

West of 4th – Georgetown: Documents Available for Review and Comment



Figure 1: View of Art Brass Plating, Blaser Die Casting, and Capital Industries at the West of 4th Site in Georgetown.

Comments accepted:

June 19 – July 21, 2023

Submit comments:

Online: Visit ecology.wa.gov/WestOf4thComments

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Site information:

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Cleanup Site ID: 12260

Public outreach contact:

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We want to hear from you!

We’re overseeing the cleanup of contamination at the West of 4th site located in the Georgetown neighborhood of Seattle, Washington. We invite you to review and comment on the following documents:

- **Draft feasibility study (FS) and FS addenda:** These draft documents compare ways to clean up the site’s contamination.
- **Draft public participation plan:** This plan encourages community involvement in cleanup decisions.

Visit ecology.wa.gov/WestOf4th to view these documents.

Translations available

- **Español:** [Lea una copia de esto en español.](#)¹ Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre este sitio de limpieza, favor de comunicarse con Janelle Anderson al 425-301-6454 o janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.
- **中文:** [阅读此文的中文版](#)²。如果您对此清理工作站点有任何疑问，请联系 Janelle Anderson，致电 425-301-6454 或发送电子邮件至 janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov。
- **ខ្មែរ:** [សូមអានច្បាប់ចម្លងនេះជាភាសាខ្មែរ](#)³ ប្រសិនបើអ្នកមានសំណួរណាមួយអំពីគេហទំព័រសម្អាតនេះ សូមទាក់ទង Janelle Anderson តាមរយៈលេខ 425-301-6454 ឬ janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov ។
- **Tiếng Việt:** [Đọc tài liệu này bằng tiếng Việt.](#)⁴ Nếu quý vị có bất kỳ câu hỏi nào về địa điểm tẩy nhiễm này, vui lòng liên hệ với Janelle Anderson theo số 425-301-6454 hoặc janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2304030es.html>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2304030zh.html>

³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2304030km.htm>

⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2304030vi.html>

Public meetings

At this time, there are no public meetings scheduled for this comment period. To request a public meeting, please call 425-301-6454 or email janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Site background and land use

Georgetown is a neighborhood just south of downtown Seattle. It has many residences and small businesses, despite being surrounded by industry and major transportation corridors. This industrial neighborhood boasts fun places to eat, art galleries, and urban breweries.

Notable Georgetown landmarks include the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway and Union Pacific Railroad to the north, the Duwamish River to the west, Interstate 5 (I-5) to the east, and Boeing Field to the south. Nearby neighborhoods include South Park to the west and Beacon Hill to the east.

This environmental cleanup is for co-mingled groundwater contamination from four businesses. These businesses are:

- Art Brass Plating, Inc.: 5516 3rd Ave. S., Seattle, Washington, 98108.
- Blaser Die Casting, Co.: 5700 3rd Ave. S., Seattle, Washington, 98108.
- Capital Industries, Inc.: 5800 3rd Ave. S., Seattle, Washington, 98108.
- Clean Earth/ Burlington: 734 South Lucile Street, Seattle, Washington, 98108.

“West of 4th” is the cleanup site created by the co-mingled contamination from these four businesses.

In 2014, we issued an agreed order that requires all four of these businesses (the potentially liable parties) to cleanup the contaminated groundwater.

The West of 4th site is in the Georgetown neighborhood, between 4th Avenue South and the Lower Duwamish Waterway. For the feasibility study (FS), the site was divided into two site units:

- Site Unit 1 (SU1): Art Brass Plating and Burlington Environmental.
- Site Unit 2 (SU2): Blaser Die Casting, Capital Industries, and Burlington Environmental.

The West of 4th FS reports for SU1 and SU2 were submitted in 2016 and were approved by Ecology. Interim actions were implemented, including two pilot studies in SU1 to evaluate whether remedial technologies identified in the FS were effective at this site. After the pilot studies, the potential remedies were re-evaluated in two focused FS addenda – one for SU1 and one for SU2.

This comment period is for the FS and the two focused FS addenda.

Following Ecology’s review of the FS and FS addenda, we will select our preferred cleanup action for the site. The cleanup actions will be described in a draft cleanup action plan (CAP) and made available for public review. At that time, we will also draft a new agreed order (AO). After public comment on the CAP and new AO, Ecology will finalize the documents and the four companies will design and implement the selected cleanup actions.

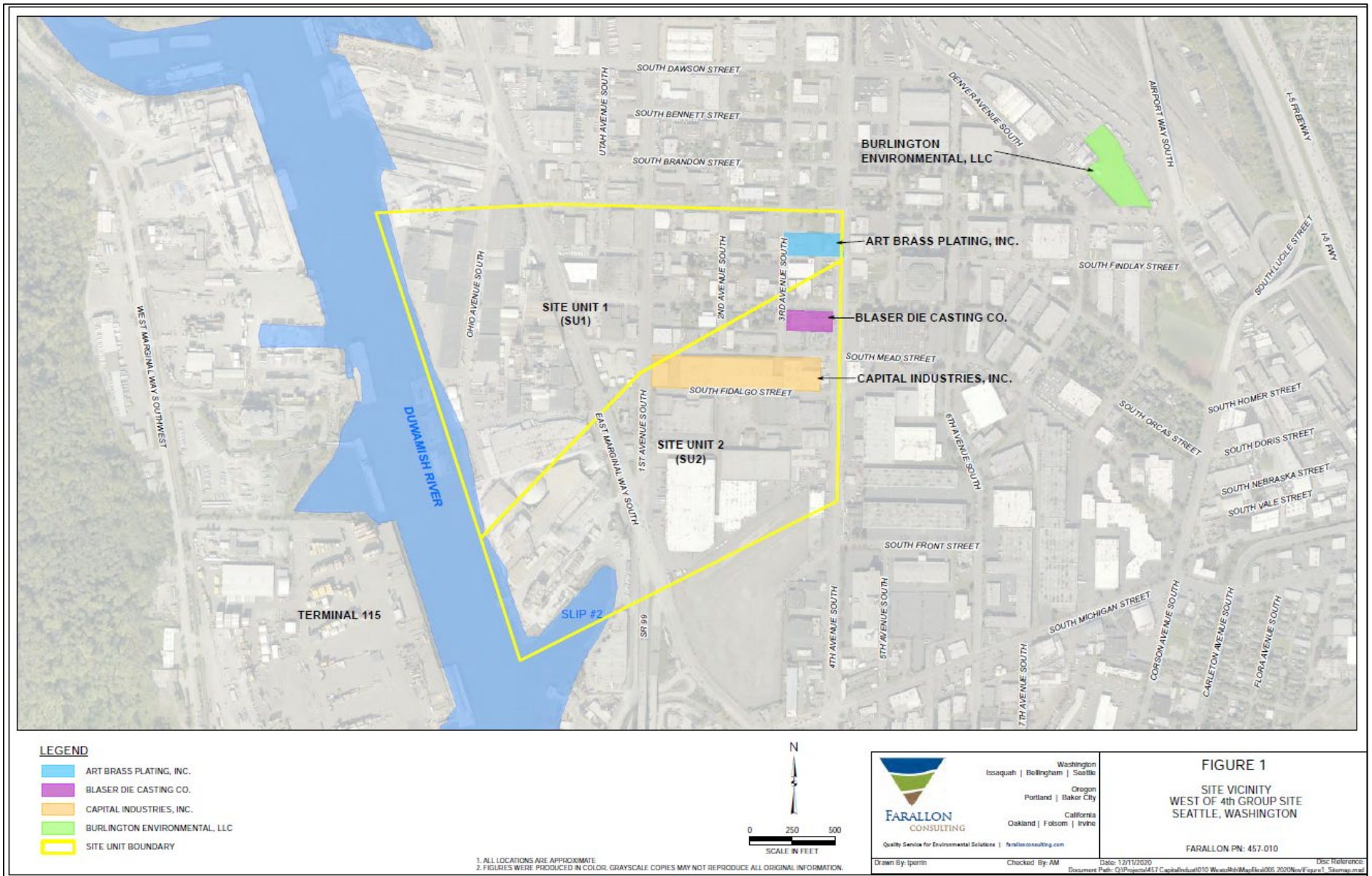


Figure 2: West of 4th site map.

Contamination

Groundwater contamination from four neighboring business has co-mingled. According to the remedial investigation, groundwater contamination includes:

- Chlorinated solvents (PCE, TCE, DCE, and VC)—chemicals that may cause cancer.
- Metals (arsenic, copper, manganese, nickel, and zinc)—chemicals toxic to surface water organisms.

Cleanup process

The four businesses that are potentially liable parties will finalize the feasibility studies for the site and develop a draft cleanup action plan to clean up the groundwater under the existing agreed order.

You can download the following documents for West of 4th at ecology.wa.gov/WestOf4th:

- Dangerous waste management permit.
- Remedial investigation (RI) reports.
- Feasibility studies (FSs) and FS addenda.
- Agreed order for the West of 4th site.

Ecology uses the RI and FS to select cleanup actions for the site. We oversee site cleanup activities, which must meet all federal and state standards.

The four potentially liable parties must clean up the contamination at the site. There are six phases in the cleanup process: remedial investigation, feasibility study, cleanup plan, cleanup design, cleanup implementation, and monitoring and site use controls.

Interim actions or partial cleanups can occur at any time. There will be opportunities for public comment at each stage, except for cleanup implementation.

We apply both the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) regulations to clean up hazardous waste sites. The cleanup protects human health and the environment from dangerous wastes and chemicals.

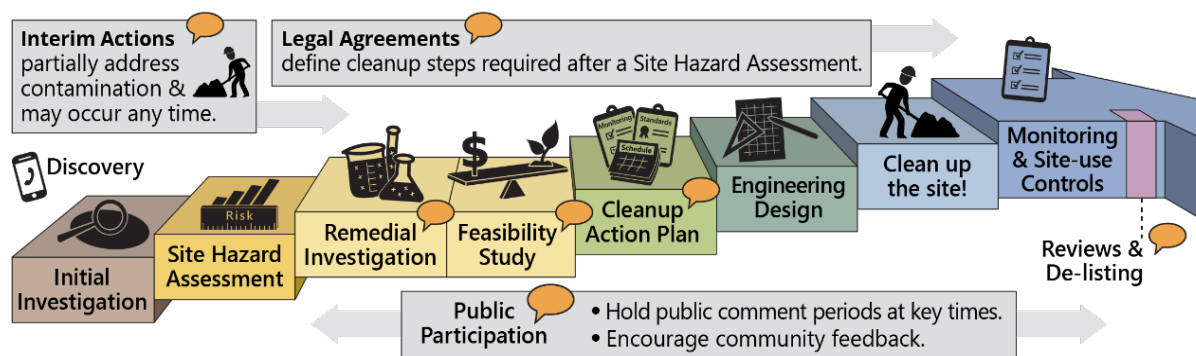


Figure 3: Formal cleanup process infographic (English). [Download a text explanation.](#)⁵

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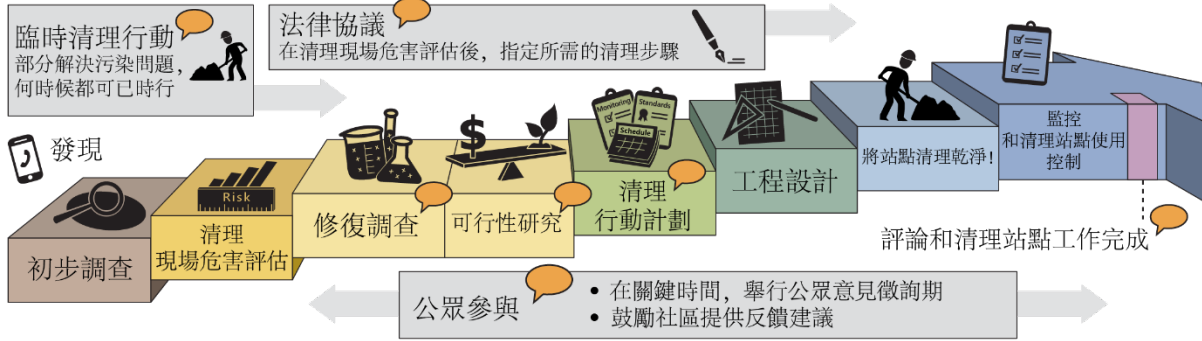


Figure 4: Formal cleanup process infographic (Chinese).

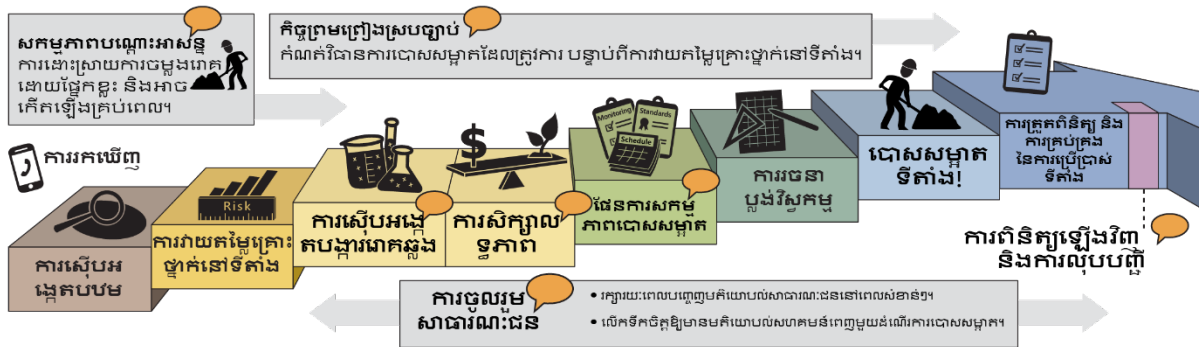


Figure 5: Formal cleanup process infographic (Khmer).

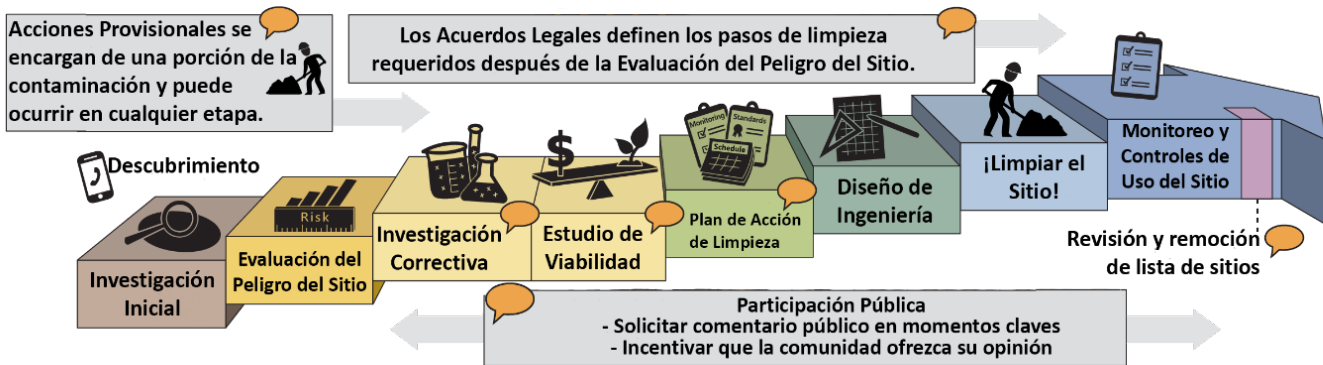


Figure 6: Formal cleanup process infographic (Spanish).



Figure 7. Formal cleanup process infographic (Vietnamese).

What happens next?

The public comment period is open from June 19 to July 21, 2023. After the comment period ends, we will review and consider all comments we receive. The documents may change based on your comments. After we consider all comments, the documents will become final. When there are new documents about the site, we'll notify you about additional public comment periods.

Document review locations

In-person document review is available at the following locations:

Washington State Department of Ecology

Northwest Region Office
 15700 Dayton Ave N.
 Shoreline, WA 98133-9716
 Reception (24-hour): 206-594-0000

Seattle Public Library

South Park Branch
 8604 8th Ave S.
 Seattle, WA 98108
 Phone: (206) 615-1688

Our office is open to the public. We encourage you to make an appointment.

To schedule an appointment, please contact:

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 Public Disclosure Coordinator

You can also review documents on our website: ecology.wa.gov/WestOf4th.

Questions about accessing information?

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To submit comments

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Language Information

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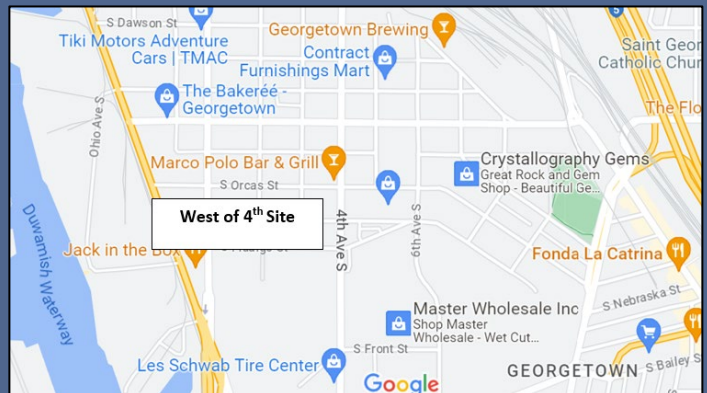
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Información en Español incluida
以内是中文的有关信息

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Google Map location of West of 4th in Seattle.

Thông tin bằng tiếng Việt ở bên trong
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