Reserve Silica Corporation Site Cleanup Status Update Winter 2020

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Agenda

- Public update review
- Cleanup site distinctions
- Agreed order
- Public participation
- Ecology websites
- Questions & answers



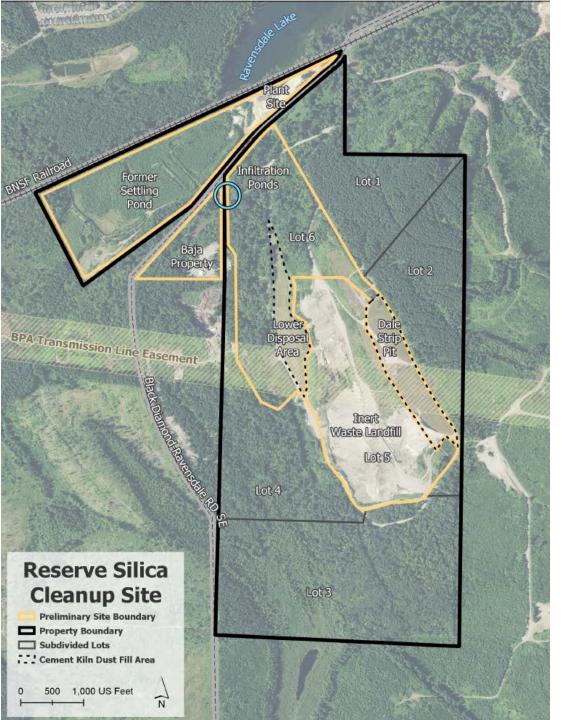
Public Update Review

- Introduced site and cleanup regulations (6/5/2017, 5/7/2018)
- Solicited comments on proposed Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan (11/16/2018)
- Status update on interim action (3/4/2019)
- New Agreed Order (2/3/2020)





Model Toxics Control Act Cleanup Site Distinctions



Historical mining activities

- Underground coal mining
- Surface coal and sand mining and reclamation
- Coal and sand processing areas

Parcel descriptions

- Reserve Silica Corporation parcel boundaries outlined in black
- Parcels impacted by contamination outlined in yellow

Preliminary site boundaries

- Reserve Silica Reclamation site
 - South of Black Diamond-Ravensdale Road
- Reserve Silica Plant site
 - North of Black Diamond-Ravensdale Road

Separate Sites under Model Toxics Control Act

- Sources and types of contamination are distinct
- Permit, interim action, and restoration time frame differences
 - Landfills require post-closure care and financial assurance until functionally stable.
- Different potentially liable persons (PLPs) and remedial investigation/feasibility studies (RI/FS's) proposed



Why Sites managed separately

Reclamation Site

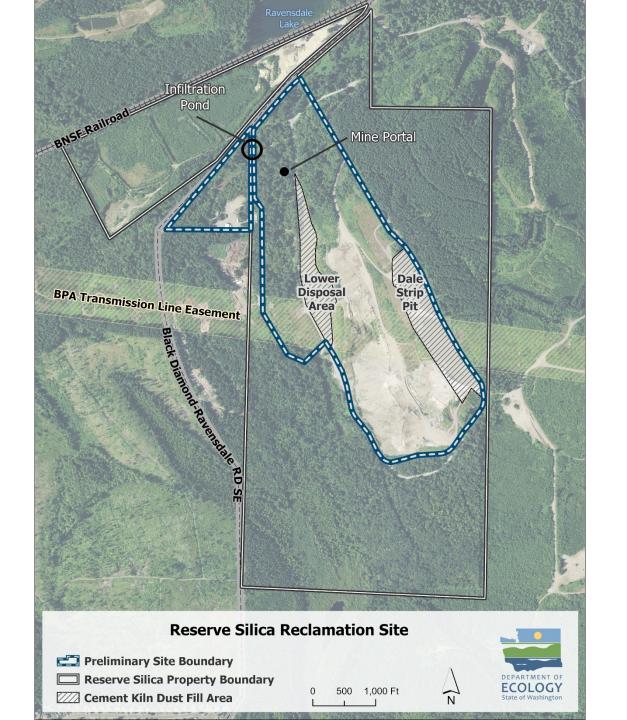
- Mining works and mine reclamation
- Complex geology and hydrogeology
- Landfill permit
- Cement kiln dust, high pH leachate release
- Multiple interim actions
- Long-term post-closure care and financial assurance
- PLPs: Reserve Silica, Holcim, BNSF
- Formal cleanup process

Plant Site

- Historical coal and sand processing
- Petroleum impacts
- Relatively low environmental risk
- Short-term cleanup alternatives preferred
- PLP: Reserve Silica
- Independent cleanup process







Reserve Silica Reclamation Site

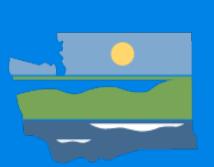
- Agreed Order
 - -Remedial Investigation (RI) Work Plan
 - -Remedial Investigation (RI)
 - -Feasibility Study (FS)
 - Draft Cleanup Action Plan (DCAP)



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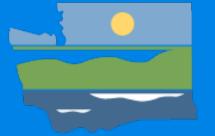
- Public Participation
 - Draft Agreed Order (11/16/2018)
 - Comments received
 - Responsiveness summary (1/29/2020)
 - RI Work Plan will be available for review
 - Comments will be considered
 - Formal review process planned for RI, FS, DCAP
 - Responsiveness summary will be issued



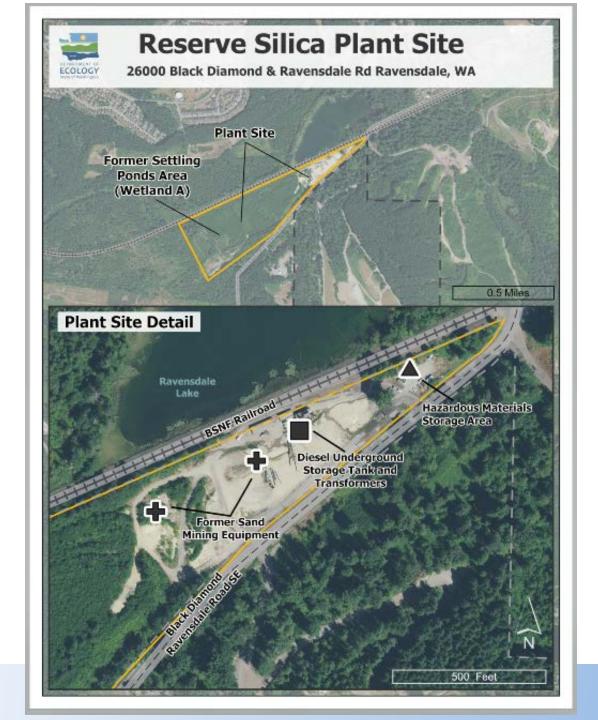


Reserve Silica Reclamation Site Webpage

https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/ Sitepage.aspx?csid=4728



Reserve Silica Plant Site Independent Cleanup

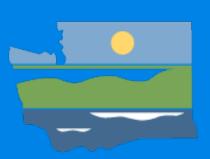




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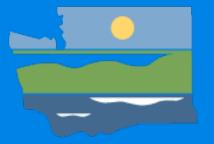
- Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List
- Independent cleanup process
 - Abide by Model Toxics Control Act
 - Proceed at own pace
 - Options to consult with Ecology
 - Ecology reserves option to require formal cleanup process





Reserve Silica Plant Site Website

https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=15125



Questions and Answers