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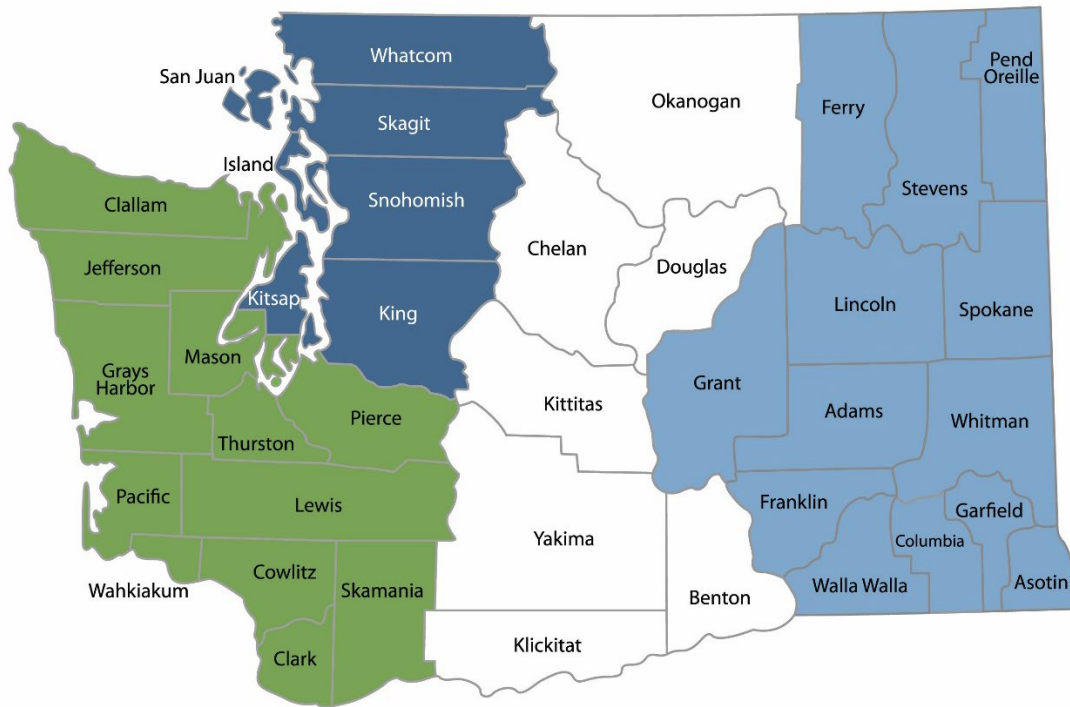
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Public Involvement in Contamination Cleanup

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology, we) is overseeing the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination at the Boeing Renton facility, located in Renton, Washington.

We developed this Public Participation Plan in collaboration with Boeing, the party responsible for cleanup costs. The goal of this plan is to ensure meaningful community involvement throughout the cleanup of the Boeing Renton site (the site).

This plan outlines how we will keep the public informed about contamination investigations and cleanup options at each stage of the process. Please review [Appendix A](#) for more information about the cleanup process. The plan also details when and how the community can participate in the cleanup process. We encourage the public to provide input.

Site contacts

To be included in the site record, comments about the cleanup process must be submitted during comment periods. Questions and informal comments or information about the site's history are welcome anytime.

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If you are unable to reach these contacts, please visit the [cleanup site page](#)³ for up-to-date contact information.

³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/820>

Public Participation Activities

Members of the public may ask questions, submit informal comments, or share site information at any time. Interested parties don't need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact Ecology.

However, to be included in the formal site record, comments about the site investigation, cleanup alternatives, or cleanups must be submitted during formal comment periods. In addition, the public is invited to review site documents before they become final. This is the most direct and influential way to learn more about the site and be involved in the cleanup's decision-making.

How we share information with the community

During specific stages of the cleanup, Ecology will mail notices about public comment periods to addresses surrounding the site. The mailing list area will vary depending on the type of contamination and where it's located. However, the list will include at least addresses within a 1/4-mile radius of the site and other interested organizations and individuals. These notices will provide general information about the site, contact information for submitting comments, and times and locations of public meetings or hearings, or how to request one if not yet scheduled.

Comment period notices will be available online and at document repositories (for example, at the library closest to the site). Notices may also be posted in various locations throughout the community (for example, local businesses, schools, or post offices).

Ecology may also develop documents outside of comment periods to keep the community updated on the site's status. These informational documents will be available online. Print copies may be mailed to the nearby community if we feel the message warrants the cost.

Postal mailing list

Ecology maintains a mailing list that includes addresses near the site and relevant local, state, and federal government contacts.

People on the mailing list receive public comment notices when draft documents are available.

We will add additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties to the mailing list as requested. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this site, please contact Janelle Anderson at 425-301-6454, or email Janelle.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Contaminated Site Register

Public comment periods, events, and other cleanup notices are published in Ecology's [Contaminated Site Register](#).⁴ To receive the *Contaminated Site Register* by email, please

⁴ ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data

[subscribe online](#),⁵ or contact Sarah Kellington at Sarah.Kellington@ecy.wa.gov or 360-280-3167.

Newspaper display ads or legal notices

We announce public comment periods and events for this site in ads or notices published in the [Seattle Times](#)⁶ and [el Siete Días](#).⁷ We will also publish a notice on our [Public Input & Events Listing](#).⁸

Ecology's website and social media platforms

We maintain a website for the [Boeing Renton site](#).⁹ The website provides site information, and you may download cleanup documents. We may also share information about cleanup sites through [news releases, our blog, and social media](#).¹⁰

Automatic site updates

You can subscribe to this site from Ecology's [Boeing Renton webpage](#).¹¹ You'll receive a weekly email if we change the site's status, add documents to the site's webpage, or open a comment period.

Places to see print documents

During public comment periods, you can find print documents at the following locations:

Renton Library

100 Mill Ave S.
Renton, WA 98057

Telephone: 425-226-6043

Washington State Department of Ecology

Northwest Region Office
15700 Dayton Ave N.
Shoreline, WA 98133

Telephone: 206-594-0000

To schedule an appointment at Ecology's Shoreline office, please contact Michael Hart, Public Disclosure Coordinator, by telephone at 206-594-0000 or email at Michael.Hart@ecy.wa.gov.

If you would like to be mailed print documents, please contact Janelle Anderson at 425-301-6454 or Janelle.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

⁵ ecology.wa.gov/site-register

⁶ <https://www.seattletimes.com/>

⁷ <https://elsietedias.com/>

⁸ ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing

⁹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/820>

¹⁰ ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/News

¹¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/820>

Signs around the cleanup site

We may also install signs displaying information about project status, traffic impacts, and health risks around the cleanup site.

How you can share information with us

We hold public comment periods and sometimes public events to learn your thoughts, opinions, and concerns about cleanup at a site. We may also identify public concerns and cleanup goals by meeting with and soliciting information from interested community members and organizations. To collaborate with us about this site, please contact Janelle Anderson at 425-301-6454 or Janelle.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Public comment periods

At a minimum, the Model Toxics Control Act ([MTCA](#)) requires 30-day comment periods to allow interested members of the public to comment on draft documents, legal agreements, and proposed cleanup actions. Tribes receive draft documents at least 45 days prior to the comment period start date. If there is significant interest, Ecology may extend the public comment period. See [Washington's Cleanup Laws](#) for more information about MTCA.

When Ecology oversees State Environmental Policy Act ([SEPA](#)) determinations, we hold comment periods for at least two weeks and may extend them to 30 days or more when other cleanup documents are also available for review.

Following a comment period, we publish all the input we received and respond to significant comments and questions, as appropriate. If the comments result in significant changes to the cleanup documents, then the documents will be revised and reissued for public review. If the comments do not result in significant changes, the documents will become final.

Public events

We hold public meetings, workshops, open houses, and hearings based on community interest. At meetings, workshops, and open houses, attendees can ask questions, learn more about the site, and submit written comments when a comment period is open. At a public hearing, verbal comments are transcribed for the record, and Ecology responds to them after the comment period in our response to comments.

If we have not scheduled an event, we will hold one if ten people request it. This may cause us to extend a public comment period, so the event occurs during it.

Events are held at locations close to the site that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Public events are always announced in advance using a variety of methods.

Public Participation Grants

Grants may be available to neighborhood committees, non-profits, and other groups interested in the site. For contaminated sites, these funds can be used to:

- Hire an expert to help interpret technical information.
- Conduct activities that enhance the public's understanding of, and participation in, the cleanup process.

For more information about public participation grants, please contact Laura Busby (phone: 360-280-5088; email: Laura.Busby@ecy.wa.gov) or Maria Marlin (phone: 360-407-6086; email: Maria.Marlin@ecy.wa.gov). You may also visit the [Public Participation Grant webpage](#).¹²

Site Information

Site background

The Boeing Renton plant is located along the south shore of Lake Washington and across the Cedar River from Renton Municipal Airport. From 1941-1962, the U.S. Air Force manufactured planes at this site. Boeing bought the property in 1962 and has built planes there since then.

Boeing Renton produces 737 model commercial aircraft. Manufacturing operations include parts preparation, mechanical assembly, coating, testing, and other operations that support the final assembly of airplanes.

In 2021, Boeing discovered an oily sheen in shallow water in a construction trench. The trench was in the paved area next to the 737 final assembly building. Boeing is investigating to find the nature and extent of any contamination in that area.

In 2025, an unintended release of water with aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) occurred at the Compass Rose area. AFFF is a fire-fighting foam that contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Water was being drained from an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting vehicle before transporting it off-site for AFFF removal and disposal. The release affected roughly 13,000 square feet of paved surface and less than 400 square feet of a grassy area. Boeing promptly cleaned up the affected areas. Soil sampling after excavating the grassy areas detected several PFAS compounds at concentrations that exceeded at least one regulatory screening level. More investigation will be done to determine the extent of PFAS contamination at Boeing Renton.

¹² ecology.wa.gov/PPG



Figure 1: An Ecology inspector examines Boeing Renton's vapor intrusion mitigation system.

Site Contamination

Manufacturing aircraft requires hazardous materials. The used or discarded materials are managed under an interim status hazardous waste permit.

In May 1990, an EPA site assessment found hazardous substances in soil and groundwater at several different facility locations. The releases were mainly from tank leaks and spills.

In August 2001, The Boeing Company completed a site remedial investigation. This investigation showed that soil and groundwater in some areas under the facility were contaminated with solvents and petroleum products from leaks and spills.

These hazardous substances include:

- Solvents
- Fuels
- Oils
- Heavy Metals

Cleanup plans

Boeing Renton continues with bioremediation injections and groundwater monitoring, as outlined in their Cleanup Action Plan. Bioremediation is a natural process where bacteria already in the soil “eat” chemical contaminants like TCE (trichloroethylene). This process is enhanced by adding non-toxic food (sugars and carbon) into the groundwater so bacteria can grow faster and eat more contaminants. Groundwater is the water that moves beneath the earth’s surface through small spaces between soil and rocks. Groundwater monitoring collects and tests samples of the groundwater for contamination to see how well remedies are working.

Ecology uses the Model Toxics Control Act ([MTCA](#)) for cleanup of hazardous waste sites. There are many steps to the cleanup process. The most important steps that the public can get involved in are the Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Cleanup Action Plan. Boeing is now carrying out the Cleanup Action Plan (CAP).

The CAP describes the selected cleanup methods. It also states cleanup standards and other requirements. The CAP is based on information and technical analyses from the remedial investigation and feasibility study, public comments and community concerns.


The Cleanup Action Plan was prepared and approved, and an Agreed Order (No. 8191) to carry out this Cleanup Action Plan became effective in January 2013. Boeing is performing routine groundwater monitoring and cleanup at 10 different locations. Four of them are located on property Boeing leases at Renton Municipal Airport.

Groundwater is treated by injecting oxygen- or hydrogen-releasing material into the groundwater. These materials help bacteria degrade contaminants.

Contaminated soil vapor (gas that comes up out of the ground) was extracted and treated at:

- The middle of Boeing-owned property.
- The leased property at Renton Municipal Airport.

Boeing used the soil vapor extraction system to remove contamination until 2022. When contamination concentrations got too low to remove this way, Boeing and Ecology agreed to shut the system down.

 Public input opportunity

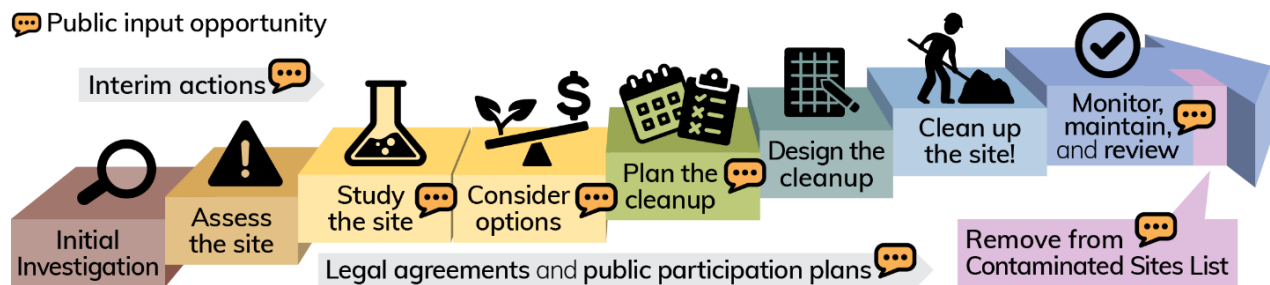


Figure 2: Formal cleanup process (English). [Read a plain text version.](#)¹³

¹³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166.html>



Figure 3: Formal cleanup process (Chinese). [华盛顿州的清理流程 \(信息图\)](#).¹⁴



Figure 4: Formal cleanup process (Spanish). [Proceso de limpieza de Washington](#).¹⁵

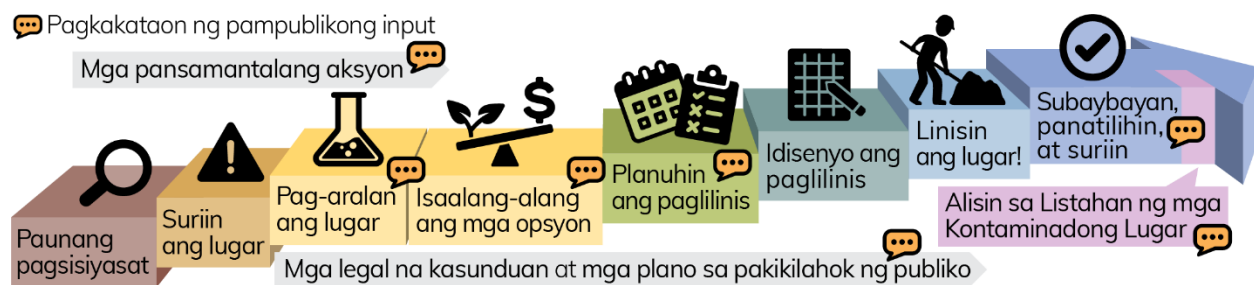


Figure 5: Formal cleanup process (Tagalog). [Proseso ng Paglilinis sa Washington](#).¹⁶



Figure 6: Formal cleanup process (Vietnamese). [Quy trình Tẩy nhiễm của Washington](#).¹⁷

¹⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166ZH.html>

¹⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166ES.html>

¹⁶ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166TL.html>

¹⁷ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166VI.html>

Interim Cleanup Actions

Over the past 18 years, several interim cleanup actions were done to prevent contaminants from reaching Lake Washington and the Cedar River, and to protect industrial workers from potential exposure to contaminated soil. Contaminated groundwater was pumped and treated, and contaminated soils were excavated. Any contamination left in soil and groundwater is under the factory and is being treated by bioremediation.

Environmental Justice and Title VI

Environmental justice promotes fair treatment of all people under environmental laws and policies, regardless of their race, color, national origin, or income.

In Washington (and across the United States), more people of color or low-income people live and work near industrial facilities, contaminated sites, and in neighborhoods without easy access to fresh food, green spaces, or clean air and water. These conditions negatively and unfairly affect their health and safety.

Environmental justice strategies and compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act are key to addressing these inequities—especially through public involvement. We make every effort to inform and involve all people. To do this, we use demographic information to design our messaging to fit the community.

Area community

Renton is a city in south King County, and a suburb of Seattle. It sits on the southeast shore of Lake Washington at the mouth of the Cedar River. It is approximately 11 miles southeast of Seattle. As of the 2025 U.S. census, Renton had a population of 105,551.¹⁸

Renton has a long history as a salmon fishing area for Washington State Tribes. It was first settled by people of European descent in the 1860s. Its early economy was based on coal mining, clay production, and timber export. Today, Renton is best known as the final assembly point for the Boeing 737 family of commercial airplanes.

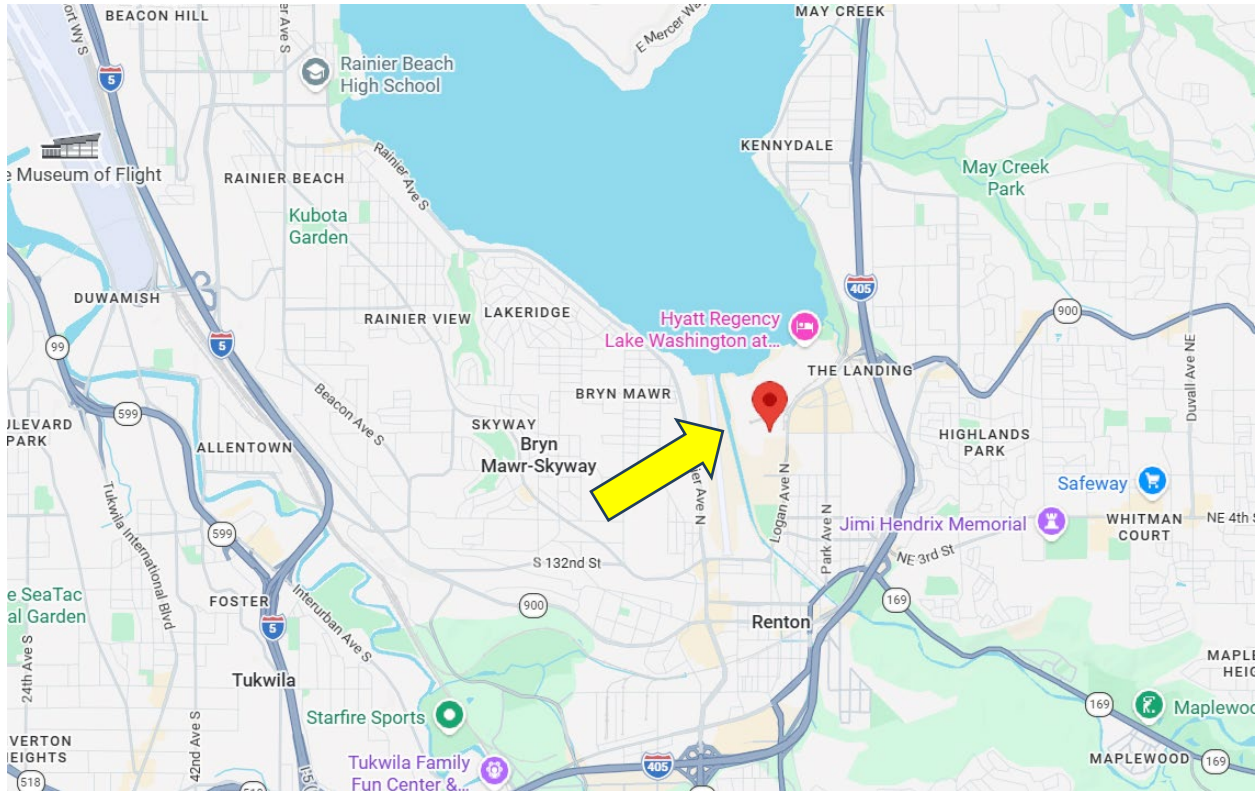


Figure 7: Google map of Boeing Renton site in Renton, Washington.

English language proficiency

Ecology is committed to removing language barriers so individuals of all language backgrounds can fully participate in our programs and services.

We identify populations with limited English proficiency by using demographic data and variables from the 2024 American Community Survey. People with limited English proficiency are individuals over age 5 who do not speak English as their primary language and self-report speaking English less than “very well.”

¹⁸ <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US5357745-renton-wa/>

Federal guidance recommends translating information for any language group that represents 5% or more of the population served, or 1,000 individuals—whichever is less. In Renton, WA, the languages that meet this threshold are Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog.

Ecology will reach out to cultural community organizations as part of our outreach and provide information in other languages according to [federal guidance](#).¹⁹ When appropriate, Ecology will provide outreach in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tagalog. To request information in another language, call Janelle Anderson at 425-301-6454, and wait on the line while we connect you to an interpreter.

We strive to make our public participation efforts as inclusive as possible and welcome your input about how to best reach the nearby community.

Tribal engagement

Tribes that use resources in this area are the Stillaguamish Tribe, the Tulalip Tribes, the Suquamish Tribe, the Snoqualmie Tribe, the Squaxin Tribe and the Muckleshoot Tribe.

We will reach out to Tribes to offer opportunities to engage in the cleanup process. These opportunities are separate from the public involvement process. This engagement is described in a site-specific Tribal Engagement Plan, as required by [WAC 173-340-620](#).²⁰ We invite Tribal members and other Indigenous peoples to engage in the public involvement process as well.

¹⁹ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2004/06/25/04-14464/guidance-to-environmental-protection-agency-financial-assistance-recipients-regarding-title-vi>

²⁰ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-620>

Washington's Cleanup Laws

Ecology uses the [Model Toxics Control Act \(MTCA\)](#)²¹ and accompanying regulations for cleanup activities. Passed in 1989, MTCA provides guidelines for contaminated site cleanup in Washington State. This law sets standards to ensure the cleanup protects people and the environment. MTCA requires the creation of this plan.

Model Toxics Control Act

MTCA began in 1988 as a citizen-led effort to clean up contaminated sites in Washington State. The law holds property owners or operators responsible for cleaning up contamination on, or coming from, their property.

Ecology carries out MTCA, making sure cleanups happen according to state rules and regulations. These rules are found in [Chapter 173-340 Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\)](#).²² Ecology investigates reports of contamination, and the property is placed on the [Contaminated Sites List](#)²³ if the pollution is determined to pose a serious risk to human health or the environment. This starts the cleanup process at the site.

The cleanup process under MTCA includes several steps (see [Appendix A](#)). Public involvement is a key part of MTCA's [cleanup process](#).²⁴ Nearby residents, businesses, community groups, and other interested parties can review and comment on documents related to steps that make crucial decisions or plans about the cleanup.

State Environmental Policy Act

MTCA cleanups also require evaluation under the [State Environmental Policy Act \(SEPA\)](#).²⁵ Under SEPA, the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts from a project or action must be evaluated by state and local agencies when making decisions. This evaluation is subject to public review and comment in parallel with the cleanup documents.

²¹ www.ecology.wa.gov/mtca

²² <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340>

²³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/reports/cleanup/contaminated>

²⁴ ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process

²⁵ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=197-11>

Plan Amendments

Ecology developed this plan following MTCA regulations ([WAC 173-340-600](#)).²⁶ We review it as the cleanup progresses and amend it as necessary. You may suggest amendments to Janelle Anderson, Janelle.Anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

We intend to provide the public with information on opportunities for public involvement and comment. The outreach activities discussed reflect Ecology's current plans to keep the public informed. It also provides opportunities for those interested in the site to communicate their concerns and ask questions.

If you feel the planned outreach in this plan is insufficient or would like to modify it in some way, please contact us. We will work to find solutions. We can implement new activities or outreach tools right away, with or without amending this plan.

²⁶ <https://app.leg.wa.gov/waC/default.aspx?cite=173-340-600>

Appendix A. Steps in the MTCA Cleanup Process

The cleanup process is defined in the [Model Toxics Control Act](#),²⁷ Washington's cleanup law.

For a brief description, see the infographic on the next page.

Translations available

This cleanup process graphic is available online in fourteen languages, including:

- English: [Washington's Cleanup Process Infographic](#)²⁸
- Chinese: [华盛顿州的清理流程 \(信息图\)](#)²⁹
- Korean: [와싱턴주의 환경정화 절차](#)³⁰
- Russian: [Процесс устранения загрязнения в штате Washington \(инфографике\)](#)³¹
- Spanish: [Proceso de limpieza de Washington](#)³²
- Tagalog: [Proseso ng Paglilinis sa Washington \(graphic\)](#)³³
- Ukrainian: [Процес проведення очисних робіт у штаті Washington \(інфографіку\)](#)³⁴
- Vietnamese: [Quy trình Tẩy nhiễm của Washington](#)³⁵

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²⁷ [ecology.wa.gov/MTCA](https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/MTCA)

²⁸ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166.html>

²⁹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166ZH.html>

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³¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166RU.html>

³² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166ES.html>

³³ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166TL.html>

³⁴ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166UK.html>

³⁵ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1909166VI.html>

Washington's Cleanup Process



Public participation plans and comment periods are only required for cleanups under a legal agreement with Ecology. Otherwise, all cleanups follow the same steps. The steps are defined by Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

