



## **Tribal Engagement Plan Stubblefield Salvage Yard**

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**595 Offner Road, Walla Walla, Walla Walla County  
Facility Site ID: 1367331, Cleanup Site ID: 4121**

**Toxics Cleanup Program, Eastern Region**

Washington State Department of Ecology  
Spokane, Washington

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## Document Information

This document is available on the Department of Ecology's [Stubblefield Salvage Yard cleanup site page](#).<sup>1</sup>

### Related Information

- Facility Site ID: 1367331
- Cleanup Site ID: 4121

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<sup>1</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4121>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Who-we-are/Our-Programs/Toxics-Cleanup>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Our-website/Accessibility>

# Tribal engagement in contamination cleanup

The purpose of this Tribal Engagement Plan is for the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) to invite affected Tribes as sovereign nations to learn about and consider their rights and interests for Ecology-conducted and Ecology-supervised cleanup sites.

Ecology's goal is to provide timely information, effective communication, continuous opportunities for collaboration, and when necessary, government-to-government consultation, as appropriate for each cleanup site.

## Site information

Stubblefield Salvage Yard  
595 Offner Road  
Walla Walla, WA, 99362

This is an Ecology-conducted cleanup.

Facility Site ID: 1367331, Cleanup Site ID: 4121

Ecology's [Stubblefield Salvage Yard cleanup site page](#)<sup>4</sup>

## Tribes

Ecology identified the following Tribes as potentially affected by site contamination and cleanup.

### Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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<sup>4</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4121>

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## **Tribal engagement process**

January 21, 2025

Ecology proposes to send the Umatilla Confederated Tribes draft cleanup documents as far in advance of public comment periods as possible, ideally at least 30 days prior. We will also notify the Tribes via email of any significant milestones or changes at the cleanup site. We will meet with the Tribes at their request and welcome input on the cleanup at any time.

## **Nez Perce Tribe**

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## **Tribal engagement process**

January 21, 2025

Ecology proposes to send the Nez Perce Tribe draft cleanup documents as far in advance of public comment periods as possible, ideally at least 30 days prior. We will also notify the Tribe via email of any significant milestones or changes at the cleanup site. We will meet with the Tribe at their request and welcome input on the cleanup at any time.

## **Yakama Nation**

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## **Tribal engagement process**

January 21, 2025

Ecology proposes to send the Yakama Nation draft cleanup documents as far in advance of public comment periods as possible, ideally at least 30 days prior. We will also notify the Nation via email of any significant milestones or changes at the cleanup site. We will meet with the Nation at their request and welcome input on the cleanup at any time.

## Tribal Engagement Process

This Tribal Engagement Plan proposes actions Ecology will take to provide timely and relevant information and offer meaningful engagement opportunities to Tribes during investigation and cleanup of Ecology-conducted and Ecology-supervised contaminated sites.

Tribal Engagement for this site is separate from and in addition to public involvement. Tribes and indigenous peoples are welcome to also participate in Ecology's public involvement process. Ecology's [Public Participation Plan](#)<sup>5</sup> for the site has more information about that process.

Ecology invites each Tribe to share their perspective on what constitutes meaningful engagement for this site, enabling Ecology to develop a more effective process.

## Ecology's Tribal Engagement Responsibilities under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

Ecology will initiate engagement with affected Tribes before a remedial investigation or an interim action at a site, or as early in the investigation and cleanup process as possible.

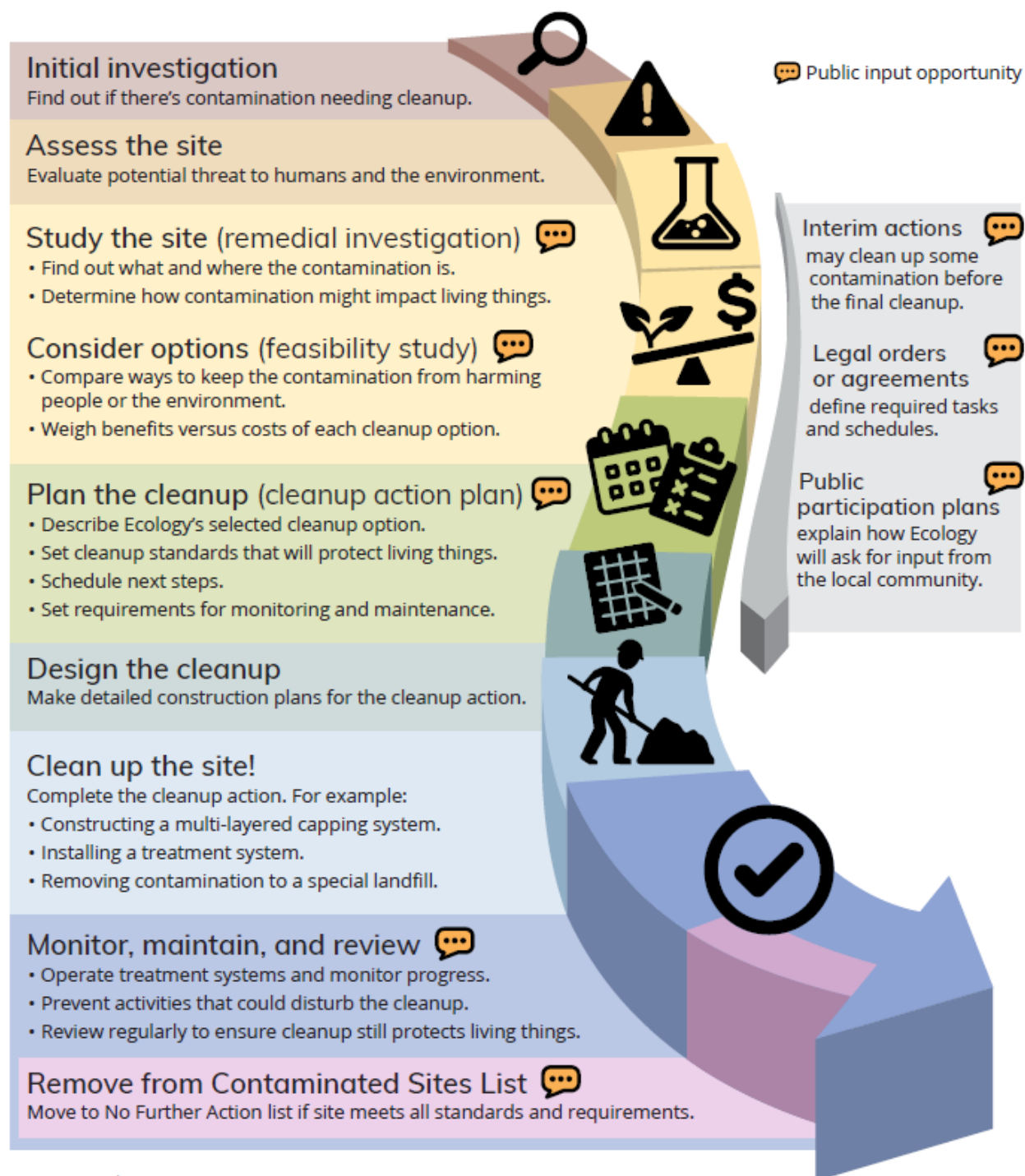
Ecology will seek to maintain meaningful engagement with Tribes throughout the cleanup process.

This Tribal Engagement Plan is publicly available on the [cleanup site page](#).<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/92292>

<sup>6</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4121>



**Figure 1.** Washington's Cleanup Process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/spills-cleanup/contamination-cleanup/cleanup-process>







## Ecology's Tribal Engagement Plan proposed actions:

- Invite potentially affected Tribes as early as possible in the cleanup process to share and discuss information about the site and to understand the Tribes' concerns.
- Provide a copy of the Tribal Engagement Plan to potentially affected Tribes for review and comment.
- Invite the Tribes to share their preferred engagement process and propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process. See Table 1.
- Communicate project timelines, review timeframes, and comment period deadlines.<sup>8</sup>
- Provide Tribes at least as much time to provide input as provided to the public in each stage in the process.
- Notify potentially affected Tribes when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Meet with Tribes upon request.
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process.
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from the Tribes what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If a Tribe requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

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<sup>8</sup> Ecology aims to finalize documents shortly after the close of comment periods.

**Table 1:** Ecology documents and cleanup actions where Tribes will be invited to review and comment.

	Document or Action	Ecology-conducted
	Interim action plans	X
	Legal Orders or Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent decrees &amp; amendments</li> <li>• Agreed orders &amp; amendments</li> <li>• Enforcement orders &amp; amendments</li> </ul>	
	Remedial investigation work plans	X
	Remedial investigation reports	X
	Feasibility study reports	X
	Cleanup action plans (CAPs) (which may or may not include institutional controls <sup>9</sup> )	X
	Engineering design reports	X
	Implementation plans substantially changing cleanup action plans	X
	Periodic review reports	X
	Amendment of institutional controls	X
	Removal of institutional controls	X
	Removal of sites from contaminated sites list	X

<sup>9</sup> Institutional controls are legal and administrative tools that help protect people from exposure to contaminants. Examples include prohibiting use of groundwater for drinking, requiring maintenance of a barrier to prevent exposure, and zoning and property use restrictions, among others.



## Other Tribal engagement opportunities

In addition to engagement through MTCA, Ecology will also contact Tribes for the following purposes when relevant to the cleanup.

- Cleanup activities, especially those that disturb the ground, can affect or reveal cultural resources that may need to be assessed for protection or preservation, called a [Cultural Resource Review](#).<sup>10</sup>
- Identifying and analyzing environmental impacts associated with governmental decisions as required by the [State Environmental Policy Act](#)<sup>11</sup> (SEPA) and associated [SEPA rules](#).<sup>12</sup>
- Implementing [Washington's Environmental Justice Law \(HEAL Act\)](#).<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/area-wide-groundwater-investigation-grants/cultural-resources-review>

<sup>11</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review>

<sup>12</sup> <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=197-11>

<sup>13</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/environmental-justice/heal>