



# **Newman's Chevron Site Public Participation Plan**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12541>

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# Public Involvement in Contamination Cleanup

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) developed this Public Participation Plan in collaboration with Chevron Environmental Management Company, Nordic Properties Inc., and Victory Business Park LLC, the parties responsible for cleanup costs. The goal of this plan is to ensure meaningful community involvement throughout the cleanup of the Newman's Chevron (site).

This plan outlines how Ecology will keep the public informed about contamination investigations and cleanup options at each stage of the process. Please review Appendix A for more information about the cleanup process. The plan also details when and how the community can participate in the cleanup process. We encourage the public to engage with the decision-making opportunities and provide input.

## Site contacts

To be included in the site record, comments about the cleanup process must be submitted during comment periods. Questions and informal comments or information about the site's history are welcome anytime.

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If you are unable to reach these contacts, please visit the [cleanup site page](#)<sup>4</sup> for up-to-date contact information.

## Public Participation Activities

Members of the public may ask questions, submit informal comments, or share site information at any time. Interested parties do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact Ecology.

However, to be included in the formal site record, comments about the site investigation, cleanup alternatives, or cleanups must be submitted during formal comment periods. In addition, the public is invited to review site documents before they become final. This is the most direct and influential way to learn more about the site and be involved in the cleanup's decision-making.

### How we share information with the community

During specific stages of the cleanup, Ecology will mail notices about public comment periods to addresses surrounding the site. The mailing list area will vary depending on the type of contamination and where it's located. However, the list will at least include addresses within a 1/4-mile radius of the site and other interested organizations and individuals. These notices will provide general information about the site, contact information for submitting comments, and times and locations of public meetings or hearings, or how to request one if not yet scheduled.

Comment period notices will be available online and at document repositories (for example at the library closest to the site). Notices may also be posted in various locations throughout the community (for example, local businesses, schools, or post offices).

Ecology may also develop documents outside of comment periods to keep the community updated on the site's status. These informational documents will be available online and print copies may be mailed to the nearby community if we feel the message warrants the associated cost and resources.

### Postal mailing list

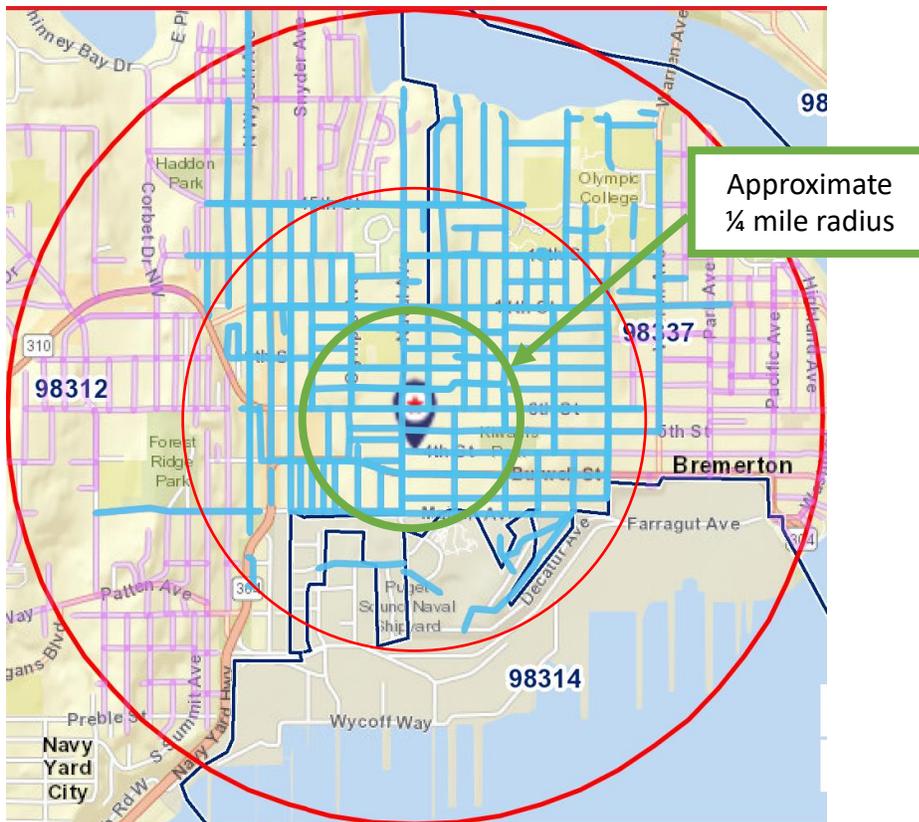
Ecology maintains a mailing list that includes addresses within a .25 mile radius of the site and relevant local, state, and federal government contacts. These routes may include 98312-C009, 98312-C012, 98337-C003, 98337-C006, 98337-C007.

People on the mailing list receive public comment notices when draft documents are available.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12541>

We will add additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties to the mailing list as requested. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for this site, please contact Meredith Waldref at 425-229-3683 or [meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov).



**Figure 1** Shows the [approximate 1/4 mile area](#)<sup>5</sup> where fact sheets may be mailed to announce public comment periods. The blue highlighted routes are postal routes that are located within that 1/4 mile area.

## Contaminated Site Register

Public comment periods, events, and other cleanup notices are published in Ecology's [Contaminated Site Register](#).<sup>6</sup> To receive the *Contaminated Site Register* by email, please [subscribe online](#),<sup>7</sup> or contact Sarah Kellington at [sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov) or 360-280-3167.

## Newspaper display ads or legal notices

We announce public comment periods and events for this site in ads or notices published in the Kitsap Sun. Additional ads or notices may be placed in the Kitsap Daily News. We will also publish notice on our [Public Input & Events Listing](#).<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> <https://eddm.usps.com/eddm/select-routes.htm?logoutDisplay=true>

<sup>6</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Site-Register-lists-and-data>

<sup>7</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/site-register>

<sup>8</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>

## Email lists

Ecology maintains an email list to update interested persons about this site. If you would like to be added to the email list for this site, please [subscribe online](#),<sup>9</sup> or contact Meredith Waldref at 425-229-3683 or [meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov).

## Ecology's website and social media platforms

We maintain a website for the [Newman's Chevron site](#).<sup>10</sup> The website provides site information, and you may download cleanup documents.

We may also share information about cleanup sites through [news releases, our blog, and social media](#).<sup>11</sup>

## Automatic site updates

You can subscribe to this site from our [Newman's Chevron](#) webpage. You'll receive a weekly email if we change the site's status, add documents to the site's webpage, or open a comment period.

## Places to see print documents

During public comment periods, you can find print documents at the following locations:

Kitsap Regional Library, Bremerton  
612 5th St. N.  
Bremerton, WA 98337  
(360) 377-3955

Washington Department of Ecology  
Northwest Region Office  
15700 Dayton Ave N.  
Shoreline, WA 98133

To schedule an appointment, please contact Michael Hart at 206-833-8973 or [michael.hart@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:michael.hart@ecy.wa.gov).

If you would like to be mailed print documents, please contact Meredith Waldref at 425-229-3683 or [meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov).

## Signs around the cleanup site

We may also install signs displaying information about project status, traffic impacts, and health risks around the cleanup site.

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<sup>9</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12541>

<sup>10</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/12541>

<sup>11</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/About-us/Get-to-know-us/News>

## How you can share information with us

We hold public comment periods and sometimes public events to learn your thoughts, opinions, and concerns about cleanup at a site. We may also identify public concerns and cleanup goals by meeting with and soliciting information from interested community members and organizations. To collaborate with us about this site, please contact Meredith Waldref at 425-229-3683 or [meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov).

### Public comment periods

At a minimum, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA, see page 12 for more information) requires 30-day comment periods to allow interested members of the public to comment on draft documents, legal agreements, and proposed cleanup actions. If there is significant interest, Ecology may extend the public comment period.

When Ecology oversees State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) determinations (see page 12 for more information), we hold comment periods for at least two weeks and may extend to 30 days or more when other cleanup documents are concurrently available for review.

Following a comment period, we publish all the input we received and respond to significant comments and questions, as appropriate. If the comments result in significant changes to the cleanup documents, then the documents will be revised and re-issued for public review. If the comments do not result in significant changes, the documents will become final.

### Public events

We hold public meetings, workshops, open houses, and hearings based on community interest. At meetings, workshops, and open houses, attendees can ask questions, learn more about the site, and submit written comments when a comment period is open. At a public hearing, verbal comments are transcribed for the record, and Ecology responds to them after the comment period in our response to comments.

If we have not scheduled an event, we will hold one if 10 people request it. This may cause us to extend a public comment period, so the event occurs during it.

Events are held at locations close to the site that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. Public events are always announced in advance using a variety of methods.

## Public Participation Grants

Grants may be available to neighborhood committees, non-profits, and other groups interested in the site. For contaminated sites, these funds can be used to:

- Hire an expert to help interpret technical information
- Conduct activities that enhance the public's understanding of, and participation in, the cleanup process

For more information about public participation grants, please contact Laura Busby at 360-280-5088 or [laura.busby@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:laura.busby@ecy.wa.gov) and Wendy Kovach at 564-250-2909 or [wendy.kovach@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wendy.kovach@ecy.wa.gov). You may also visit the [Public Participation Grant webpage](#).<sup>12</sup>

## Site Information

### Historical uses / How the site became contaminated

The Site is located at the corner of Naval Avenue and 6th Street at 2021 6th Street in Bremerton. Historical Property uses included:

- **1920s - 1961:** Gas station operations
- **1961 - 2008:** Current property buildings constructed, and continued gas station operations
- **2008 - present:** Gas station operations ended, and the Site is now vacant.

### Contamination

The remedial investigation is the stage in the cleanup process where Ecology studies the types and locations of contamination.

The investigation showed that a former gas station facility caused contamination at the Site. The contamination is in the soil and soil vapor. Soil vapor contamination occurs when contamination in the soil evaporates. These gases can move through the soil and sometimes get into air in buildings. Investigation on nearby properties found that Site contamination is not affecting their soil and indoor air above state cleanup levels.

The Site includes the following contaminants of concern:

- **Soil:** Gasoline-range organics (GRO), diesel-range organics (DRO), heavy-range organics (HRO), benzene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, and naphthalene.
- **Soil vapor:** Naphthalene.

These contaminants were found at levels above what is allowed by the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), and require cleanup activities.

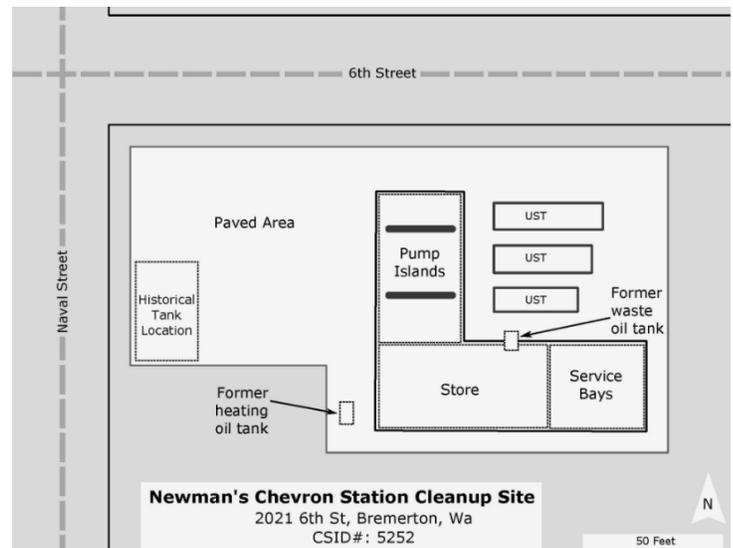


Figure 2 shows the layout of the now closed gas and service station.

<sup>12</sup> <https://ecology.wa.gov/PPG>

# Cleanup plans

## Feasibility Study: Considering cleanup options

The feasibility study is the stage in the cleanup process where Ecology evaluates different ways to clean up the site. Cleanup options are evaluated based on how well they protect human health and the environment, comply with regulations, and time frame in which they can be completed.

Ecology evaluated five cleanup options, called alternatives, at this Site. Some of the methods included a combination of leaving soil in place under a protective asphalt cap (containment), allowing contamination to slowly break down over time on its own through natural processes (monitored natural attenuation), removing contaminated soil and underground storage tanks, and controls on how the Site can be used in the future (institutional controls). All five alternatives are explained in detail on page 22 of the Feasibility Study. After evaluating the alternatives, Alternative 4 was selected and is explained in the following section.

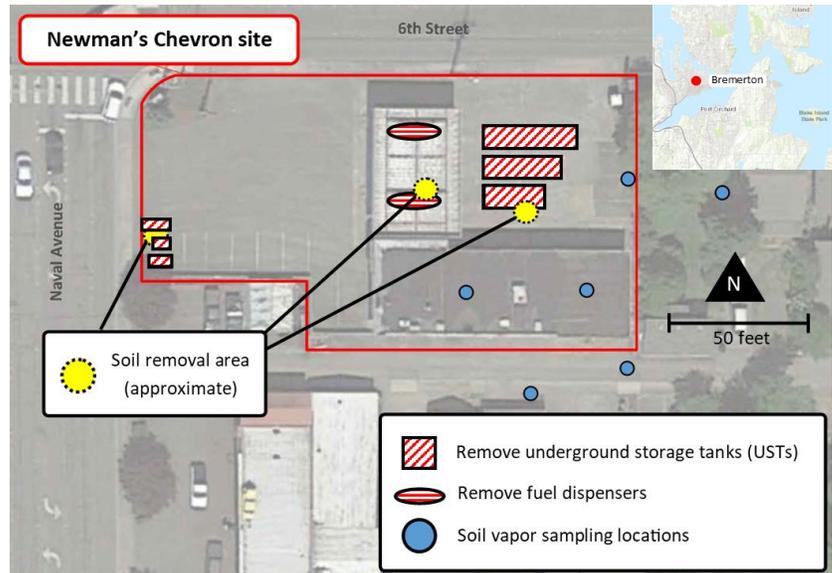


Figure 3 showing the layout of the site and the approximate locations of the cleanup work outlined in the Feasibility Study and Cleanup Action Plan.

## Cleanup Action Plan: Explaining the selected cleanup option

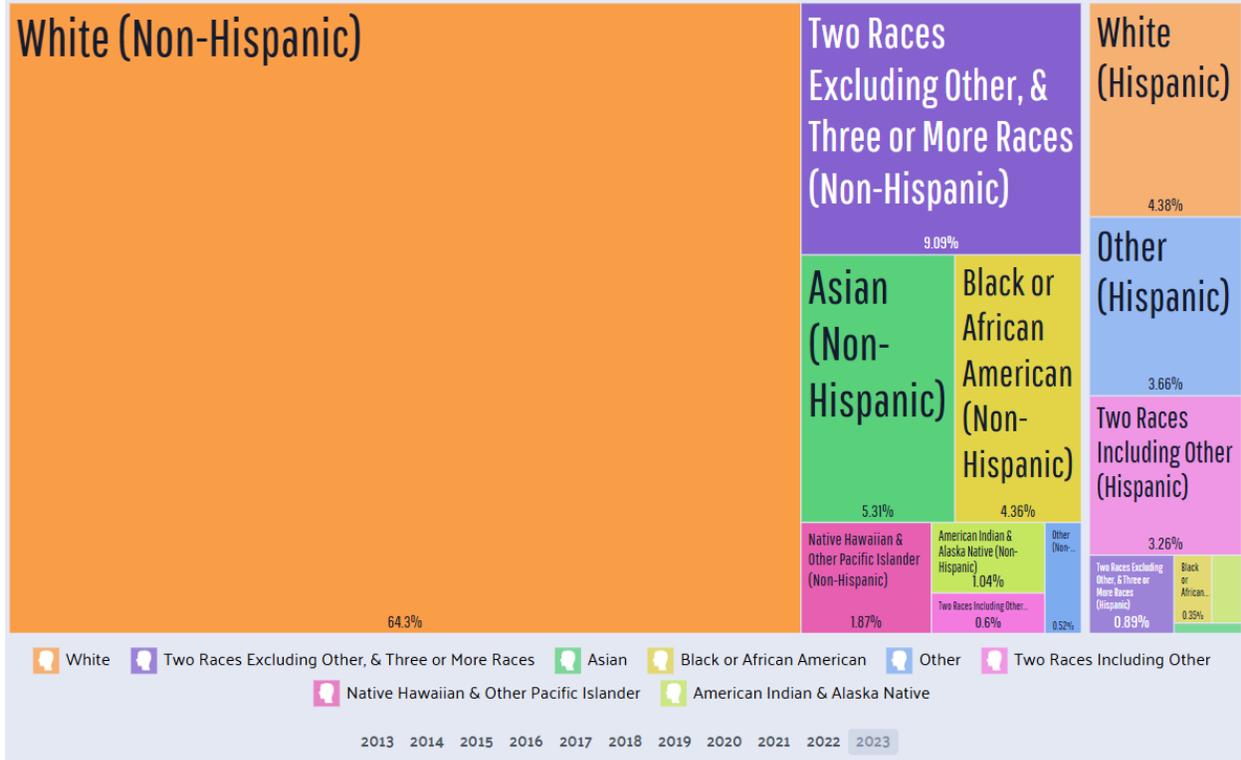
The Cleanup Action Plan (CAP) describes the selected cleanup option (chosen in the Feasibility Study). For this Site, the selected cleanup option includes:

- Remove the remaining six underground storage tanks (USTs) and fuel dispensers on the Property. If any USTs cannot be removed without risking damage to nearby structures, they will be “closed in-place” (cleaned and filled with a stable material).
- Remove all areas of contaminated soil above state cleanup levels in the top 15 feet of the Site.
- Re-sample soil vapor in the eastern Site area. If soil vapor sampling shows remaining contamination which may be a risk to the indoor air of current or future buildings, institutional controls (through a legal agreement called an environmental covenant) will be used to limit how the Site can be used in the future.



## Race and Ethnicity

The [5 largest ethnic groups in Bremerton, WA](#)<sup>14</sup> are White (Non-Hispanic) (64.3%), Two Races Excluding Other, & Three or More Races (Non-Hispanic) (9.09%), Asian (Non-Hispanic) (5.31%), White (Hispanic) (4.38%), and Black or African American (Non-Hispanic).



**Figure 5** The following chart shows the 8 races represented in Bremerton, WA as a share of the total population.

<sup>14</sup> <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/bremerton-wa/>

## Language needs

The Safe Harbor provision recommends translating vital documents for any limited English proficiency group that is 5% or more of the population served, or 1,000 people, whichever is less. The one language that met the translation threshold for the area around the Site is Spanish. If you would like to request the fact sheet in another language, you may reach out to Meredith Waldref at [meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:meredith.waldref@ecy.wa.gov) or 425-229-3683.

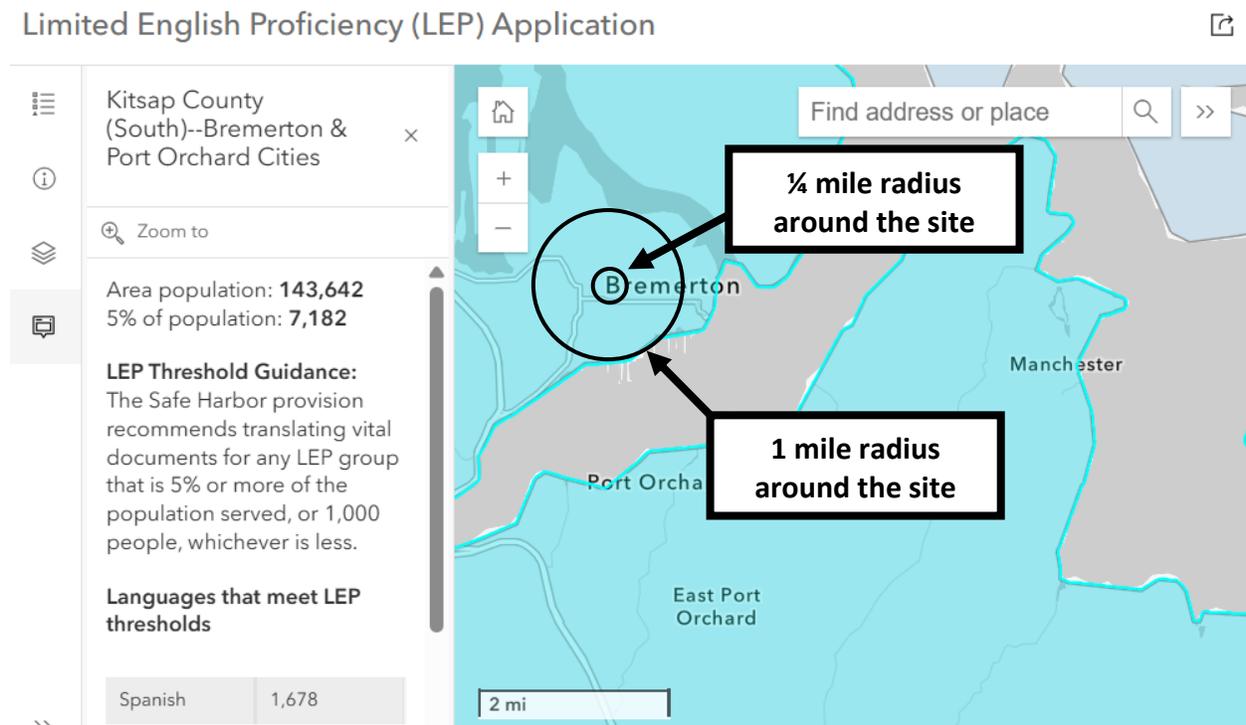


Figure 6 Ecology's [Limited English Proficiency map](#)<sup>15</sup> shows the 1/4 mile area around the Site as having one language that meet the translation threshold.

Ecology will reach out to cultural community organizations as part of our outreach and provide information in other languages according to [federal guidance](#).<sup>16</sup> The non-English language most widely spoken in the .25 mile area is Spanish. When appropriate, Ecology will provide outreach in Spanish. To request information in another language, call Meredith Waldref at 425-229-3683, and wait on the line while we connect an interpreter.

We strive to make our public participation efforts as inclusive as possible and welcome your input about how to best reach the nearby community.

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<https://gis.ecology.wa.gov/portal/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=c0a212e59e1643c79f0631c29864d71d>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2004/06/25/04-14464/guidance-to-environmental-protection-agency-financial-assistance-recipients-regarding-title-vi>

## Tribal engagement

The Snoqualmie, Suquamish, Squaxin and Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribes’ area of [interest overlay with the location of the cleanup site](#)<sup>17</sup> and could be affected by the contamination. The cleanup process may also uncover cultural resources. The Snoqualmie Tribe requested to be removed from the outreach for this site after a consultation meeting.

We will reach out to Tribes to offer opportunities to engage in the cleanup process that are separate from the public involvement process. This engagement is described in a site-specific Tribal Engagement Plan, as required by [WAC 173-340-620](#).<sup>18</sup> We invite Tribal members and other indigenous peoples to engage in the public involvement process as well.



Figure 7 Map showing screening results for Tribes’ area of interest in this site’s area.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://dahp.wa.gov/archaeology/tribal-consultation-information>

<sup>18</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340-620>

# Washington's Cleanup Laws

Ecology uses the [Model Toxics Control Act \(MTCA\)](#)<sup>19</sup> and accompanying regulations for cleanup activities. Passed in 1989, MTCA provides guidelines for contaminated site cleanup in Washington state. This law sets standards to ensure the cleanup protects people and the environment. MTCA requires the creation of this plan.

## Model Toxics Control Act

MTCA began in 1988 as a citizen-led effort to clean up contaminated sites in Washington state. The law holds property owners or operators responsible for cleaning up contamination on, or coming from, their property.

Ecology carries out MTCA, making sure cleanups happen according to state rules and regulations. These rules are found in [Chapter 173-340 Washington Administrative Code \(WAC\)](#).<sup>20</sup> Ecology investigates reports of contamination, and the property is placed on the [Contaminated Sites List](#)<sup>21</sup> if the pollution is determined to pose a serious risk to human health or the environment. This starts the cleanup process at the site.

The cleanup process under MTCA includes several steps (Appendix A). Public involvement is a key part of MTCA's [cleanup process](#).<sup>22</sup> Nearby residents, businesses, community groups, and other interested parties can review and comment on documents related to steps that make crucial decisions or plans about the cleanup.

## State Environmental Policy Act

MTCA cleanups also require evaluation under the [State Environmental Policy Act \(SEPA\)](#).<sup>23</sup> Under SEPA, the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts from a project or action must be evaluated by state and local agencies when making decisions. This evaluation is subject to public review and comment in parallel with cleanup documents.

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<sup>19</sup> <https://www.ecology.wa.gov/mtca>

<sup>20</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=173-340>

<sup>21</sup> <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/reports/cleanup/contaminated>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process>

<sup>23</sup> <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=197-11>

## Plan Amendments

Ecology developed this plan following MTCA regulations (WAC 173-340-600). We review it as the cleanup progresses and amend it as necessary. You may suggest amendments to Meredith Waldref at 425-229-3683.

We intend for this plan to provide the public with information on opportunities for public involvement and comment. The outreach activities discussed reflect Ecology's current plans to keep the public informed. It also provides ways for those interested in the site to communicate their concerns and questions to us.

If you feel the planned outreach activities and mechanisms found in this plan are insufficient or would like to modify them in some way, please contact us. We will work to find solutions. We can implement new activities or outreach tools right away, with or without amending this plan.

## Appendix A. Steps in the MTCA cleanup process

The cleanup process is defined in the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Washington's cleanup law. See the attached, accessible PDF for details.

# Washington's Cleanup Process



Public participation plans and comment periods are only required for cleanups under a legal agreement with Ecology. Otherwise, all cleanups follow the same steps. The steps are defined by Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act.

