

# Jorgensen Forge Agreed Order



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**June 12—July 11, 2017**

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**Facility Site ID:** 2382

**Cleanup Site ID:** 3689

## Public comment invited—Jorgensen Forge cleanup site

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) invites your input on a legal agreement called an **Agreed Order** for the cleanup site at 8531 East Marginal Way South in Tukwila. The order requires Earle M. Jorgensen Company (EMJ), the Potentially Liable Person (PLP), to do the following:

- **Remedial Investigation (RI).** The RI will provide data about contamination in soil, groundwater, and stormwater needed to evaluate cleanup alternatives.
- **Feasibility Study (FS).** The FS will use data from the RI to evaluate and select cleanup methods to clean up contamination.
- **Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP).** Ecology will choose a preferred cleanup action based on the FS.

## Site background

The property was used from 1942-1965 to manufacture structural steel, tractor and road equipment. EMJ owned the property from 1965 until 1992, when Jorgensen Forge Corporation (JFC) purchased the operation.

The facility now makes large-scale metal parts for the aircraft and marine industries. They process steel, aluminum, titanium, and specialized alloys.

Investigations in the 1990s-2000s found contaminants in groundwater and soil, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), petroleum, and metals.

In 2007, Ecology entered into an Agreed Order with JFC to investigate sources of contamination moving from the site into the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW). In 2013, the order was amended to require an Interim Action (partial cleanup). JFC met the requirements of this order in 2014.

In 2015, Ecology issued another legal order, called an Enforcement Order, requiring JFC to investigate and develop a cleanup action plan for the site. In 2016, JFC declared bankruptcy. Ecology will now enter into a new Agreed Order with EMJ, the site's former owner and operator.



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To read Ecology's Source Control Strategy, visit:

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**What happens next?**

Ecology will consider and respond to all of the comments received, and may change the Agreed Order based on your comments. After that, EMJ will proceed with the RI and FS.

**Why this cleanup matters**

This site is part of Ecology's LDW source control efforts, because it is contributing pollution to the LDW Superfund Site. Source control means finding and stopping or reducing sources of pollution to the river.

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.

Contaminants in the soil and groundwater around the river pose a risk to human health and the environment. They can also find their way into the river through storm runoff and other pathways.

The sediments (mud) in the river contain a wide range of contaminants from decades of industrial activity and runoff from urban areas. EPA is leading efforts to clean up the river sediments.

Ecology is leading efforts to control sources of contamination from the surrounding land area. The long-term goal is to reduce recontamination of the river sediment and restore water quality in the river.

*Figure 1. Aerial photo of Jorgensen Forge site and LDW, showing approximate site boundaries*



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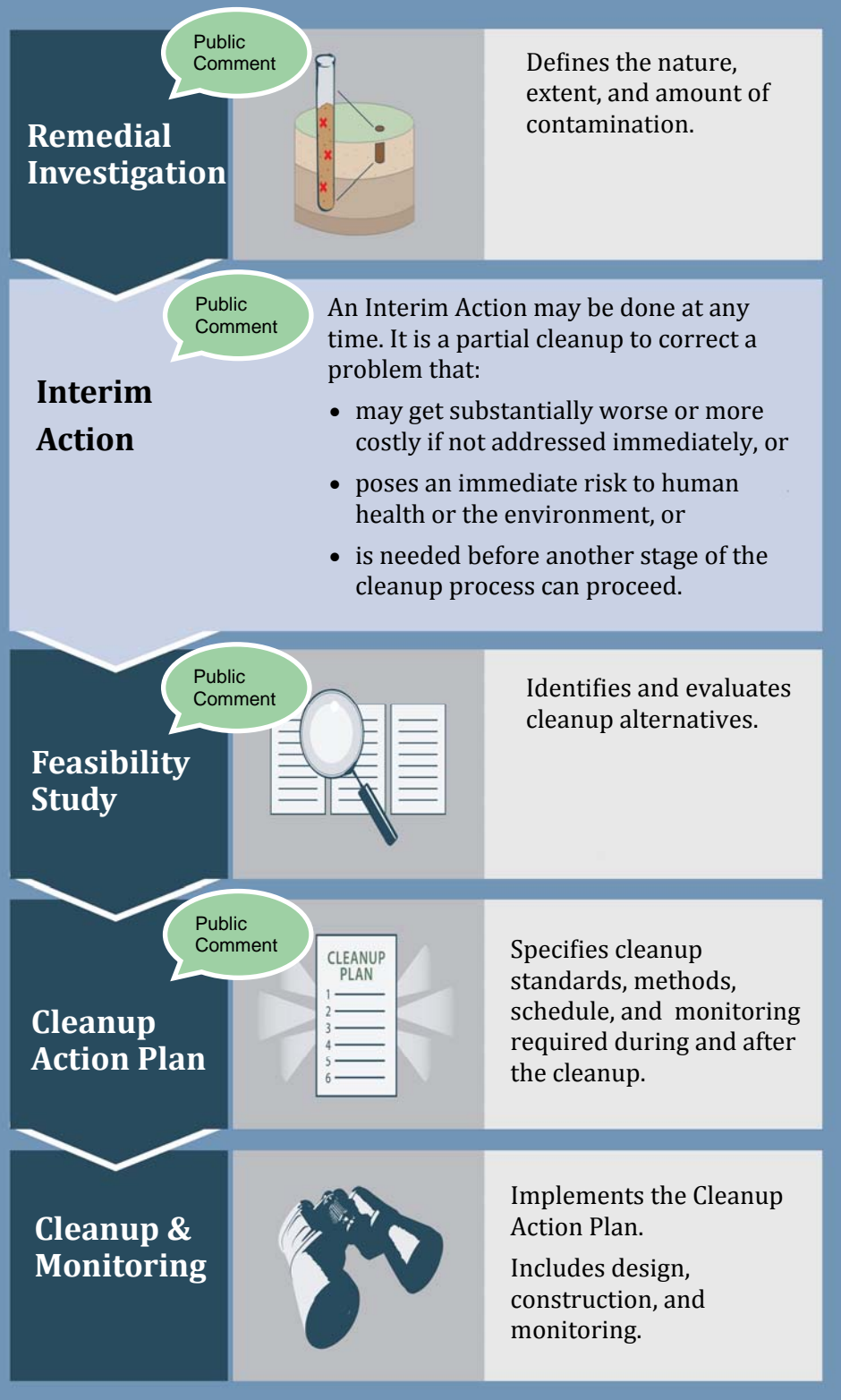
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## The Cleanup Process

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



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El Departamento de Ecología esta anunciando el periodo de comentario publico referente a la limpieza ambiental del sitio de Jorgensen Forge. 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](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov) o visite al <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=3689>.

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