

Public Comment Period for Intalco Aluminum Draft Agreed Order, Public Participation Plan, and Demolition Interim Action Work Plan



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Draft Agreed Order, Public Participation Plan, and Demolition Interim Action Work Plan

Comment Period: 12:01 am, February 18 through 11:59 pm, April 15, 2026

- **Virtual Public Hearing:** April 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm. [Registration is required.](#)
- **Cleanup Site ID:** 2280
- **Facility Site ID:** 16
- **Site Location:** 4050 Mountain View Road, Ferndale, WA.

Comment on the cleanup documents

The Dept of Ecology (Ecology) invites you to comment on the proposed Agreed Order, Public Participation Plan, and Demolition Interim Action Work Plan for Intalco Aluminum LLC and Petrogas Pacific LLC in Ferndale (Whatcom County).

Written comments may be submitted

- [Online](#)
- By Mail to:

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Virtual Hearing

A tentative virtual public meeting, followed by a formal public hearing to accept oral comments, will take place April 8, 2026, starting at 6:00 p.m. [Register online for the public hearing.](#) Registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing. The public hearing will be held if Ecology receives significant public interest.

Ecology will notify interested parties prior to cancelling the tentative public hearing if we have not received significant interest by April 6, 2026. When the comment period ends, we will review all comments received and make a final decision on the cleanup documents.

Review the Documents

- [Online](#)
- Ferndale Public Library
2125 Main St
Ferndale, WA
Mon-Thurs. 9am-8pm; Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 9am-5pm; Sun 1pm-5pm
- Department of Ecology Headquarters (Lacey)
300 Desmond Dr. SE
Lacey, WA
360-280-4325

Project information

The proposed Order requires Intalco Aluminum LLC and Petrogas Pacific LLC to develop a Remedial Investigation Work Plan, conduct a Remedial Investigation, implement a Demolition Interim Action Work Plan, conduct other interim actions if required or agreed to by Ecology, develop a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report, and develop a Draft Cleanup Action Plan to select cleanup alternatives.

The proposed Public Participation Plan describes ways Ecology will inform the public about contamination investigations and cleanup options throughout the cleanup process. Ecology encourages the public to learn about and get involved in decision-making opportunities. This plan identifies how and when the public can get involved during different stages of the investigation and cleanup of contamination.

The proposed Demolition Interim Action Work Plan provides a plan for cleanup activities that may occur during the demolition and removal of the old

smelter infrastructure (buildings, pipes, storage tanks, etc). The plan specifies how contaminated soil will be identified during demolition and how the contaminated soil will be removed to reduce potential threats to human health and the environment prior to the remedial investigation and feasibility study in the Order.

Why it matters

This is an opportunity to have your voice heard and influence the decision-making process. You know about your neighborhood, community and local conditions and how Ecology's regulatory proposal may affect them. Although Ecology is bound by existing state and federal laws, your comments can influence how solutions are achieved.

Industrial practices and historical land use by the smelter owners and operators have resulted in contamination at the site. Over the years, there have been documented releases and spills. Contamination at the site has not been fully investigated. Liable parties are to conduct remedial work which will provide additional information on the location and types of contaminants at the site and develop a path towards cleaning up the site.

What happens next

When the comment period ends, we will review all comments received before we make a final decision on the documents.

If you would like to be added to the list of interested parties for the cleanup at Intalco Aluminum and receive updates on Ecology's Industrial Section actions at the site, contact Tara Roberts at (360) 280-4325 or by [email](#).

Contact information:

For more information about the cleanup documents contact:

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Se está llevando a cabo un periodo de comentario. Usted puede revisar y comentar sobre los borradores de los documentos del permiso. Estos describen los requisitos ambientales con los que debe cumplir una instalación industrial. Comuníquese con Tara Roberts al 360-280-4325 o tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov para obtener más información.

Accessibility

To request an ADA accomodation, [email](#), call (360) 280-4325, or dial 711 to call through the Washington Telecommunicaitons Relay for services like text telephone (TTY). Visit Ecology's website for more accessibility informaiton.