

Response to Comments

Interim Action Work Plan, SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance, and Updated Public Participation Plan

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Sedro-Woolley, WA

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[1] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10048
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[3] https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/accessibility-equity/accessibility

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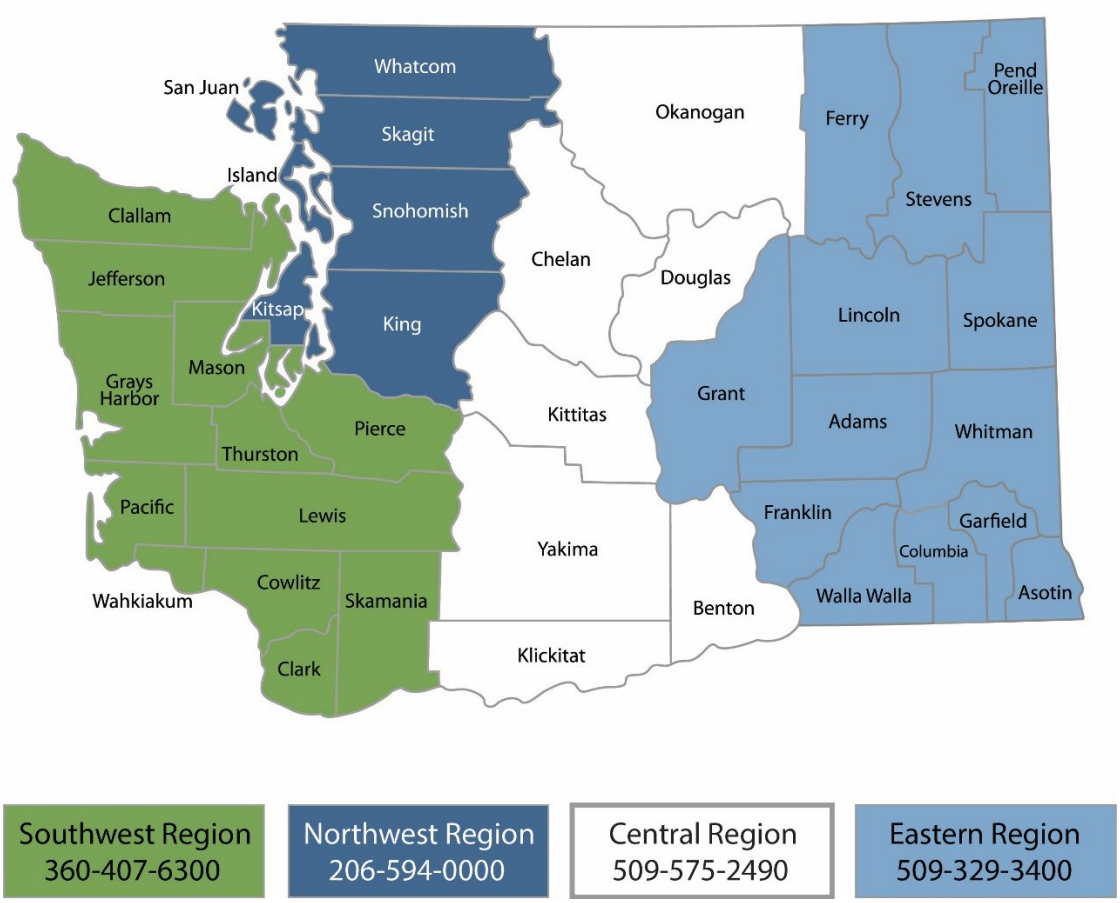

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Outreach Summary

The Northern State Multi Service Center cleanup site in Sedro-Woolley, WA, is undergoing Washington State's formal cleanup process[4] as directed under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA[5]). The WA State Department of Ecology is addressing contamination at the site.

Ecology's outreach activities related to this site's 30-day comment period (12:00 a.m., June 15–11:59 p.m., July 16, 2026) included:

- **Fact Sheet:**
  - U.S. mail distribution of a fact sheet providing information about the cleanup documents and the comment period to 1,278 addresses including neighboring residents, businesses, and other interested parties.
  - Email distribution with links to the fact sheet (and documents) to over 225 people, including interested individuals, local/county/state/federal agencies, neighborhood associations, and interested community groups.
  - The fact sheet was available digitally through Ecology' cleanup site webpage[6] in English. Language access information was available in Spanish.
- **Legal Notices:**
  - Publication of one legal print and digital ad in the Skagit Valley Herald (GoSkagit.com),[7] dated Saturday, June 13, 2026.
- **Contaminated Site Register newsletter:**
  - Publication of three notices about the comment period in Ecology's *Contaminated Site Register*:[8]
    - June 11, 2026
    - June 25, 2026
    - July 9, 2026
  - Visit Ecology's Contaminated Site Register website[9] to download PDFs.

- **Media Notification:**
  - Ecology sent a media notice on Thursday, June 11, 2026, to *Skagit Valley Herald (GoSkagit.com)*,[7] *Cascadia Daily News*,[10] the *Salish Current*,[11] and KSVR radio.[12]

[4] https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process
[5] https://ecology.wa.gov/mtca
[6] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10048
[7] https://www.goskagit.com
[8] https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data
[9] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/UIPages/PublicationList.aspx?IndexTypeName=Program&NameValue=Toxics+Cleanup&DocumentTypeName=Newsletter
[10] https://www.cascadiadaily.com
[11] https://salish-current.org
[12] https://www.ksvr.org

- **Media Coverage:**
  - *Skagit Valley Herald (GoSkagit.com)* article:[13] June 12, 2026

- **Websites**:
  - Ecology announced the comment period, posted the fact sheet, and made the review documents available at the following webpages:
    - Ecology's cleanup site webpage.[14]
    - Ecology's Public Inputs & Events webpage.[15]

- **Document Repositories:**
  - Copies of the review documents and fact sheets were available for review at the Central Skagit Sedro-Woolley Library.
  - Outreach materials also directed the public to contact Kristen Forkeutis, Outreach Specialist, for document review assistance.

[13] https://www.goskagit.com/news/environment/public-comment-to-be-taken-on-cleanup-of-swift-center/article_048e0dfc-5faa-44a7-993f-2e87ecdcdfae.html
[14] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10048
[15] https://ecology.wa.gov/events/search/listing

Comment Summary

From 12:00 a.m., June 15 to 11:59 p.m., July 16, 2026, Ecology solicited comments on the interim action work plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance, and updated public participation plan. The interim action work plan outlines the scope of work and schedule for the interim action (early partial cleanup). The SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance is our determination that the cleanup work is not likely to harm the environment. The updated public participation plan describes how Ecology will inform the community about the site activities and ways to become involved.

Ecology received one formal comment during the 30-day comment period.

Table 1: List of Commenters

	Date	First Name	Last Name	Agency, Organization, or Business	Submitted By
1	6/16/26	Nicole	McGowan	City of Sedro-Woolley	City

Next Steps

Ecology has reviewed and considered the comments received on the interim action work plan, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Nonsignificance, and updated public participation plan. Based on Ecology's evaluation of the comments, no significant changes to the documents were necessary.

Ecology will finalize the documents and proceed with the cleanup for this site. See the graphic below and visit Ecology's cleanup process webpage [16] to learn more about Washington's cleanup process.

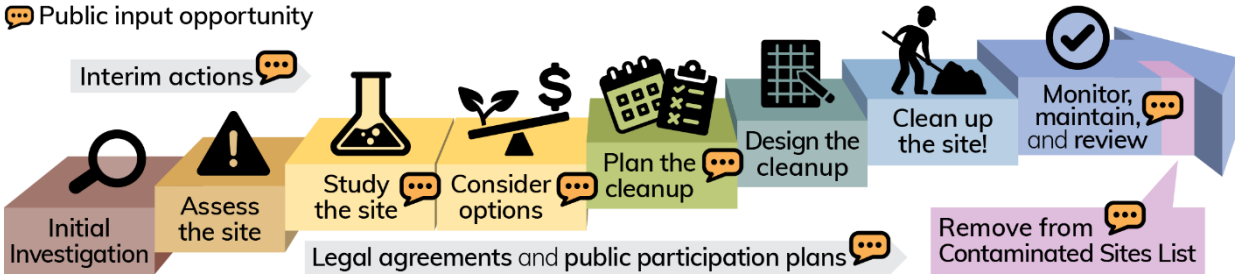

Figure 1: Washington's cleanup process

Public Comment and Response

The one public comment is presented below, along with Ecology's response. The Appendix contains the comments in their original format.

Comment from: Nicole McGowan, City of Sedro-Woolley, 06.16.26

Ensure soil clean up activities comply with applicable mitigation measures and conditions identified in the Mitigation Decision Document - Attachment A to Planned Action Ordinance 1837-15 for the SWIFT Center. Obtain an excavation and grading permit from the City of Sedro-Woolley prior to starting excavation work.

Response:

Thank you for your comment. The cleanup work will comply with the Mitigation Decision Document attached to the Planned Action Ordinance 1837-15. The Port of Skagit will obtain all necessary permits for the excavation work, including an excavation and grading permit from the City of Sedro-Woolley.

[16] https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process

Appendix – Comment in Original Format

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Ensure soil clean up activities comply with applicable mitigation measures and conditions identified in the Mitigation Decision Document - Attachment A to Planned Action Ordinance 1837-15 for the SWIFT Center. Obtain an excavation and grading permit from the City of Sedro-Woolley prior to starting excavation work.