



Tribal Engagement Plan Stillwater Holdings Chevron

**7 E. Rose St., Walla Walla, Walla Walla County
Facility Site ID: 70525886, Cleanup Site ID: 16913**

Toxics Cleanup Program, Eastern Region

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Document Information

This document is available on the Department of Ecology's [Stillwater Holdings Chevron cleanup site page](#).¹

Related Information

- Facility Site ID: 70525886
- Cleanup Site ID: 16913

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¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16913>

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

³ <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 ([WAC 173-340-620](https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340-620)).⁴

Site information

Stillwater Holdings Chevron site
7 E. Rose St.
Walla Walla, WA 99362

This is an Ecology-supervised cleanup.

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Ecology's [Stillwater Holdings Chevron cleanup site page](#)⁵

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 contaminated sites.

Tribal engagement 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](#)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 us to develop a more effective process.

⁴ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-340-620>

⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16913>

⁶ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/143033>

Ecology's proposed Tribal engagement 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.⁷
- 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.

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](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16913).⁸

⁷ Ecology aims to finalize documents shortly after the close of comment periods.

⁸ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16913>



Figure 1. Washington's Cleanup Process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)⁹

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/spills-cleanup/contamination-cleanup/cleanup-process>

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

	Document or Action
	Interim action plans
	Legal Orders or Agreements • Consent decrees & amendments • Agreed orders & amendments • Enforcement orders & amendments
	Remedial investigation reports
	Feasibility study reports
	Cleanup action plans (CAPs) <i>(which may or may not include institutional controls¹⁰)</i>
	Implementation plans substantially changing cleanup action plans
	Periodic review reports
	Amendment of institutional controls
	Removal of institutional controls
	Removal of sites from contaminated sites list

Tribes

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

¹⁰ 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.

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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.

- 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](#).¹¹
- Identifying and analyzing environmental impacts associated with governmental decisions as required by the [State Environmental Policy Act](#)¹² (SEPA) and associated [SEPA rules](#).¹³
- Implementing [Washington's Environmental Justice Law \(HEAL Act\)](#).¹⁴

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/area-wide-groundwater-investigation-grants/cultural-resources-review>

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review>

¹³ <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=197-11>

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/environmental-justice/heal>