

# Whitehead Tyee Cleanup Site



## CONTACTS & INFORMATION

### Comments accepted:

**February 3—March 5, 2017**

### Submit comments to:

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**Facility Site ID #: 9809**

**Cleanup Site ID#: 12115**

## Public comment invited

Ecology invites you to comment on the following documents for the Whitehead Tyee Cleanup Site (Seattle Iron & Metals Truck Parking) located at 730 S Myrtle St. in Seattle:

- **Interim Action Work Plan**
- **State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

## Site background

The site was developed into a sawmill and lumber storage facility as early as 1918. Tyee Lumber and Manufacturing used the site for lumber re-sawing and finishing, wood treatment, and refuse burning from about 1929 to 1982. The Whitehead Company, Inc. and Reliable Transfer & Storage Company purchased the property in 1986 for trucking and storage operations.

Seattle Iron & Metals Corporation (SIM) started leasing the property in 1999, and purchased the property in 2015. SIM continues to use the property for truck and container storage.

## What is happening?

Under a water quality order, SIM is required to install a stormwater treatment system on the property. This will reduce contamination that runs off the site into the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW).

SIM and 730 Myrtle, LLC (the potentially liable parties or PLPs) will conduct an Interim Action to remove contaminated soil in the area where the system is installed. They will also grade and pave the gravel lot to reduce dust and allow stormwater capture. Some of the pavement may later be removed to allow additional cleanup of the site, if necessary.

## What happens next?

Ecology will consider and respond to all of the comments received, and may change the work plan based on your comments. Construction on this project will start in the summer of 2017. At that time, SIM will need to get



**For more information and to review the documents, visit:**

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=12115>

**For information about the stormwater permit, visit:**

Industrial Stormwater General Permit No. WAR125002

[https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:302:3727895312491482::NO:RP:P302\\_PERMIT\\_NUMBER:WAR125002](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wqreports/public/f?p=110:302:3727895312491482::NO:RP:P302_PERMIT_NUMBER:WAR125002).

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a construction stormwater permit, which will control pollution in stormwater during construction.

A final Cleanup Action Plan will be determined after the Interim Action and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) are completed.

## Why this cleanup matters

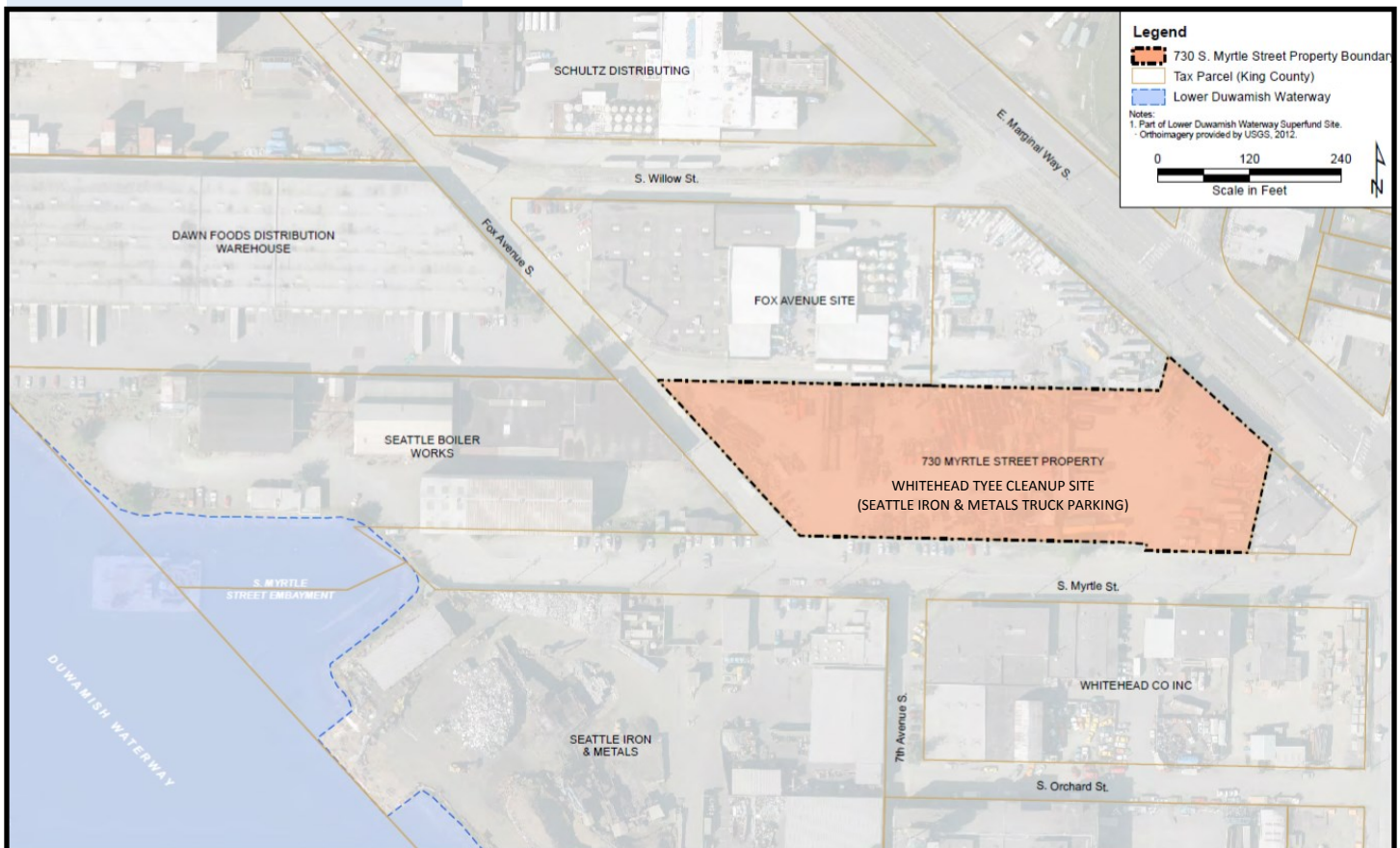
The Whitehead Tye site is part of Ecology's LDW source control efforts, because it may be contributing contamination to the LDW Superfund Site.

The 5-mile stretch of the Duwamish River that flows north into Elliot Bay was added to the Superfund National Priorities List by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2001. Ecology added it to the Washington Hazardous Sites List in 2002.

The sediments (mud) in the river contain a wide range of contaminants due to decades of industrial activity and runoff from urban areas. Contaminants in the soil and groundwater in the land area around the river can move into sediments through storm runoff and other pathways.

EPA is leading efforts to clean up the river sediments, while Ecology is leading efforts to control sources of pollution from the surrounding land area in order to minimize re-contamination of the river.

Several early sediment cleanups have already been completed, and many source control actions are underway. For more information, see Ecology's Source Control Strategy: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/DocViewer.ashx?did=56204>.



**Document review locations:**

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8604 Eighth Ave. S  
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**What is the State  
Environmental Policy Act  
(SEPA)?**

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires state and local agencies to review all projects that may have a negative impact on the environment. This includes cleanup projects. The result of a review is called a SEPA determination.

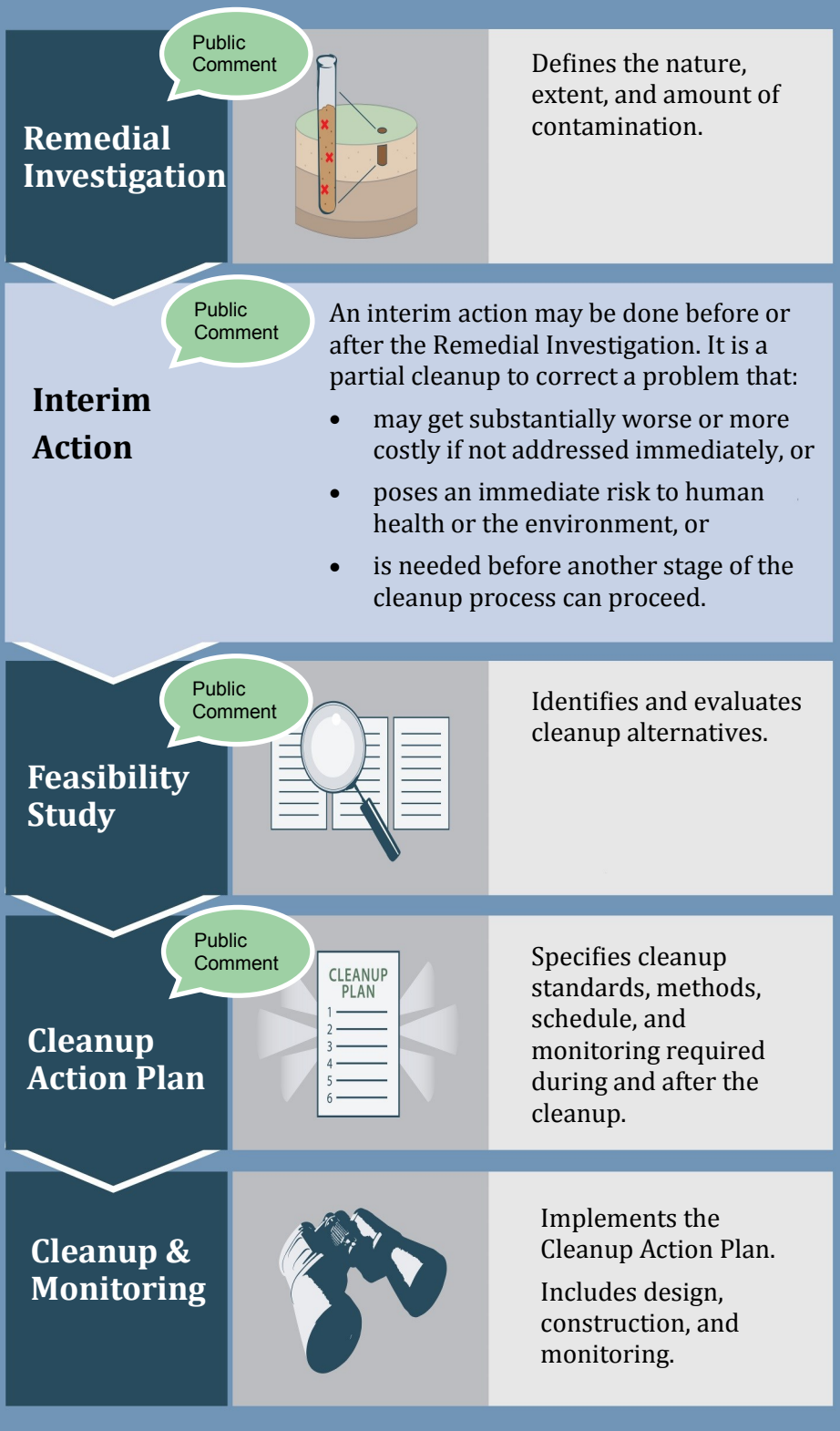
Ecology is issuing a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Interim Action. A DNS means that the project will probably not cause significant negative effects on the environment or local community.

The public is invited to review the decision and provide comments to Ecology during this comment period.

For more information about SEPA, visit: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/e-review.html>

# The Cleanup Process

The Whitehead Tye property cleanup must follow the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup regulations, which consists of a standard process.





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## Comment Invited—Whitehead Tye Interim Action



**Public Comment Period:  
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El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público referente a la limpieza ambiental del sitio de Whitehead Tye. Si le gustaría obtener este documento, o más información sobre este sitio, en español, favor de comunicarse con Gretchen Newman al 360-407-6097 o preguntas@ecy.wa.gov o visite al <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/page.aspx?csid=12115>.

Bộ Môi Sinh thông báo đến công chúng về khung thời gian góp ý cho công tác làm sạch môi trường khu vực Whitehead Tye. Nếu quý vị muốn nhận tài liệu này bằng tiếng Việt hoặc cần thêm thông tin, xin liên hệ ông Liêm Nguyễn 360-407-6955, điện thư: [Lngu461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Lngu461@ecy.wa.gov) hoặc vào trang mạng <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/page.aspx?csid=12115>.

**To contact the Community Advisory Group for the Lower Duwamish Superfund Site,**  
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