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Response to Comments

Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan

Northern State Multi Service Center Site Sedro-Woolley, WA

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Comment Summary

From March 18 to April 16, 2019, the Department of Ecology solicited public comments on an agreed order (legal agreement) and a public participation plan for the Northern State Multi Service Center cleanup site. The cleanup site is located on the eastern edge of Sedro-Woolley in Skagit County. The property was formerly owned and operated by Washington State as the Northern State Hospital and is now owned by the Port of Skagit.

Ecology received 1 comment during the 30-day comment period.

Table 1: List of Commenters

	First Name	Last Name	Agency/Organization/Business	Submitted By
1	Holly	Borth	Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation	Agency

Comments and Responses

Ecology has reviewed and considered all comments received on the agreed order and public participation plan. Based on Ecology's evaluation of the comments, no changes were made to the documents and are being finalized.

The comments are presented below, along with Ecology's responses. Appendix A, page 5, contains the comments in their original format.

Comment from: Holly Borth (Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation)

[Comment sent via email, April 3, 2019]

Hi Mark,

As you will see in the letter attached, the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation received a piece of mail regarding the Northern State Multi Service Center Cleanup Site project. Please see the attached and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Holly

Holly Borth, M.S. | Preservation Design Reviewer

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[Attached letter]

April 3, 2019

Mr. Mark Adams, Site Manager
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*In future correspondence please refer to:
Project Tracking Code: 2019-04-02413*

*Re: Washington State Department of Ecology Northern State Hospital Multi-Service Center
Cleanup Site project*

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is in receipt of an informational mailer distribution from the Washington Department of Ecology. As the Washington Department of Ecology is a Washington State agency funded by the State Capital Budget, the above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) under provisions of Governor's Executive Order 05-05. Our review is based upon documentation contained in this mailer.

DAHP understands the needs of the project to clean any contaminated soil throughout the State of Washington. However, based upon the mailer we have received, DAHP has concerns for the potential for the project to impact the Northern State Hospital Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Three Areas of Concern listed in the mailer (AOCs 1, 2, and 6) propose work at buildings within the district. In addition to the individual buildings, DAHP has concerns about impacts the project overall may have on the district itself, which is composed of several distinctive and significant landscape features and structures, such as tunnels, rock walls, and ponds. We understand that the project is in the preliminary phase, but want to bring our concerns to your attention as soon as possible. We recommend consultation under GEO 05-05 begin early with the completion and submittal of an EZ-1 form, available on our website: <https://dahp.wa.gov/project-review/ez-forms>. DAHP looks forward to the opportunity to work with the Washington Department of Ecology to reach a mutually beneficial outcome for both parties.

Finally, please note that in order to streamline our responses, DAHP requires that Resource documentation (HPI, Archaeology sites, TCP) and reports be submitted electronically.

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Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. Please ensure that the DAHP Project Number (a.k.a. Project Tracking Code) is shared with any hired cultural resource consultants and is attached to any communications or submitted reports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Response:

[Response via email, April 3, 2019]

Holly:

Thank you very much for reaching out to us at the beginning of this cleanup project, and providing this early input. The project team has every intention of complying with Governor's Executive Order 05-05, and we look forward to working closely with DAHP to address any concerns or requirements.

Regards,

Mark Adams, LHG

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Public Outreach Summary

Ecology's public involvement activities related to the Northern State Multi Service Center cleanup site's 30-day comment period (March 18 to April 16, 2019) included:

- **Fact Sheet:**
 - US mail distribution of a fact sheet providing information about the cleanup documents and the public comment period to approximately 1,280 people including neighboring businesses and other interested parties.
 - Email distribution of the fact sheet to approximately 210 people, including interested individuals, local/county/state/federal agencies, and interested community groups.
- **Legal Notices:**
 - Publication of one paid display ad in *The Courier Times*, dated Tuesday, March 12, 2019.
 - Publication of one paid display ad in *The Skagit Valley Herald*, dated Friday, March 15, 2019.
- **Site Register:**
 - Publication of 4 notices in Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Site Register:
 - Comment Period Notice:
 - March 14, 2019
 - March 28, 2019
 - April 11, 2019
 - Response Summary Notice:
 - May 9, 2019
 - Visit [Ecology's Site Register website](#)¹ to download PDFs.
- **Website:**
 - Announcement of the public comment period and posting of the fact sheet and associated documents for review on [Ecology's Northern State Multi Service Center website](#)²
- **Document Repositories:**
 - Provided copies of the documents for public review through three information repositories:
 - Central Skagit Sedro-Woolley Library in Sedro-Woolley
 - Ecology's Bellingham Field Office in Bellingham
 - Ecology's Northwest Regional Office in Bellevue
- **Public Meeting:**
 - Hosted an informational public meeting at Sedro-Woolley City Hall on March 27, 2019 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Next Steps

Later in 2019, Ecology will finalize the agreed order and public participation plan. Two Interim Actions, detailed in the agreed order, are planned to begin in Summer 2019.

¹<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/UIPages/PublicationList.aspx?IndexTypeName=Program&NameValue=Toxics+Cleanup&DocumentTypeName=Newsletter>

² <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=10048>

Appendices

Appendix A. Public Comments in Original Format



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