

Tribal Engagement Plan  
Boeing Kent Space Center

Seattle, WA, King County  
Facility Site ID: 2099, Cleanup Site ID: 12671

**HWTR Program, NW Region**

Washington State Department of Ecology

Shoreline, Washington

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Document Information

This plan is available on Ecology’s website:

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

Related Information

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## Tribal engagement in contamination cleanup

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## Site information

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20403 68th Ave. S.   
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* [ecology.wa.gov/BoeingKent](https://ecology.wa.gov/BoeingKent)[[4]](#footnote-5)

## 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/)
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We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you on how we can improve our engagement process with the Muckleshoot Tribe.

### Tribe: Puyallup Tribe

* 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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### Tribe: Snoqualmie Tribe

* Tribal Chair Person: Robert de los Angeles, 425-888-6551, [bobde@snoqualmietribe.us](http://www.snoqualmietribe.us/)
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We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you on how we can improve our engagement process with the Snoqualmie Tribe.

### Tribe: Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians

* Tribal Chair Person: Eric White, (o) 360-572-3010 (c) 360-770-3949, [ewhite@stillaguamish.com](http://www.stillaguamish.com/)
* NR Director: Sarah Thitipraserth, 360-631-0946, [sthitipra@stillaguamish.com](http://www.stillaguamish.com/)

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### Tribe: Suquamish Tribe

* Tribal Chair Person: Leonard Forsman, 360-394-8461 / 360-340-0986, [lforsman@suquamish.nsn.us](http://www.suquamish.nsn.us/)
* NR Manager: Alison O'Sullivan, 360-394-8447, [aosullivan@suquamish.nsn.us](http://www.suquamish.nsn.us/)

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We appreciate your feedback and look forward to hearing from you on how we can improve our engagement process with the Suquamish Tribe.

### Tribe: Tulalip Tribes

* Tribal Chair Person: Teri Gobin, 360-716-4000, [trgobin@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](http://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/)
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## 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[[5]](#footnote-6) 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.[[6]](#footnote-7)

**Figure 1.** Washington’s Cleanup Process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)[[7]](#footnote-8)

Diagram

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## 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[[8]](#footnote-9).
* 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.

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

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|  | **Document or Action** | **Ecology-conducted** | **Ecology-supervised** |
|  | Interim action plans | X | X |
|  | Legal Orders or Agreements   * Consent decrees & amendments * Agreed orders & amendments * 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 |  |
|  | Implementation plans substantially changing cleanup action plans | X | X |
|  | Periodic review reports | X | X |
|  | Amendment of institutional controls | X | X |
|  | Removal of institutional controls | X | X |
|  | Removal of sites from contaminated sites list | X | X |

## 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](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/area-wide-groundwater-investigation-grants/cultural-resources-review).[[10]](#footnote-11)
* Identifying and analyzing environmental impacts associated with governmental decisions as required by the [State Environmental Policy Act](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review)[[11]](#footnote-12) (SEPA) and associated [SEPA rules](https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=197-11).[[12]](#footnote-13)
* Implementing [Washington’s Environmental Justice Law (HEAL Act)](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/environmental-justice/heal).[[13]](#footnote-14)

1. [Boeing Kent Space Center - (12671)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12671) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. [Contact Us - Washington State Department of Ecology](https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/contact-us) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Accountability-transparency/Our-website/Accessibility [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. [Boeing Kent Space Center - (12671)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12671) [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. If a public participation plan exists for this site, then it can be found in the ‘Documents’ section of the site webpage. If there is no Public Participation Plan listed on the site’s webpage, then it has not yet been prepared. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. [Boeing Kent Space Center - (12671)](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12671) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
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)
11. https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
12. https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=197-11 [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
13. https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/environmental-justice/heal [↑](#footnote-ref-14)