

Boeing Renton Response to Comments

Comment period: May 18–June 19, 2026

Cleanup Site ID: 820

Address: 737 Logan Ave N, Renton, WA

Facility ID: 2097

County: King

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Comments received during the comment period

From Angele Zamarron

Submit Date: 5/20/26 @ 8:31 AM PT | Website

What the ****... A1 score for surface water? And we're PAST the cleanup phase? Why is Boeing allowed to continue contaminating the very thing that makes our region our region? The Puget Sound deserves better than this. I am so disgusted that not only does Boeing do this at home, but they also provide weapons to conduct genocide in Palestine. I wonder what the SHARP scores in Gaza are, hmm.... Is the Department of Ecology able to hold Boeing accountable at home at least?

Ecology's Response

Response Date: 6/22/26 | Sent via email

Boeing Renton is still in the active cleanup phase. Any future spills or discovered contamination will need to be addressed under Washington State's cleanup process.

For more information about Washington State's cleanup law, please see the following link:

www.ecology.wa.gov/mtca.

Surface water at the site currently has a Site Hazard Assessment and Ranking Process (SHARP) rating of A1, which means that people and living organisms are currently being exposed to contamination (the "A" part of the rating) and the risk to them is severe (the "1" part of the rating). There are unknowns at the site that need further investigation, including PFAS at the site and petroleum contamination at Apron R.

Boeing has developed a work plan to investigate the extent of petroleum contamination at Apron R and is working to obtain permits and access to the sampling area. Boeing is currently working on an initial review of current and historical PFAS use at the site and then will develop an investigation work plan for PFAS contamination. Ecology expects to receive the initial review

in 2026. Once the extent of contamination is known, Boeing will need to address contamination under Washington State's cleanup process and SHARP ratings for the site will be rescored.

The response to comments for the May 18—June 19, 2026, Boeing Renton public comment period is expected to be finalized next month (July) and will be available on the Ecology's [Boeing Renton webpage](#).¹

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Myers, PE (she/her)
Environmental Engineer
Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction, Northwest Region Office

From Charles Bull

Submit Date: 5/23/26 @ 11:43 AM PT | Website

Thank you for the information presented and the opportunity to comment regarding the Draft Periodic Review and Draft Public Participation Plan. After a cursory review of the May 26, 2026, [publication 26-04-015](#)² my initial comments are as follows:

Boeing should be acknowledged for actively addressing actions to clean-up pollution at the Renton site.

Missing is mitigation efforts to prevent spills and contamination including operational and source control process efforts. For example, how did the release of AFFF occur ? What operational changes and training have been made to prevent future occurrences ? Why wasn't monitoring occurring during the AFFF draining to prevent accidental discharge ?

In general, how much and what types of pollutants have been discharged by Boeing into either the Cedar River and/or Lake Washington ? Is there any action plan to remove or mitigate these pollutants ? How effective have the bioremediation efforts been at reducing contamination ?

Thank you for your service to preserve and protect our environment and this opportunity.

Charles Bull

From Charles Bull

Submit Date: 5/23/26 @ 11:52 AM PT | Email

As indicated within the publication, respectfully request that a public meeting be scheduled. Hopefully, this meeting could address questions I've submitted to WSDOE concerning the same.

Thank you,
Charles Bull

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/820>

² <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2604015.html>

Ecology's Response

Response Date: 6/22/26 | Sent via email

The August 12, 2025, aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) release at Boeing Renton occurred when the facility was removing an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicle for offsite disposal of the vehicle's AFFF.

Boeing had intended to discharge only clean water, and the release happened when the water cannon was turned on. Turning on the water cannon was not part of the plan. This was the last ARFF vehicle to be removed from the site for AFFF disposal, and Boeing has a spill prevention plan in place to prevent and address spills that occur onsite.

The cleanup of this area occurred within that same week. Paved surfaces were pressure washed and water was vacuumed up and disposed of. The nearby grassy area had affected soil removed and replaced with clean fill. Confirmation soil samples collected outside of the cleaned-up area shows that additional PFAS contamination is at the Site.

Boeing is in the process of reviewing all known PFAS information at the site and developing an investigation work plan for PFAS contamination at the Site. Once the extent of contamination is known, Boeing will need to address contamination under Washington State's cleanup process.

Boeing is in the process of investigating contaminants that could be discharged into Cedar Creek and Lake Washington. In the Apron R area in the northern portion of the site, petroleum contamination has been discovered that may result in some amount of petroleum discharge to Lake Washington.

Boeing has developed a work plan to investigate the extent of petroleum contamination and is working to obtain permits and access to the sampling area. Next to Cedar Creek, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) were detected in groundwater above screening levels between the river and the Boeing Renton facility.

Additional investigation of PFAS at Boeing Renton was recommended as a part of this Periodic Review. Boeing is currently working on an initial review of current and historical PFAS use at the site and then will develop an investigation work plan for PFAS contamination. Ecology expects to receive the initial review in 2026.

The Apron R and the PFAS investigations are both high priority action items for the Site. The results of these investigations will be needed to determine how much contamination is being discharged.

Bioremediation efforts at the Site have been effective at reducing certain contaminants (largely chlorinated solvents) at targeted areas within the Site. Boeing is not currently using bioremediation in response to petroleum in the Apron R area or in response to PFAS adjacent to Cedar Creek. Once the extent of contamination is known, Boeing will need to address contamination under Washington State's cleanup process.

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From Anonymous

Submit Date: 5/26/26 @ 12:08 PM PT | Website

That draft makes no mention of the AFFF/PFAS spill, just the spill from the early 2000s can you provide more info when this remediation will happen?

Ecology's Response

Commenter did not leave contact information. Please see response below.

An inadvertent release of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) occurred on August 12, 2025, at the Boeing Renton Facility while water was being drained from an Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting vehicle prior to transport for AFFF removal and disposal.

The cleanup of this area occurred within that same week. Paved surfaces were pressure washed and water was vacuumed up and disposed of. The nearby grassy area had affected soil removed and replaced with clean fill. Confirmation soil samples collected outside of the cleaned-up area showed that additional PFAS contamination continues to be present at the Site.

Boeing is currently working on an initial review of current and historical PFAS use at the site and then will develop an investigation work plan for PFAS contamination. Ecology expects to receive the initial review in 2026. Once the extent of contamination is known, Boeing will need to address contamination under Washington State's cleanup process.

From Melissa Bailey

Submit Date: 6/6/26 @ 3:44 PM PT | Email

Hi Janelle,

I am curious about the clean up effort at Boeing in Renton. I live relatively close and we use the park and water access to lake Washington adjacent to Boeing (where the Cedar River and Lake Washington meet).

I'm curious if people using that waterway were or are at risk of being exposed to contaminants. Similarly, Gene Coulon park is close to Boeing with a swimming area.

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

Was Boeing aware of this contamination at the time it occurred? Should public access to nearby waterways and swimming areas have been closed to decrease exposure risk? Should we be concerned that we were exposed? Is there still a risk of exposure?

Will there be protocols put in place to prevent this from occurring in the future? And communication protocols should it happen again so residents know to avoid the area (even if it's not shut down could there be information shared so residents can make their own informed decisions about the risk they are willing to take)?

Thank you so much for your time and help.

Melissa Bailey

Ecology's Response

Response Date: 6/22/26 | Sent via email

Cedar Creek and Lake Washington are both urban waterways and standard precautions should be taken when using them. In order to decrease risk in urban waterways, it is recommended to take a shower with soap after coming in contact with water and avoid swimming a minimum of 24 hours following heavy rainfall.

The following guidance was created for saltwater swimming beaches, but provides relevant [guidance for swimming](#)⁴ in urban waterbodies as well:

Current advisories for [Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park](#)⁵ can be found on the City of Renton webpage.

Boeing is in the process of investigating contaminants that could be discharged into Cedar Creek or Lake Washington. Two areas have been identified in this Periodic Review as needing additional investigation: PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) at the site and petroleum in the northern portion of the site.

PFAS became a regulated class of contaminants in 2024. In recent years, Boeing has taken steps to reduce additional PFAS contamination at the site. More information is needed to identify the sources and scope of PFAS contamination. Once PFAS sources are identified, any additional controls can be put in place to prevent additional contamination.

Petroleum was encountered in the Apron R area during construction activities. There is no known source of this contamination. Boeing has developed a work plan to investigate this area and is working to get the needed permits and access.

The results of the PFAS and Apron R investigations will be needed to determine how much contamination is being discharged and whether any necessary actions are needed for neighboring waterbodies.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/water-shorelines/water-monitoring-research/swimming-safety>

⁵ <https://www.rentonwa.gov/Activities-Events/Parks-and-Trails/Gene-Coulon-Memorial-Beach-Park>

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From Linda Cyr

Submit Date: 5/22/26 @ 10:27 AM PT | Voicemail

hi janelle i live at the south end of boeing and i've had nothing but black soot that comes into my apartment my condominium here and we pay \$360.00 a month for condominium fees for the black soot that they put out of their engines every day and i've been here 13 years and it's not gotten any better it's gotten way worse and i am really tired of it so i'd like to know what i can do to outreach uh the noise everything is just an abundance umm it's very disgusting my number is XXX-XXX-XXXX thank you my name is linda cyr cyr thank you you have a good day

Ecology's Response

Response Date: 5/26/26 | Sent to COEES via email

My return phone calls to Linda are being declined, so I cannot return this call. In response to her call:

Non-remediation-related complaints regarding black soot being put out by facilities should be directed to the local clean air agency. Linda did not explicitly state that she was referring to Boeing Renton, but if that is her location, then her local clean air agency would be Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. She can file complaints in the following two ways:

- Complaints can be filed on their [website](#).⁷
- Complaints can be made over phone: 800-552-3565.

In her voicemail, Linda also mentioned noise from the facility being an issue. Again, if this is referring to Boeing Renton, then she can file a noise complaint in the following two ways:

- Complaints can be filed on their [website](#).⁸
- Complaints can be made over phone: 425-235-2121.

It might be easiest if she provides you with her email address and then I can send her these resources.

⁶ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/820>

⁷ <https://pscleanair.gov/262/File-a-Complaint>

⁸ <https://www.rentonwa.gov/City-Services/Report-an-Issue>

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this call. I want to make sure we respond to her in a timely manner, but I cannot return her phone call if she does not accept my calls.

Thanks,

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From Tim H.

Submit Date: 5/22/26 @ 9:10 AM PT | Email

I am for a meeting

Good weekend

Tim h

Ecology's Response

Response Date: 7/8/26 @ 9:58 AM PT | Email

Thank you for your meeting request. We hold public meetings, workshops, open houses, and hearings based on community interest. If we have not scheduled an event, we will hold one if ten or more people request it or when comments received are significant enough to change the documents.

For this comment period, we only received 2 requests for a meeting and 4 comments overall, so we will not be holding a meeting at this time. We are more than happy to answer any additional questions or concerns you might have regarding this comment period.

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 Public input opportunity



Figure 1: Steps in the MTCA cleanup process

Documents for review and comment

[Periodic Review](#)⁹

[Public Participation Plan](#)¹⁰

Background

Boeing has been building planes here since 1962. In 2021, Boeing encountered an oily sheen in shallow water in a construction trench near the 737 final assembly buildings. They are investigating the nature and extent of contamination in that area.

In 2025, an unintended release of water with aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) occurred. AFFF is a fire-fighting foam that contains per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that can cause serious health conditions. Boeing cleaned up the affected areas and is doing more investigation to determine the extent of the PFAS contamination.

Next steps

Ecology will approve and finalize the Periodic Review and public participation plan. Boeing Renton continues to implement the cleanup actions outlined in their Cleanup Action Plan. Boeing will also study petroleum contamination in the Apron R area. Boeing is working to review their PFAS use. PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used since the 1940s because they resist water, oil, heat, and chemical breakdown, and reduce friction. However, those same properties make PFAS contamination difficult to remove in the environment. As blood levels of PFAS in people has increased, studies have shown links to negative health impacts such as immune system suppression, hormone disruption, raised cholesterol, and a higher risk of cancer.

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⁹ <https://ecyaptcp/cleanupsearch/document/170133>

¹⁰ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2604016.html>