

Tribal Engagement Plan
Clean Earth LLC

Seattle, WA, King County
Facility Site ID: 70726415, Cleanup Site ID: 12484

**HWTR Program, NW Region**

Washington State Department of Ecology

Shoreline, Washington

July 2025

Document Information

This plan is available on Ecology’s website:

* [ecology.wa.gov/CleanEarth](https://ecology.wa.gov/cleanearth)[[1]](#footnote-2)

Related Information

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## Site information

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20245 77th Ave. S., Kent, WA, 98032

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## Tribes

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

### Tribe: Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

* Tribal Chair Person: Jaison Elkins, 253-939-3311 ext 3194 / 360-716-4500, [jaison.elkins@muckleshoot.nsn.us](http://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/)
* Fisheries Director: Isabel Tinoco, 253-939-3311, [isabel.tinoco@muckleshoot.nsn.us](http://www.muckleshoot.nsn.us/)
* Cultural Resources / Archaeologist: Laura Murphy, 253-876-3272, laura.murphy@muckleshoot.nsn.us

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* Tribal Chair Person: Bill Sterud, 253-573-7800 / 253-370-6935, [bill.sterud@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](http://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/)
* NR Director: Russell Ladley, 253-573-7850, [russ.ladley@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov](http://www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/)

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* Tribal Chair Person: Robert de los Angeles, 425-888-6551, [bobde@snoqualmietribe.us](http://www.snoqualmietribe.us/)
* NR Director: Cindy Spiry, 425-888-6551, [cindy@snoqualmietribe.us](http://www.snoqualmietribe.us/)
* Tribal Staff; Tribal Manager: Kelsey Payne, (425) 414-6340, kelsey.payne@snoqualmietribe.us
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* Tribal Chair Person: Eric White, (o) 360-572-3010 (c) 360-770-3949, [ewhite@stillaguamish.com](http://www.stillaguamish.com/)
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* Tribal Chair Person: Leonard Forsman, 360-394-8461 / 360-340-0986, [lforsman@suquamish.nsn.us](http://www.suquamish.nsn.us/)
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**Figure 1.** Washington’s Cleanup Process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)[[7]](#footnote-8)



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|  | **Document or Action** | **Ecology-conducted** | **Ecology-supervised** |
|  | Interim action plans | X | X |
|  | Legal Orders or Agreements* Consent decrees & amendments
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* Enforcement orders & amendments
 |  | X |
|  | Remedial investigation work plans  | X |  |
|  | Remedial investigation reports | X | X |
|  | Feasibility study reports | X | X |
|  | Cleanup action plans (CAPs)*(which may or may not include institutional controls*[[9]](#footnote-10)) | X | X |
|  | Engineering design reports | X |  |
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|  | Periodic review reports | X | X |
|  | Amendment of institutional controls | X | X |
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## Other Tribal engagement opportunities

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

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7. https://ecology.wa.gov/spills-cleanup/contamination-cleanup/cleanup-process [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Ecology aims to finalize documents shortly after close of comment periods. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
10. https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/area-wide-groundwater-investigation-grants/cultural-resources-review [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
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