Tribal Engagement Plan
Newman's Chevron

2021 6th Street, Bremerton, Kitsap County
Facility Site ID: 1436359, Cleanup Site ID: 5252

Toxics Cleanup Program, Northwest Region

Washington State Department of Ecology
Shoreline, Washington

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Document Information

This document is available on the Department of Ecology's Newman's Chevron cleanup site page.[1]

Related Information

- Facility Site ID: 1436359
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[1] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/5252
[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

Newman's Chevron
2021 6th Street
Bremerton, WA, 98337

This is an Ecology-supervised cleanup site

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Ecology's Newman's Chevron cleanup site page[4]

Tribes

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

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

- Roma Call, Natural Resources Director romac@pgst.nsn.us
- Josh Carter, Water Quality Manager & Brownfield Manager jcarter@pgst.nsn.us
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer pgst-thpo@pgst.nsn.us

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- Tribal Council Chairperson chairperson@pgst.nsn.us

Snoqualmie Tribe

- Matthew Baerwalde, Senior Environmental Policy Analyst Mattb@snoqualmietribe.us
- Environmental Review Team enrreview@snoqualmietribe.us

[4] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/5252

Squaxin Island Tribe

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- Scott Steltzner, Environmental Manager ssteltzner@squaxin.us

Suquamish Tribe

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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.

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.

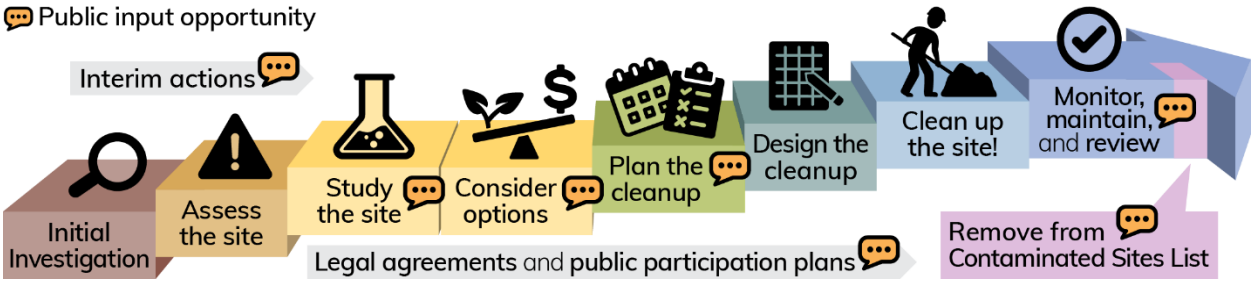
Ecology will seek to maintain meaningful engagement with Tribes throughout the cleanup process.

This Tribal Engagement Plan is publicly available on the cleanup site page.[6]

[5] If a public participation plan exists for this site, then it 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/69042

[6] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/5252

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 actions:

- Invite 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 Tribes for review and comment.
- Tribes, at any time, may propose any changes to this Tribal Engagement Plan.
- Notify Tribes when Ecology identifies a potentially liable person under WAC 173-340-500.
- Provide early notifications and opportunities for collaboration and input at specific points in the cleanup process, including Remedial Investigation Work Plans, see Table 1.
- Provide Tribes at least as much time to submit input as offered to the public at each stage in the process, when possible, more time will be provided (30 extra days).
- Keep effective communication open throughout the cleanup process including communicating project timelines, reviewing timeframes, and comment period deadlines.
- Assess and make adjustments as needed to the engagement process in collaboration with each Tribe as follows:
    - Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe via annual email with offer for a meeting if needed
    - Snoqualmie Indian Tribe whenever a need is identified by the tribe or Ecology
    - Squaxin Island Tribe via annual meeting
    - Suquamish Tribe via annual email with offer for a meeting if needed
- If long-term monitoring is required for the cleanup, learn from Tribe what level of engagement is preferred during monitoring.
- If Tribe requests government-to-government consultation, engage Ecology leadership and facilitate that process.

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

	Document or Action
	Interim action plans
	Legal Orders or Agreements • Consent decrees & amendments • Agreed orders & amendments • Enforcement orders & amendments
	Remedial investigation work plans
	Remedial investigation reports
	Feasibility study reports
	Cleanup action plans (CAPs) *(which may or may not include institutional controls*[8])
	Engineering design reports
	Implementation plans substantially changing cleanup action plans
	Periodic review reports
	Amendment of institutional controls
	Removal of institutional controls
	Removal of sites from contaminated sites list

[8] 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.[9]
- Identifying and analyzing environmental impacts associated with governmental decisions as required by the State Environmental Policy Act[10] (SEPA) and associated SEPA rules.[11]
- Implementing Washington's Environmental Justice Law (HEAL Act).[12]

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