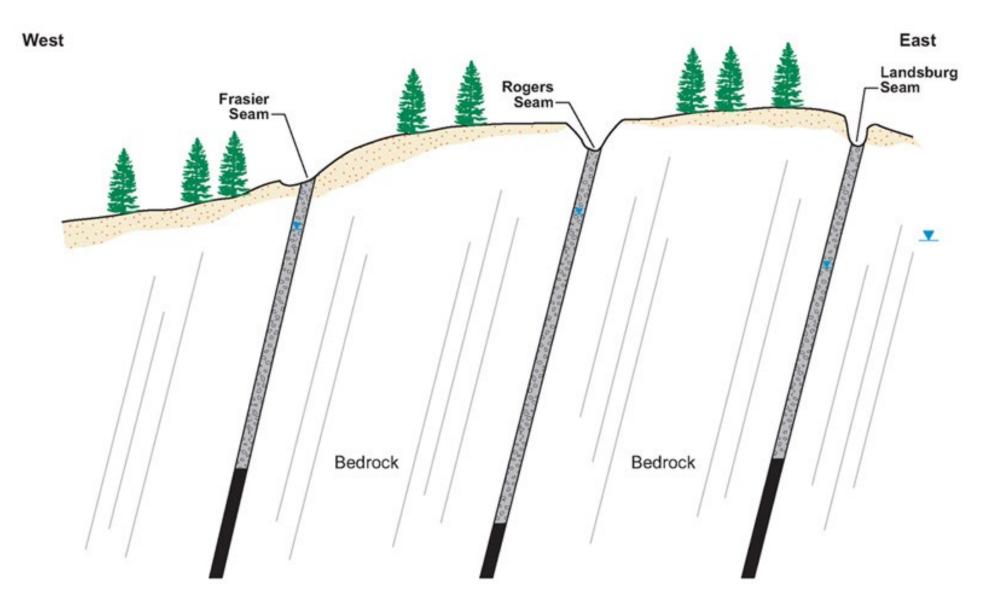


# **3-D Geologic Model**

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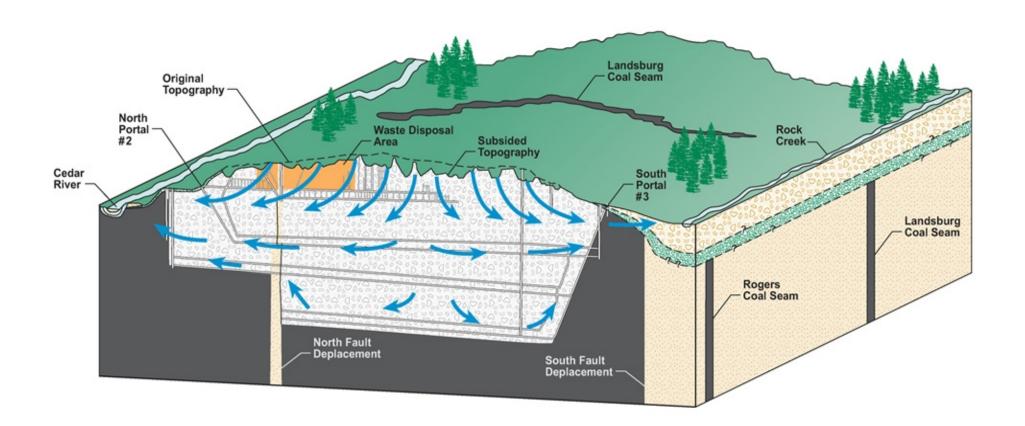


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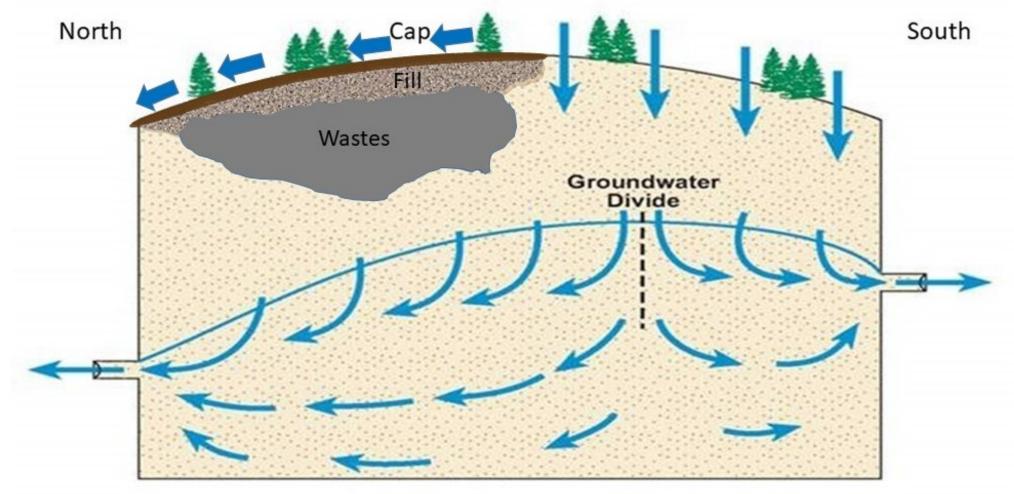
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# Groundwater Movement in Rogers Coal Mine



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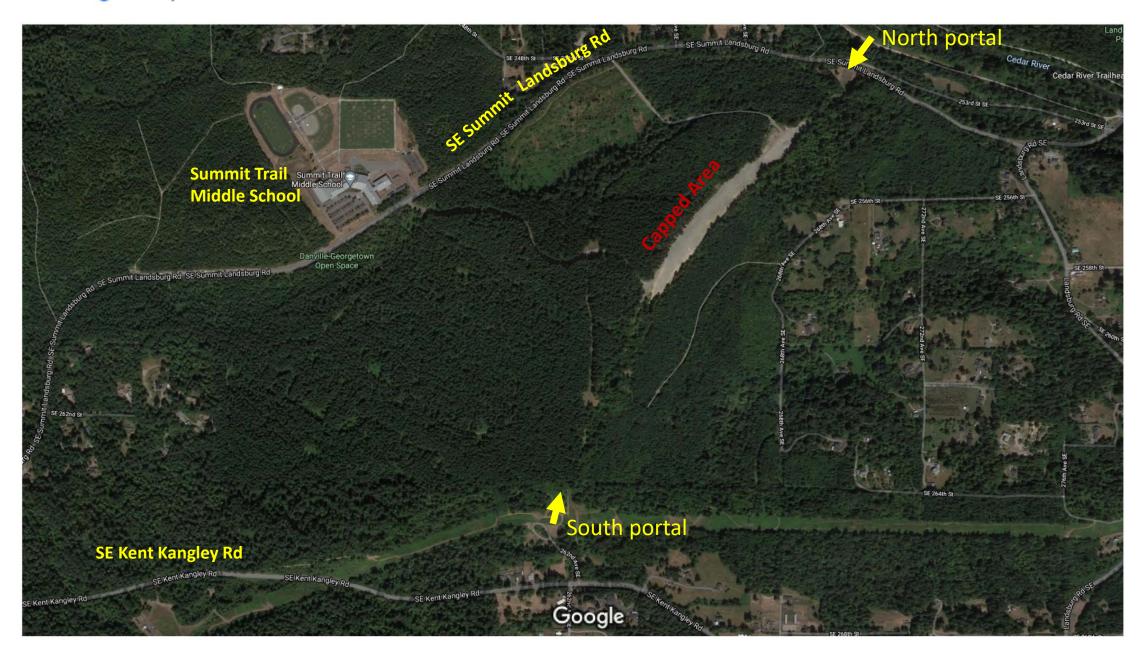




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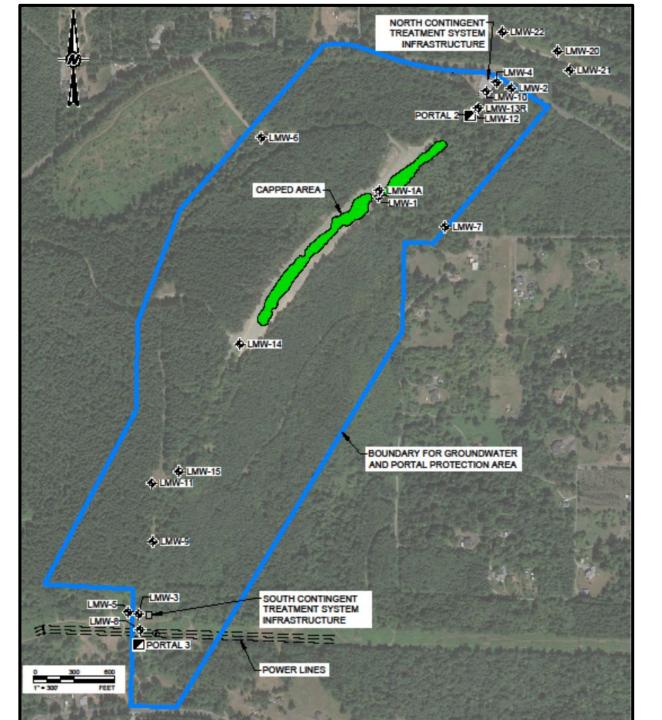
#### Google Maps Ravensdale

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Site wells are located to monitor groundwater within the coal seam/mine workings, in the coal seams located east and west of the Site, and in the groundwater north of the Site.





#### **Remedial Actions**

#### 2018 – Wooded and Heavily Vegetated

#### 2018 – After Tree and Brush Removal



#### 2019 – Backfilling with Soils from Microsoft Excavation

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#### 2020 – Cap Installation (Photo shows Geomembrane Welding)



#### 2020 – Cap Installation (Photo shows Geomembrane Welded Seams)



2020 – Cap Installation (Photo shows Geomembrane and Geocomposite Installed)



#### 2020 – Cap Installation (Photo shows Soils Placed on top of the Cap and a Rock-Lined Ditch on the side of the Capped Area)



2020 – Stormwater Diversion (Photo shows Grass on the Capped Areas, and Rock Lined Ditches conveying water to Infiltration Ponds



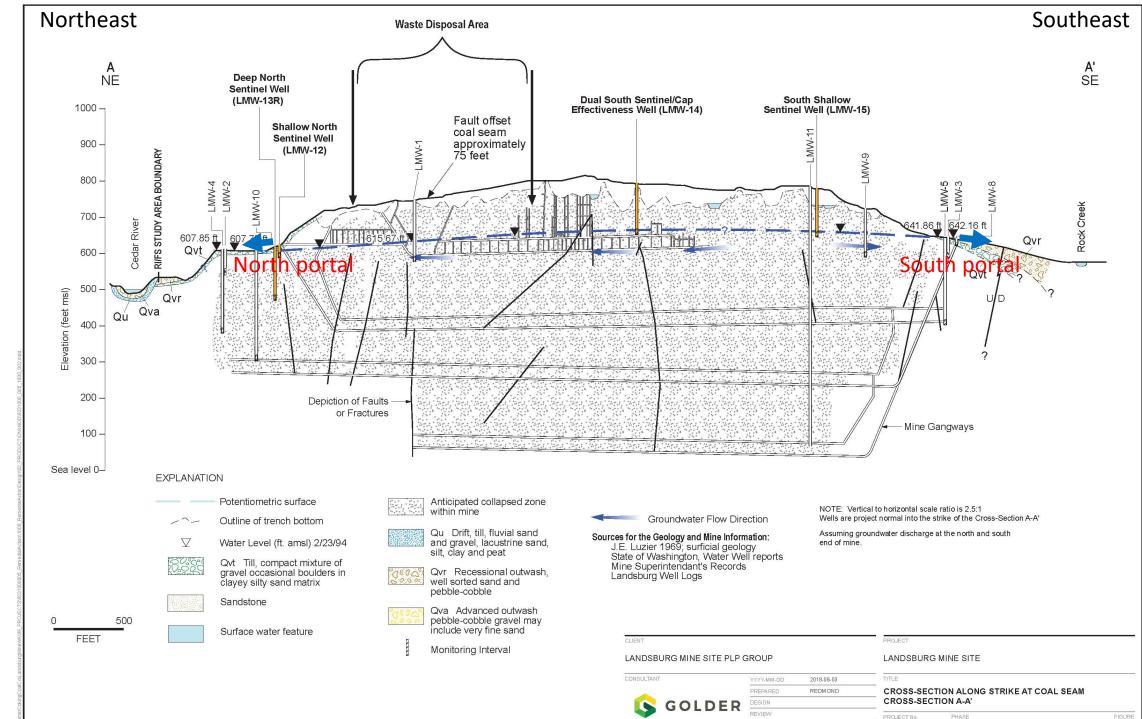
#### 2020 – Stormwater Diversion (Photo shows Infiltration Ponds at North End After Heavy Rain Event)



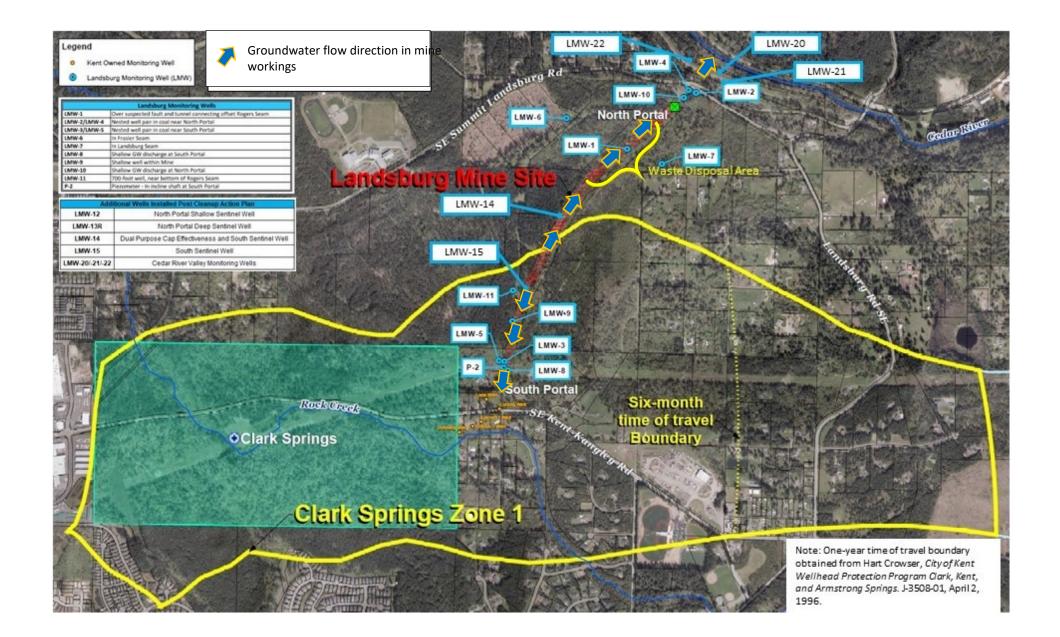
#### 2021 – Completed Cap (Photos shows Grass growing on the Capped Areas







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# Consent Decree Cleanup Action Plan Elements

- Fill in and cap trench where wastes are located
- Install additional monitoring wells
- Institutional controls for groundwater, mine site, and capped areas at property
- Funding indefinitely by Potentially Liable Persons
- Contingency plan and infrastructure: Pump, contain, treat, and discharge any contaminated groundwater to sewer.

### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Consent Decree for Cleanup- DONE

- Cleanup Construction (infilling and capping trench where wastes are located)- DONE (NOVEMBER 2020)
- 1,4-Dioxane groundwater investigation DONE (May 2019, ongoing)
- Groundwater Monitoring CONTINUING PROCESS

### **BACKGROUND: 1,4-DIOXANE AT SITE**

- Based on request during public comment period for CAP, 1,4-dioxane was added to analytical suite used for groundwater monitoring.
- This resulted in some detections at three northern wells (LMW-2, LMW-4, and LMW-12).
- Not detected in any other site wells.
- It was not expected to be found outside of the former mine, in keeping with original lack of any detections of contaminants.

### I,4-DIOXANE

- Man-made industrial chemical formerly used as a stabilizer for chlorinated solvents during manufacturing processes; other products (paint strippers, dyes, greases, varnishes, waxes).
- Byproduct in consumer products such as deodorants, shampoos, and cosmetics.
- Likely human carcinogen
- Low aquatic toxicity since it does not accumulate, magnify, or concentrate biologically in the food chain

### I,4-DIOXANE

1,4-dioxane was not routinely investigated at solvent release sites until relatively recent analytical methods were able to achieve lower detection limits.

1,4-dioxane is highly soluble in water ("loves water")

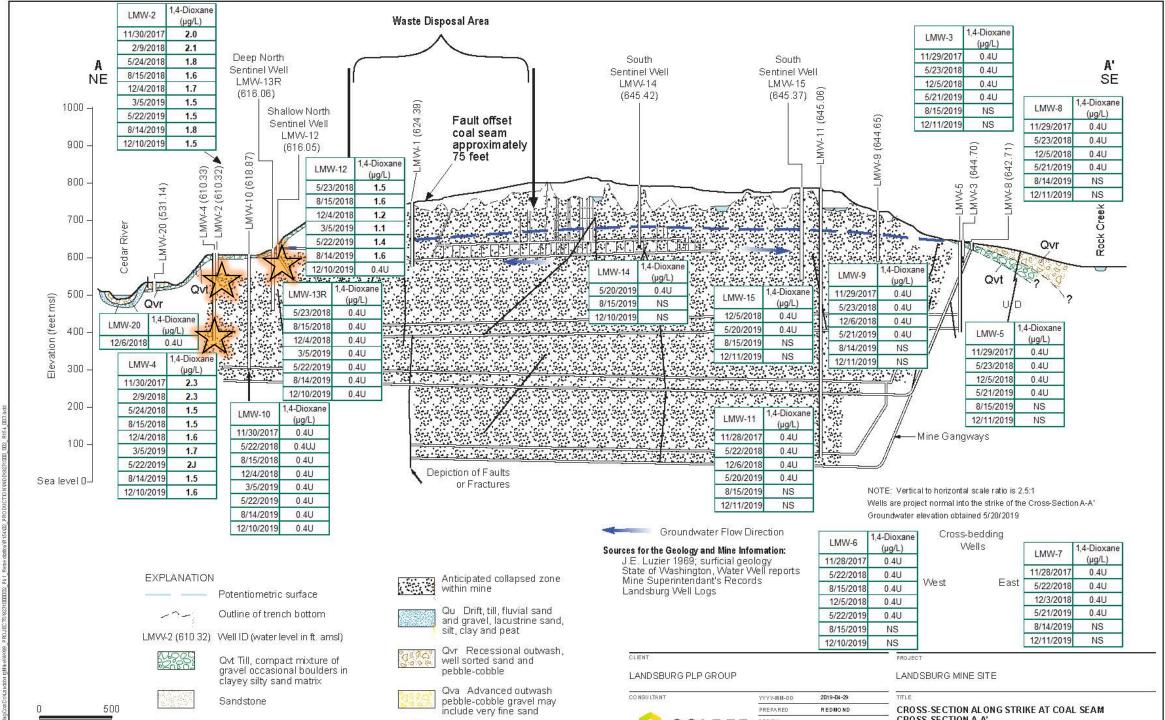
Highly mobile; low tendency to volatize from water or absorb to organic carbon.



Recalcitrant to microbial degradation

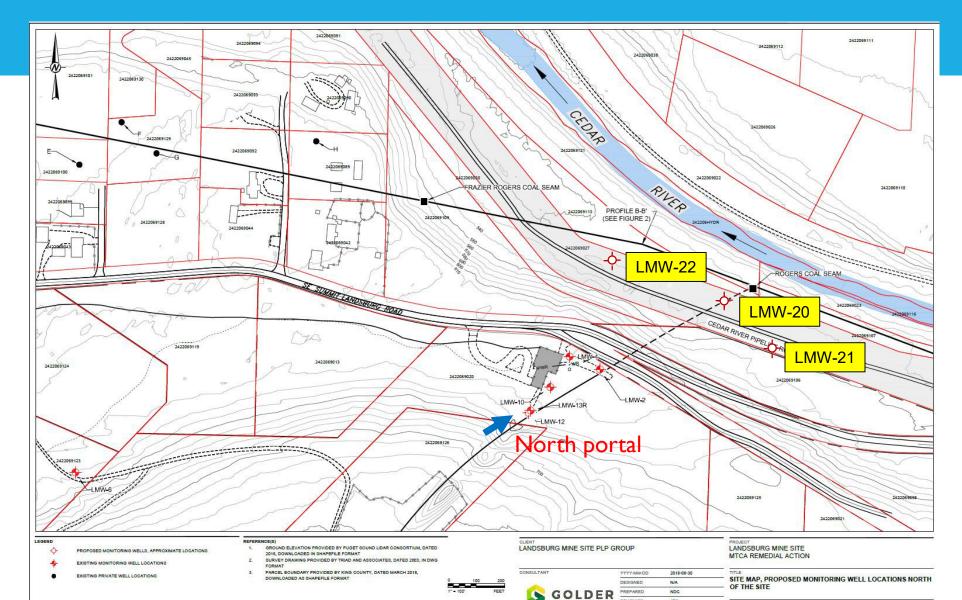
Cleanup level is 0.440 µg/L (protective of drinking water). MTCA Method B for surface water was calculated to be 130 µg/L (protective of human health from consumption of organisms)

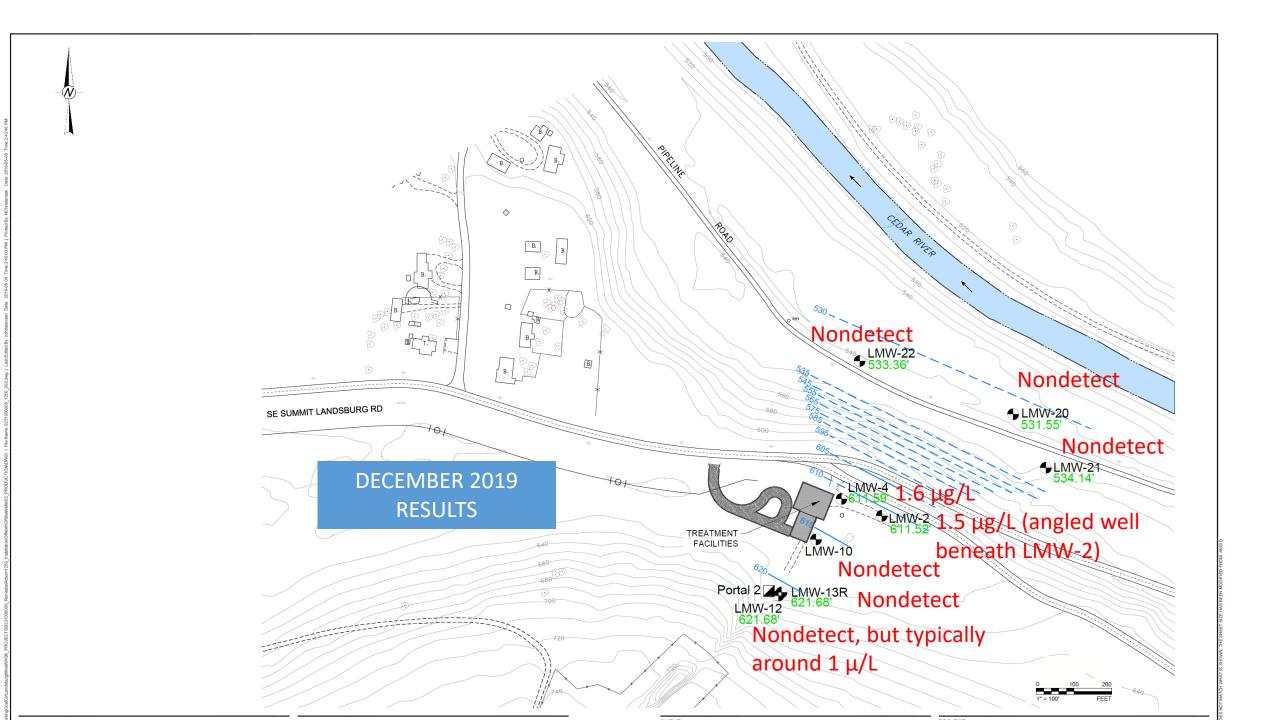
It can be difficult to treat and remediate.



#### **I,4-DIOXANE GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION**

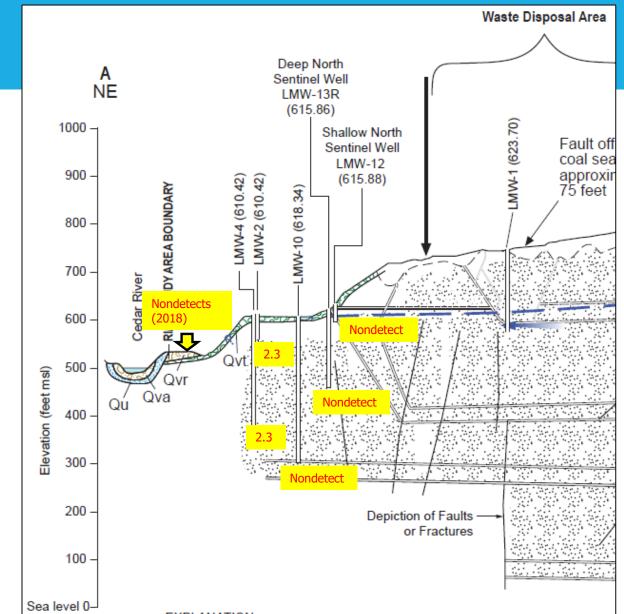
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### **I,4-DIOXANE NOVEMBER 2020**

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# RESULTS OF 1,4-DIOXANE GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION

- Trace amounts ranging from nondetect to 2.3 parts per billion and localized to three northern area wells
- No apparent risk to private wells, Clark Springs Water Supply, and Cedar River.
- Rest of the site has no contaminants traceable to wastes in trench
- Adaptive management response that is appropriate/calibrated to 1,4-dioxane detections

#### **RESPONSETO 1,4-DIOXANE DETECTIONS**

- Given apparent lack of contamination in groundwater (1994 to 2017) the FCAP was written to include contingency pump and treat in order address possible future release from mine wastes. It was not designed for discovered existence outside of Mine interior and POC.
- Ecology initially asked PLPs to begin implementing the contingent groundwater extraction and treatment plan (pump and treat) in order to comply with the consent decree, while investigation and evaluation was going on.

### PLPS SUBMITTED WHITE PAPER EVALUATING 1,4-DIOXANE REMEDIAL APPROACH

ISCO (In Situ Chemical Oxidation) to treat 1,4-dioxane not a good option due to introduction of caustic chemicals and possibly more toxic byproducts.

PLP's paper concludes pump and treat to have significant environmental impacts and financial costs, with "minimal to no reduction in risk" based on low levels and limited extent of the 1,4-dioxane.

# IMPLEMENTING CONTINGENCY PLAN WOULD BE A WASTEFUL AND EXCESSIVE RESPONSE

The estimated cost to build the pump-and-treat system:

- \$900,000 without any on-Site treatment. \*
- \$2.15 million if on-Site treatment is added.
- The estimated annual cost for operation and maintenance:
  - \$147,000 if no on-Site treatment is required
  - \$200,000 if on-Site treatment is required prior to discharging water to the sewage

\*King County – Industrial Waste Program, confirmed that water containing 1,4-dioxane concentrations detected at the Site (i.e., approximately 1 to 2.5  $\mu$ g/L) would be acceptable for discharge to the King County sanitary sewer system. A discharge limit of 2,000  $\mu$ g/L was accepted for another project.

### WHITE PAPER'S PROPOSED ACTIONS

Trench Backfilling and Capping with impermeable geomembrane

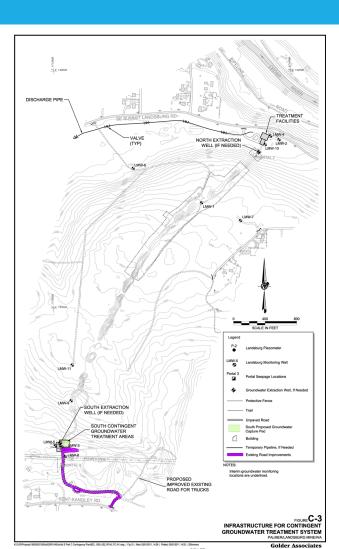
Quarterly monitoring of the <u>northern area</u> groundwater monitoring wells

At the completion of remedial actions, continue with increased groundwater monitoring that will include analyzing for 1,4-dioxane, volatile chemicals, and petroleum

#### WHITE PAPER'S PROPOSED ACTIONS

Annual sampling of LMW-20 (monitoring well downgradient of hits) for 1,4-dioxane

Complete the extension of the Contingency Plan discharge pipe from the north contingent treatment pad to connect to the nearest municipal sewer line, Soos Creek sewer line located west of the Site.



### **ECOLOGY ADDED SOME ACTIONS IN WHITE PAPER**

ISB (In Situ Bioremediation) including cometabolic bioremediation should be explored. Widely mentioned as possible remediation technology especially for low concentrations.

Expand sampling to include LMW-20, LMW-21, and LMW-22 (monitoring wells downgradient of hits)

Inventory of contaminants (separate from amendment actions)

### SUMMARY PATH FORWARD (CLEANUP ACTIONS)

- Originally planned remedial actions will continue:
  - Groundwater monitoring, including nearby private well monitoring
  - Wastes are capped
  - Institutional controls
  - Contingency plan (CGETS) if other contamination emerges in future at any site wells above trigger levels or if 1,4-dioxane show increasing trends and 20 ug/L trigger reached at north end wells

### SUMMARY PATH FORWARD (CLEANUP ACTIONS)

- Amended CAP response specific to 1,4-dioxane detections:
  - Increase groundwater monitoring of north portal wells
  - Connect discharge pipe to sewer
  - In Situ Bioremediation (ISB), including bioaugmentation and cometabolic bioremediation to clean up the 1,4-dioxane contamination.

SUMMARY PATH FORWARD (ADMINISTRATIVE)

CONSENT DECREE: Amend CD and CAP ("Exhibit G") for specific adaptive management approach to 1,4-Dioxane

A 60-day Public Comment period for CD amendments will be held.

# How to Comment: May 10 – July 8, 2021



1)

# **Comment Online**

www.bit.ly/EcologyLandsburgComment2021 www.bit.ly/EcologyLandsburgMine



# 2) Contact Site Manager

Jerome Cruz – Site Manager 15700 Dayton Avenue North Seattle, WA 98133

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