

Boeing Kent Space Center: Documents Available for Review and Comment



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Nov. 21 – Dec. 23, 2022

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Site information

Webpage:

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Facility Site ID: 2099
 Site Cleanup ID: 12671

Translations available

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We want to hear from you!

We're overseeing the cleanup of contamination at the Boeing Kent Space Center facility, located at 20403 68th Ave. S. in Kent, Washington. We invite you to review and comment on the following documents:

- **Draft Remedial Investigation (RI):** The draft RI studies the site conditions and contamination.
- **Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP):** The draft PPP encourages community involvement in cleanup decisions.

Visit ecology.wa.gov/Boeing-Kent to view these documents.

Need help?

Contact Janelle Anderson, Community Outreach Specialist at 425-301-6454 or janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Public meeting

At this time, there are no public meetings scheduled for this comment period. To request a public meeting, please call 425-301-6454 or email janelle.anderson@ecy.wa.gov.

Site background

Boeing has operated here since the 1960s, conducting research and development (primarily for the Department of Defense). They also manufacture electrical components and perform metal milling, finishing and plating, and photographic processing here. These activities led to contaminated soil and groundwater.

Boeing used to store hazardous waste longer than 90 days at this site under a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) interim status permit. Boeing decided not to get a final permit. As a result, they can only store hazardous waste for up to 90 days. Even though they did not get a final permit, Boeing must keep their permit active until they clean up the site.

In 2016, Ecology and Boeing signed an Agreed Order (AO) that requires Boeing to conduct a Remedial Investigation (RI). We approved the RI work plan later that year.

Contamination

Contaminants found in groundwater and soil at Boeing Kent Space Center include:

- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), such as benzene and vinyl chloride. These chemicals cause cancer.
- Petroleum hydrocarbons (the main parts of gasoline and oil).
- Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). These chemicals are formed when gasoline or trash are burned. PAHs are suspected to cause cancer.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), long-lasting chemicals formerly used in industry. Health effects of PCBs can include cancer and immune system damage. Read more about PCBs at <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs>.
- Toxic metals, such as arsenic. Arsenic is naturally occurring and is mobilized by some forms of contamination. Arsenic is poisonous and regulated in public drinking water.

Contamination at this site is relatively low, and people are not being exposed. This is because groundwater at the site is not used for drinking water, and Boeing controls access to their property. If contamination threatening human health or the environment is found, we will have Boeing take protective action.

To read the full Remedial Investigation and Public Participation Plan, please visit our website at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Boeing-Kent>.

The cleanup process

Boeing follows Washington’s cleanup process (see Figure 1). This site is in the Remedial Investigation phase.

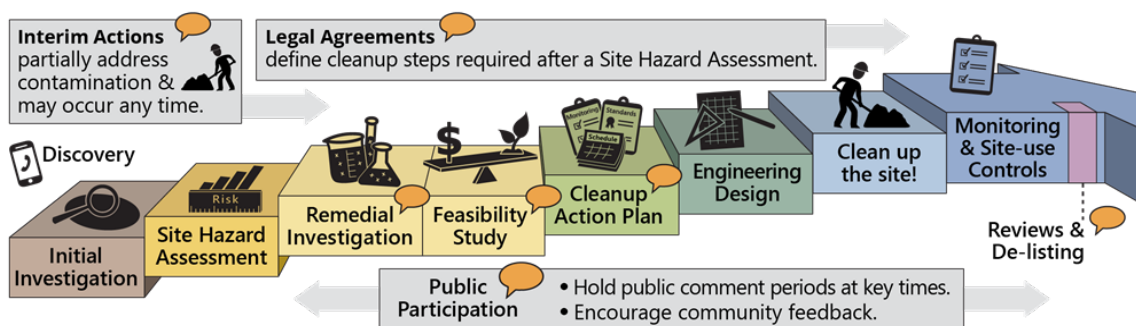


Figure 1: Washington's cleanup process. [Read a plain text version.](#)¹

¹ <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/parts/1909166part2.pdf>

Cleanup plans for soil and groundwater

Boeing must clean up the contamination. We apply both the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the state Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) regulations to clean up hazardous waste sites. The cleanup protects human health and the environment from dangerous wastes and chemicals.

Document review locations

In-person document review is available. Our office is open to the public. However, we encourage you to make an appointment.

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Northwest Region Office
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Reception (24-hour) 206-594-0000

To schedule an appointment, please contact:

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Public Disclosure Coordinator

You can also review documents on our website: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Boeing-Kent>.

Questions about accessing information?

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To submit your comments, questions, or concerns about any of these documents, visit Ecology's eComments page: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Boeing-Kent-comment>.

What happens next?

The public comment period is open from November 21 to December 23, 2022. After the comment period ends, we'll review and consider all comments received. The documents may change based on your comments. After considering all comments, the documents will become final.

When there are new documents about the site, we'll notify you about additional public comment periods.

¿Qué pasa a continuación?

El periodo de comentario público está abierto desde el 21 de noviembre al 23 de diciembre, 2022. Para someter sus comentarios, preguntas o inquietudes sobre estos documentos, visite la página de comentarios electrónicos de Ecología: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Boeing-Kent-comment>.

Después de que el periodo de comentario publico termine, revisaremos y consideraremos todos los comentarios recibidos. Los documentos pueden cambiar basado en sus comentarios. Después de considerar todos los comentarios, el documento será finalizado.

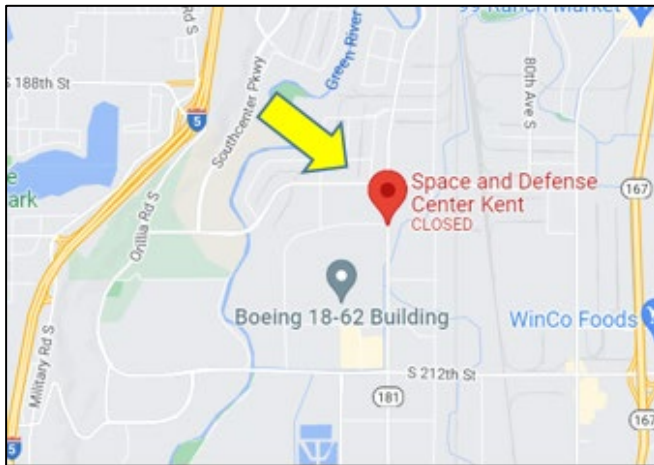
Cuando se desarrollen nuevos documentos sobre el sitio, le notificaremos sobre períodos de comentarios públicos adicionales.



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Join the Discussion!



The Boeing Kent Space Center is located at 20403 68th Ave. S. in Kent, Washington, 98032.

Boeing Kent Space Center Draft Documents

Ecology seeks public comment on a draft remedial investigation and draft public participation plan for the Boeing site in Kent, Washington.

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