

Terminal 115 Plant 1 Cleanup Site



Comments accepted:

April 27 – May 26 2020

Submit comments:

Online at:

<http://bit.ly/Ecology-Terminal115Plant1-Comments>

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Site information:

<http://bit.ly/Ecology-Terminal115Plant1>

Facility Site ID: 98422914

Cleanup Site ID: 11307

Document review locations:

Documents for this public comment period are available on the Terminal 115 Plant 1 Cleanup Site website:

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Legal agreement ready for public review and comment

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has negotiated a legal agreement called an Agreed Order with The Boeing Company and the Port of Seattle, the Potentially Liable Parties (PLPs) for the Terminal 115 Plant 1 Site (Site). The order requires them to investigate environmental conditions, conduct a feasibility study, and develop a cleanup plan. We would like your input on:

- **Agreed Order** – requires the PLPs to investigate contamination, complete a Remedial Investigation (RI), Feasibility Study (FS) and draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP) for the Site.
- **Public Participation Plan** – describes how Ecology will inform the community about Site activities and opportunities to be involved in the cleanup process.

Site background

The Site is located on the western shore of the Lower Duwamish Waterway, between [Port of Seattle N Terminal 115](#) and Glacier Northwest Inc. cleanup sites to the north and Highland Park Way SW to the south. It occupies an area of approximately 99.5 acres and is owned by the Port of Seattle.

Between 1916 and 1970, a portion of the southern end of the site was the location of the former Boeing Plant 1 facility, used for the manufacture of wood and metal airplanes. Other historic uses of the property included retail gasoline service stations, gravel and cement production, salvage yard, storage of log booms (former river portions), and a smelter.

Until approximately 1969, large areas of the Site were part of the waterway and were under water. In 1969-1970, a large portion of the Site was filled to create usable land.

Since then, the Site has been used for Port-related functions including cargo storage, loading and off-loading, gasoline sales and associated storage in underground storage tanks (USTs), seafood processing, retail sales and vehicle and shipping container maintenance.



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Boeing Plant 1, circa 1940s-1950s

Contamination

Previous investigations at the Site found the following in soil and groundwater:

- Diesel range petroleum hydrocarbons, including free-phase petroleum floating on groundwater
- Vinyl chloride
- Benzene
- Lead

All of these contaminants have been found at levels that exceed allowable standards under the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), and, therefore, must be addressed.

Previous investigations and cleanup work

Since 1990 several investigations have been conducted at the Site, primarily in response to petroleum releases from former USTs. Investigations have also been done to evaluate catch basin solids, the presence of fill, and other former operations at the property. Sediment quality was also evaluated on the eastern portion of Terminal 115. Cleanup at the Site to date has included removal of visibly impacted soil and groundwater during removal of USTs. In addition, free-phase petroleum was removed from extraction wells in the southwest portion of the Site. The current Agreed Order may lead to additional cleanup.

Why this site matters

The LDW Superfund Site includes a 5-mile stretch of the Duwamish River that flows north into Elliot Bay. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added the LDW to the Superfund National Priorities List in 2001. EPA is leading efforts to clean up the river sediments. Ecology is leading efforts to stop or reduce sources of pollution to the LDW Superfund Site so that the sediment cleanup can proceed, a task commonly known as “source control”. The long-term goal for source control is to minimize recontamination of the river sediments above the limits established by EPA.

Due to its proximity to the river, understanding how much Site conditions contribute to the LDW is an important step for source control. Contaminants in the soil and groundwater near the river may 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 in the river contain a wide range of contaminants due to decades of industrial activity and runoff from urban areas.

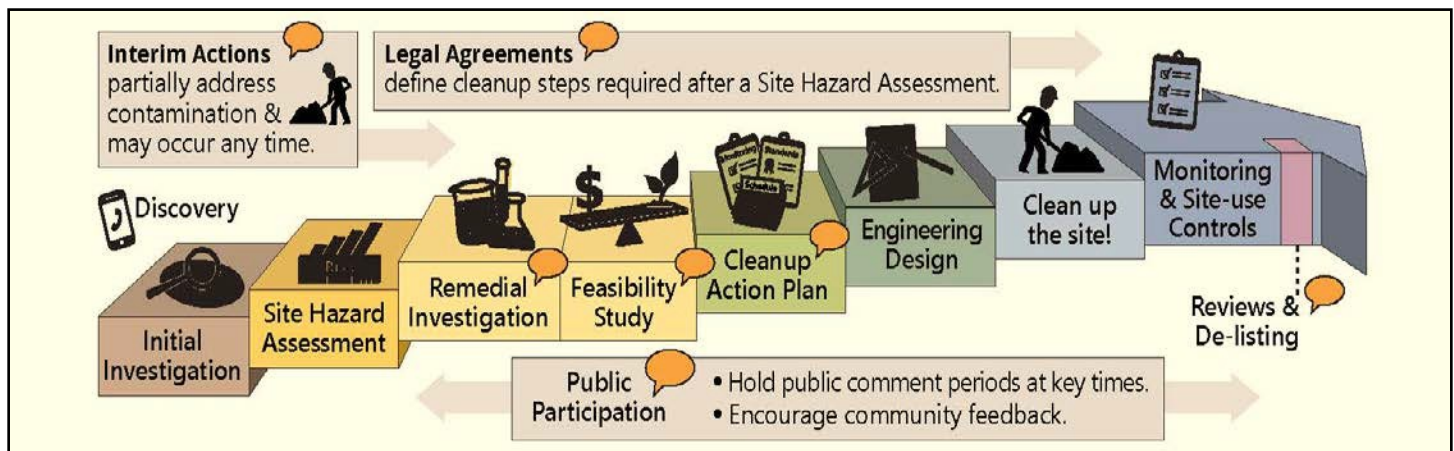
What happens next?

Ecology will consider all comments received and may amend the documents based on your comments (see Page 1 for how to comment). After that, the Agreed Order and Public Participation Plan will be finalized, and the PLPs will proceed with the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study. Results from that work will then lead to a Cleanup Action Plan.

Community Advisory Group for the Lower Duwamish Superfund Site:

The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/ Technical Advisory Group provides a liaison with the agencies involved. If you have questions for that group, they can be reached at (206) 954-0218, email contact@duwamishcleanup.org, or visit <http://duwamishcleanup.org/>

Ecology’s Cleanup Process



Español:

El Departamento de Ecología está anunciando el periodo de comentario público relacionado a la limpieza ambiental del sitio Terminal 115 Plant 1. Para obtener este documento, o más información sobre este sitio, en español favor de comunicarse con Agustina Cartagena al 360-407-6097 o preguntas@ecy.wa.gov

Vietnamese:

Bộ Môi Sinh thông báo khung thời gian để công chúng góp ý cho công tác làm sạch môi trường tại địa điểm Terminal 115 Plant 1. Nếu quý vị muốn nhận tài liệu hoặc cần thêm thông tin về địa điểm bằng tiếng Việt, xin liên lạc Liêm Nguyễn 360-407-6955, [điên thư: Lngu461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:diên thư:Lngu461@ecy.wa.gov)

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View of the Terminal 115 Plant 1 Site

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The Washington Department of Ecology is asking for comments on documents related to the cleanup efforts happening at the Terminal 115 Plant 1 Cleanup Site, located at 6020 Marginal Way SW in Seattle.

See inside for details on this site and how to comment!