Tribal Engagement Plan
EFR HQ IVES Site

175 Newport Way NW & 555 NW Holly St, Issaquah, King County

Facility Site ID: 83936264 & 87761647, Cleanup Site ID: 16581

Toxics Cleanup Program, Northwest Region

Washington State Department of Ecology
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Document Information

This document is available on the Department of Ecology's EFR HQ IVES cleanup site page.[1]

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- Facility Site ID: 83936264 & 87761647
- Cleanup Site ID: 16582

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[1] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site16581
[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.

Site information

EFR HQ IVES Site
175 Newport Way NW & 555 NW Holly St
Issaquah, WA, 98027

This is an Ecology- supervised cleanup site.

Facility Site ID: 57044 & 96747, Cleanup Site ID: 16582

Ecology's EFR HQ IVES cleanup site page[4]

Tribes

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

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

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Snoqualmie Tribe

[4] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16581

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Tulalip Tribes

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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 Ecology-conducted and Ecology-supervised contaminated sites.

Tribal Engagement for this site 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[5] 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 Ecology to develop a more effective process.

[5] If a public participation plan exists for this site, then in can be found in the 'Documents' section of the site webpage. If there is no Public Participation Plan listed on the site's webpage, then it has not yet been prepared. https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/139137

Ecology's Tribal Engagement Responsibilities under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)

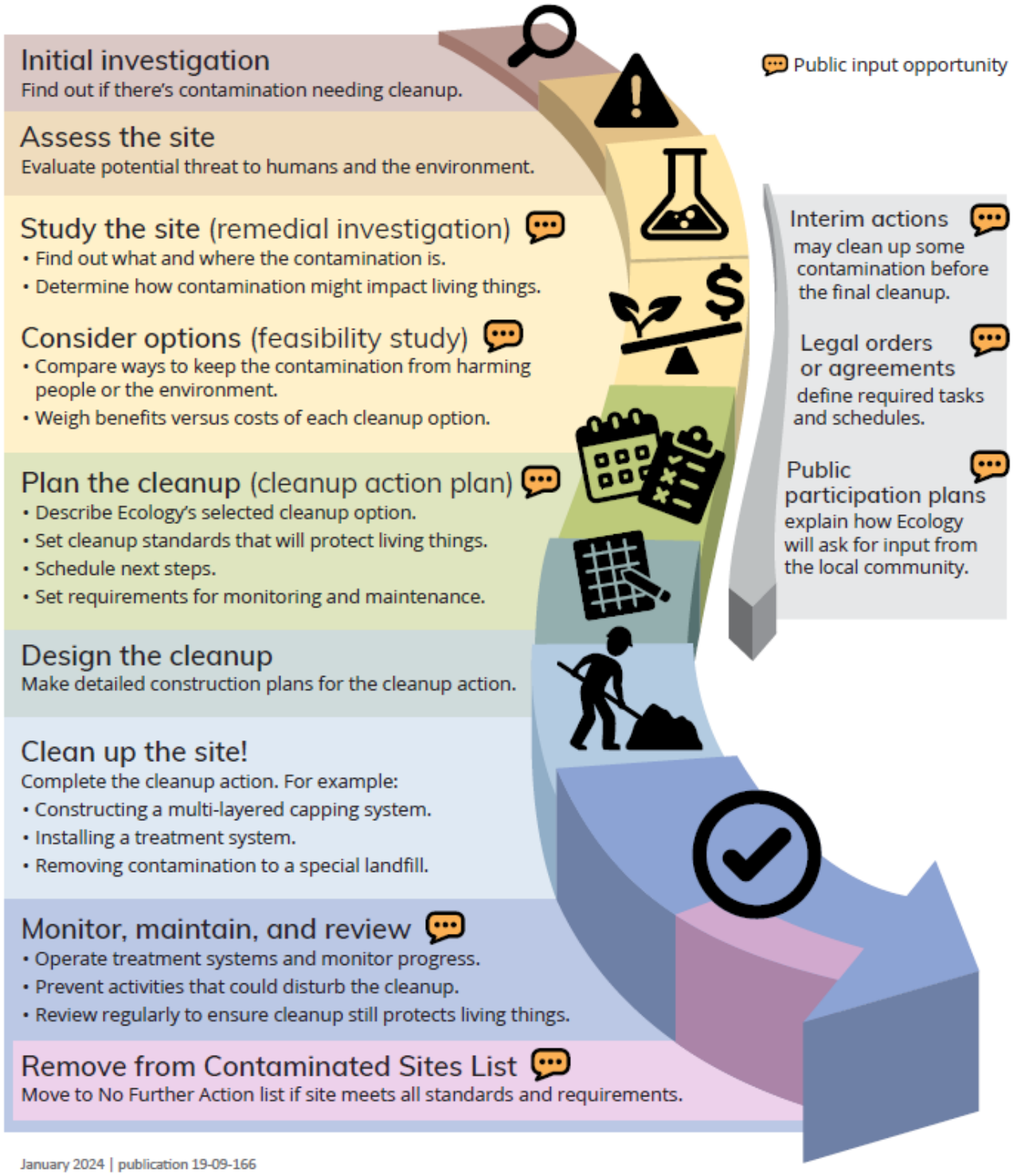
Ecology will initiate engagement with affected Tribes before a remedial investigation or an interim action at a site, or as early in the investigation and cleanup process as possible.

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.[6]

[6] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16581

Figure 1. Washington's Cleanup Process under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)[7]



[7] https://ecology.wa.gov/spills-cleanup/contamination-cleanup/cleanup-process

Ecology's Tribal Engagement Plan proposed 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[8].
- 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.

[8] Ecology aims to finalize documents shortly after close of comment periods.

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

	Document or Action	Ecology-supervised
	Interim action plans	X
	Legal Orders or Agreements • Consent decrees & amendments • Agreed orders & amendments • Enforcement orders & amendments	X
	Remedial investigation work plans	
	Remedial investigation reports	X
	Feasibility study reports	X
	Cleanup action plans (CAPs) *(which may or may not include institutional controls*[9]*)*	X
	Engineering design reports	
	Implementation plans substantially changing cleanup action plans	X
	Periodic review reports	X
	Amendment of institutional controls	X
	Removal of institutional controls	X
	Removal of sites from contaminated sites list	X

[9] 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.

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.[10]
- Identifying and analyzing environmental impacts associated with governmental decisions as required by the State Environmental Policy Act[11] (SEPA) and associated SEPA rules.[12]
- Implementing Washington's Environmental Justice Law (HEAL Act).[13]

[10] https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/payments-contracts-grants/grants-loans/find-a-grant-or-loan/area-wide-groundwater-investigation-grants/cultural-resources-review
[11] https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review
[12] https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=197-11
[13] https://ecology.wa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/environmental-justice/heal