

Independent Metals Plant 2 Cleanup Site



Northern portion of Independent Metals Plant 2 Cleanup Site

Comments accepted:

October 24 – November 22, 2022

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 Site Cleanup ID: 12300

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Legal agreement ready for public review and comment

Ecology has negotiated a legal agreement called an Agreed Order with Silver Bay Logging, Inc. and RJ and BA LLC, the Potentially Liable Persons (PLPs), for the 816 S. Kenyon St Cleanup Site (Site). The Agreed Order requires the PLPs to address contamination at the site.

Ecology would like your input on the following documents:

- **Agreed Order** – legal document that requires the PLPs to investigate environmental conditions, complete a Remedial Investigation (RI), Feasibility Study (FS), and a draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP).
- **Public Participation Plan** – describes how Ecology will inform the community about site activities and ways to become involved.

Online public meeting

Ecology will host an online public meeting using the Zoom platform to provide project information and answer questions. There will be interpreters available in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Khmer.

Wednesday, October 26, 2022:

- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.: Presentation
- 7:30 p.m.: Questions and answers, as needed.

To register and join, visit: www.bit.ly/Ecology-IndependentMetals

Call-in options are available when registering from Ecology’s webpage.

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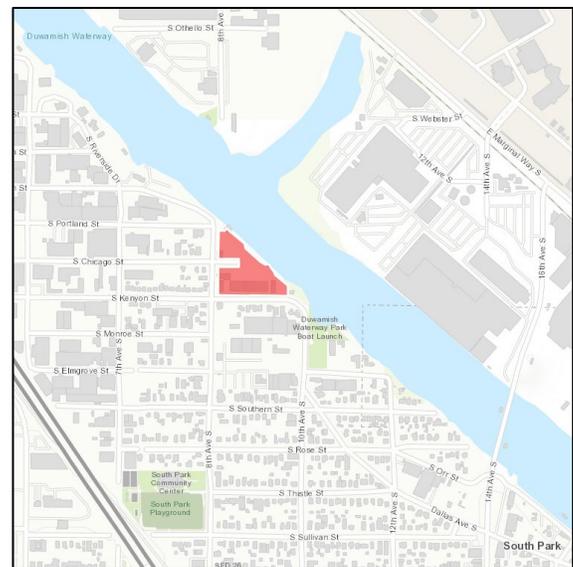
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Site background

The site is generally located in the area of 816 and 836 S. Kenyon Street, 803 and 811 S. Chicago St., 7760 and 7808 8th Ave. S, in Seattle’s South Park neighborhood. It is approximately 3.06 acres and is adjacent to the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW). It includes six King County tax parcels and a 0.23 acre portion of the South Chicago Street right-of-way which the PLP’s lease from the City of Seattle.

Currently, there are two light-industrial buildings on the site, as well as an office building and a marine dock located on the south bank of the Duwamish Waterway.



Aerial and map views of the Independent Metals Plant 2 cleanup site

Past uses of the site include

- **1929 – approx. 1961:** A former gasoline station occupied the northern portion of the site.
- **1976 – 1995:** Workboats Northwest, a work boat manufacturer, had operations on the site.
- **2006 – 2014:** Independent Metals had a scrap and recycled metal handling facility on the site.
- **1996 – 2015:** Silver Bay Logging used the area as transfer site for processed logs.



Underground storage tanks removed from the site

Site investigation and contamination

In 2009 the Site was placed on our Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites list. A Site Hazard Assessment concluded PCB's and metals were released from the site and added them to existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System monitoring. A 2015 Site Hazard Assessment assigned the site a ranking of 4 (using a rank from 1 to 5, with 1 being most hazardous and 5 being the least).

In 2017, five underground storage tanks for petroleum products, and associated piping, were identified and removed from the site. This process included initial soil and groundwater investigations. In 2015 Ecology completed an Initial Site Assessment. Reports and documents from these investigations can be found on Ecology's website at [Independent Metals Plant 2 - \(12300\)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12300#site-documents)¹. Investigations at the site show the following hazardous substances in the soil:

- Diesel and oil-range total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH)
- Carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs)
- Tetrachloroethene (PCE)
- Trichloroethene (TCE)
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- Metals, including arsenic, cadmium, and lead

These contaminants are present at levels that exceed allowable standards under the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act ([MTCA](https://ecology.wa.gov/mtca)²), and must be addressed.

Why this site matters

The Independent Metals Plant 2 site is adjacent to the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW) Superfund Site, which includes a 5-mile stretch of the Duwamish River. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added the LDW Superfund Site to the Superfund National Priorities List in 2001. Ecology is working to stop or reduce sources of contamination to the LDW Superfund Site, an effort known as "source control," so that the EPA can proceed with the cleanup of the river sediment.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12300#site-documents>

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Toxics Cleanup Program

What happens next?

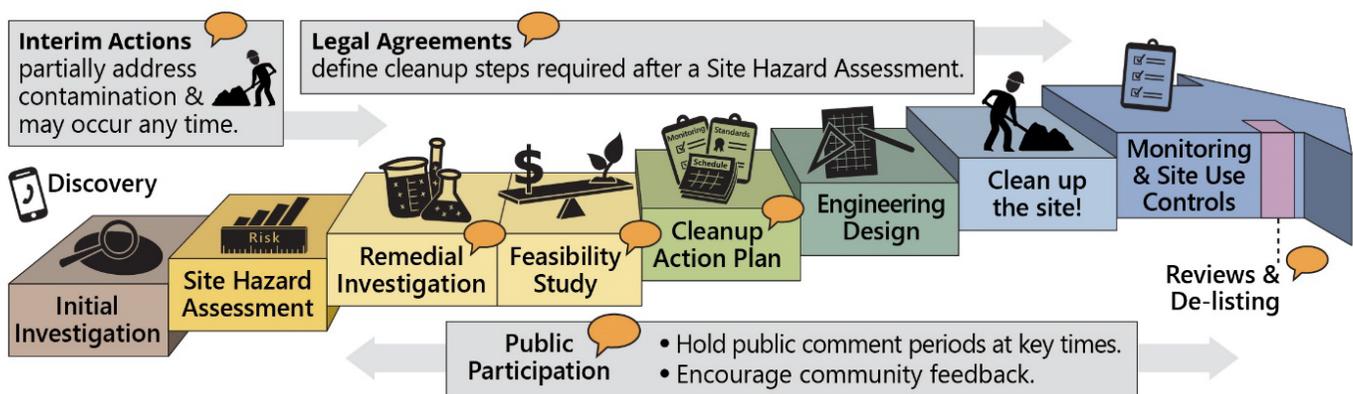
Ecology will consider all comments received during this public comment period and may make changes to the Agreed Order or Public Participation Plan. If the documents require significant changes, we will hold another public comment period.

If no changes are made, Ecology will finalize the documents and the PLPs will proceed with the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and create a Draft Cleanup Action Plan for public review.

Each of those steps will require a public comment period. The graphic below shows these different stages of cleanup. Sometimes multiple stages occur in one public comment period.

Ecology’s cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act 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](#)³ and oversees cleanups.



Washington’s formal cleanup process ([download text explanation](#))

Future Land Use

Seattle Public Utilities plans to purchase a portion of the Independent Metals Plant 2 property from the PLPs and redevelop the property for a regional stormwater quality treatment facility. This facility will remove pollutants from stormwater prior to discharge into the Lower Duwamish Waterway. The facility will treat stormwater from the 7th Avenue South Drainage Basin and is a critical component of the City’s Plan to Protect Seattle’s Waterways.

In addition to the water quality facility, SPU is committed to co-developing the property to provide a meaningful community asset that supports the community’s goals.

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process>

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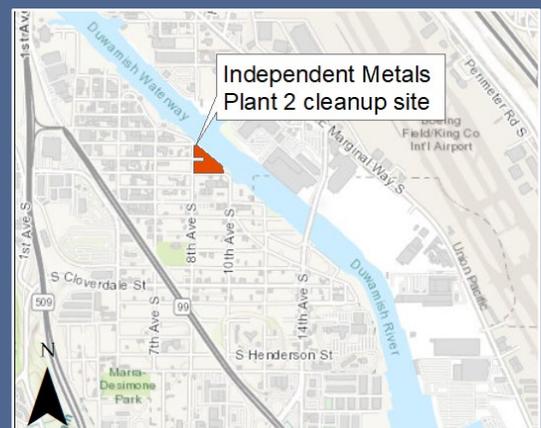
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Independent Metals Plant 2 cleanup site location