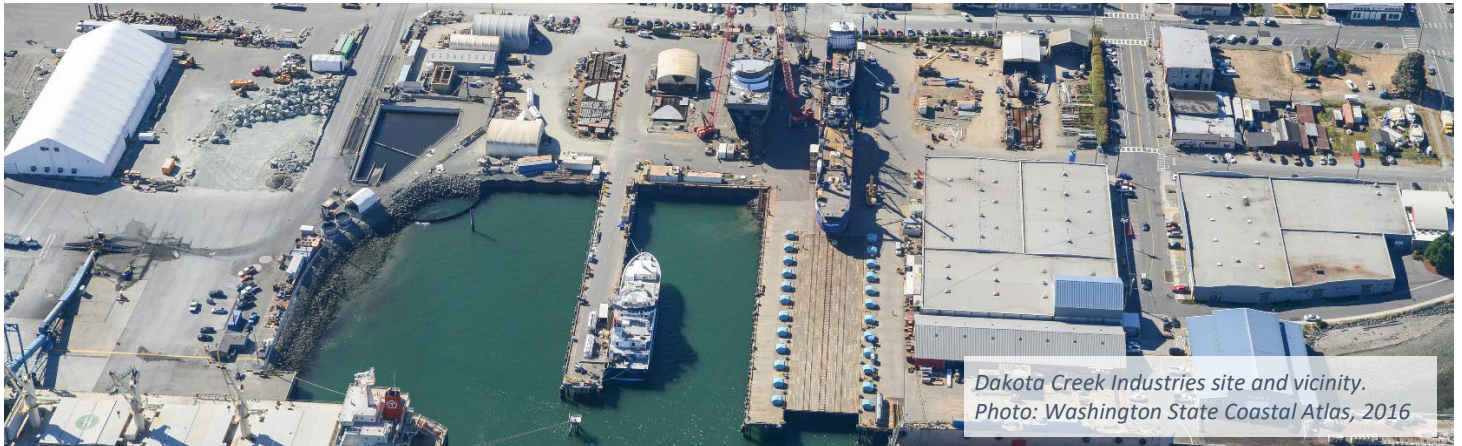


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Cleanup documents ready for review

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to review and comment on draft documents related to environmental cleanup of the Port of Anacortes, Dakota Creek site (aka Dakota Creek Industries), located along the shoreline of Guemes Channel at 115 Q Avenue in Anacortes, Washington.

This is one of several sites located on the waterfront that are being cleaned up under the state's Puget Sound Initiative. This site has been used historically for vessel mooring, storing bulk fuel and oil, and shipbuilding.

You're invited to review and comment on the following documents:

- **Consent Decree:** This legal document explains the terms by which the Port of Anacortes will perform a final cleanup of the Dakota Creek Industries site, by implementing the Cleanup Action Plan.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan:** This plan describes the final cleanup work for the remaining contamination in the soil and groundwater at the site, and explains the requirements that the cleanup must meet, including follow-up monitoring of the site.
- **Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study:** This study describes the extent and nature of contamination at the site and presents potential options for how to clean it up.
- **Draft Public Participation Plan:** This plan describes Ecology's public comment process and how the public can provide input on plans for cleanup at this site.

Site background and contamination

The Dakota Creek site is an active shipyard that is used for vessel construction and maintenance. Dakota Creek Industries currently leases the site from the Port of Anacortes. Since around 1879, the site has been used for maritime-related industrial activities like shipping, repairs,

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shipbuilding, and vessel and fuel storage. These activities have resulted in soil, groundwater, and sediment contamination with petroleum, metals, and other compounds.

Before 2008, the marine area of the site featured multiple piers, docks, and marine railway boatlifts. One marine railway was removed in the early 1990s and the other was removed in 2008. This second railway removal was part of a redevelopment project that also took out two docks and dredged sediment from the waterway to make it deeper, reinforced the shoreline, and built a new pier. During this redevelopment, an interim action cleanup was completed to remove around 26,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment and soil from the marine area and land.

Next steps after the comment period

We will consider all comments we receive during the comment period, and we may change the documents based on your comments. If no significant changes are made, the Draft Cleanup Action Plan, Consent Decree, Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study, and Draft Public Participation Plan will be finalized.

After finalizing the cleanup documents, the soil excavation and removal at the site could begin as soon as fall, 2022 and will be coordinated to minimize disruption to the active shipyard operations.

To perform this work, crews will break up and remove pavement that is currently in place, then excavate and remove contaminated soil from the accessible areas of the site that are most likely to impact the groundwater if left uncontrolled. Any contaminated soil that remains will be capped with pavement to prevent people and wildlife from coming in contact with it. Long-term monitoring of the groundwater will then be used to confirm that contamination remains in place. If monitoring data indicates the remedy has failed, the cleanup action plan outlines steps the Port of Anacortes will need to take to mitigate the risk.

Ecology’s cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is Washington’s environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect human health and the environment. Ecology enacts the MTCA and oversees cleanups.

The MTCA site cleanup process is completed in steps (see below) over a timeline that may change from project to project.

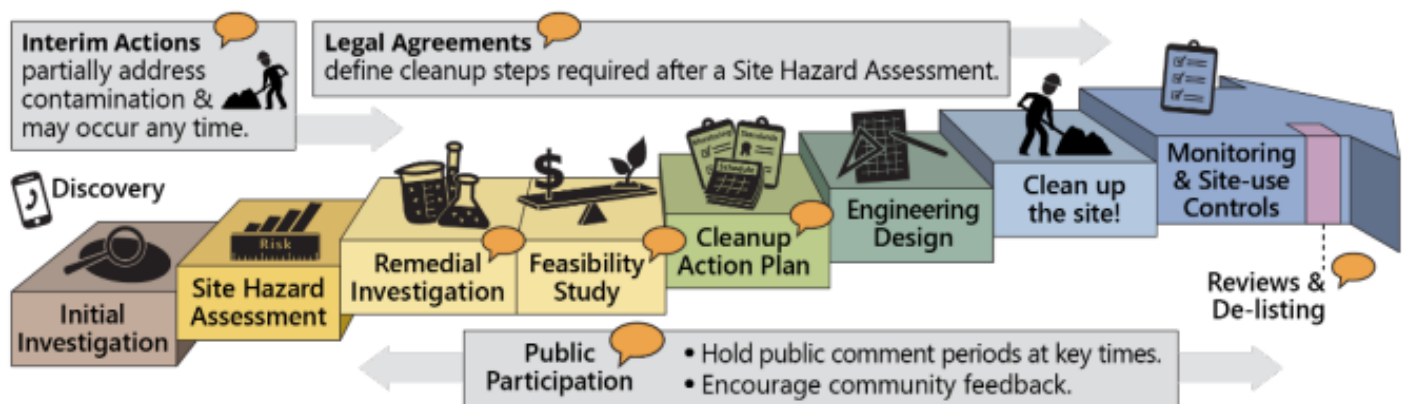


Figure 1: Steps in the cleanup process under Washington’s cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

Dakota Creek site map

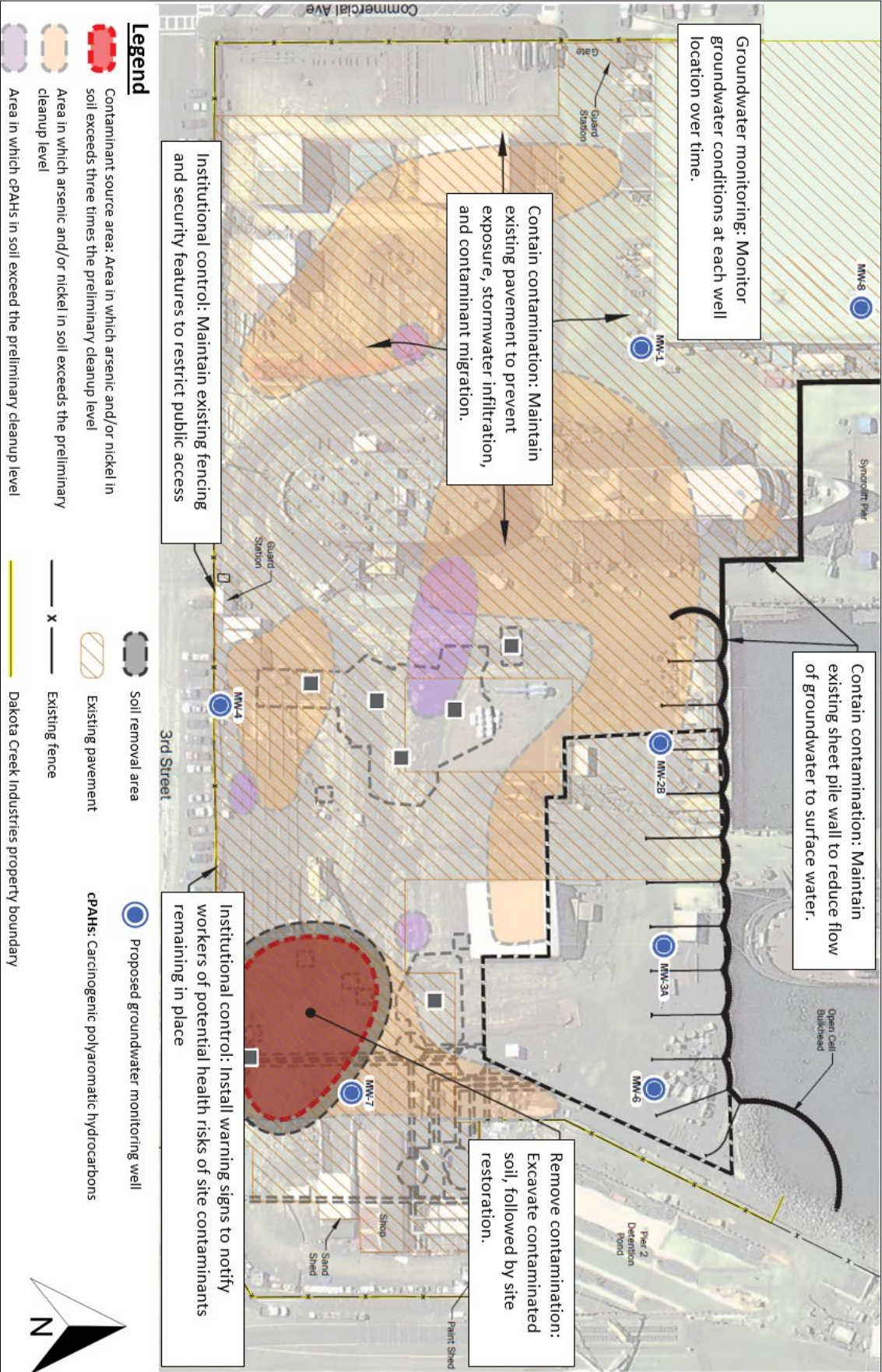


Figure 2: A map of the work areas that will be part of the preferred cleanup action for the site. Adapted from figure 30 of the remedial investigation and feasibility study, GeoEngineers.

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