



Focus on

07-09 Remedial Action Grants in the Puget Sound

from Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program

What is the Problem?

Washington contains hundreds of hazardous waste sites that threaten the state's water resources, including public drinking water. Many of our municipal landfills are currently or potentially hazardous waste sites and present serious threats to human health and the environment. The costs of eliminating these threats are often beyond the financial means of local governments and ratepayers. Based upon certain criteria, grants are made to local governments to clean up these publicly owned contaminated sites.

What is proposed to be done in 07-09?

The map entitled "Potential 07-09 Biennium Remedial Action Grants" identifies those projects that we expect will need grant funding. The project list is not prioritized, as actual funding and sizing of individual grants are functions of final appropriation. Including traditional Remedial Action Grants, Voluntary Cleanup Program grants, Derelict Ship Removal, and Site Hazard Assessment grants, approximately 70% of Remedial Action Grant funding is intended for the Puget Sound area this biennium.

Upon legislative appropriation, the program will prioritize the site list and assign funds based on

- the threat to human health and the environment.
- whether the project is new or on-going.
- the ability to leverage economic development.
- the ability to complete the cleanup action during the biennium.
- whether the project can be staged differently to maximize available funding and cleanup work.

Why is this Important?

Remedial Action Grants (RAG) are used to help local government clean up contaminated sites, using a "worst-first" approach. One of Ecology's goals is to clean up pollution. This is also the top priority for use of the Local Toxics Control Account. Cleaning contaminated sites promotes a healthful environment for Washington's citizens and protects groundwater, which serves half of the state's population. Cleanup of contaminated sites can provide other benefits as well, including reuse of scarce industrial sites in urban areas, expanding local tax bases, promoting livable communities, helping local economic development and preserving farmland.

Ecology's primary tool for assisting local government cleanup of contaminated sites is the RAG program. This program helps to finance and expedite the process and allows more sites to be cleaned up through grants of 50 to 75% of project cost. Site hazard assessment grants help identify which cleanups need to be funded at 100%.

The program significantly contributes to the progress of cleanup in Washington, and directly impacts human health and the environment. The effects will be largely felt in areas in or immediately adjacent to Puget Sound. There will also be economic redevelopment impacts, as cleanup at a number of these sites is the first step in the redevelopment process.

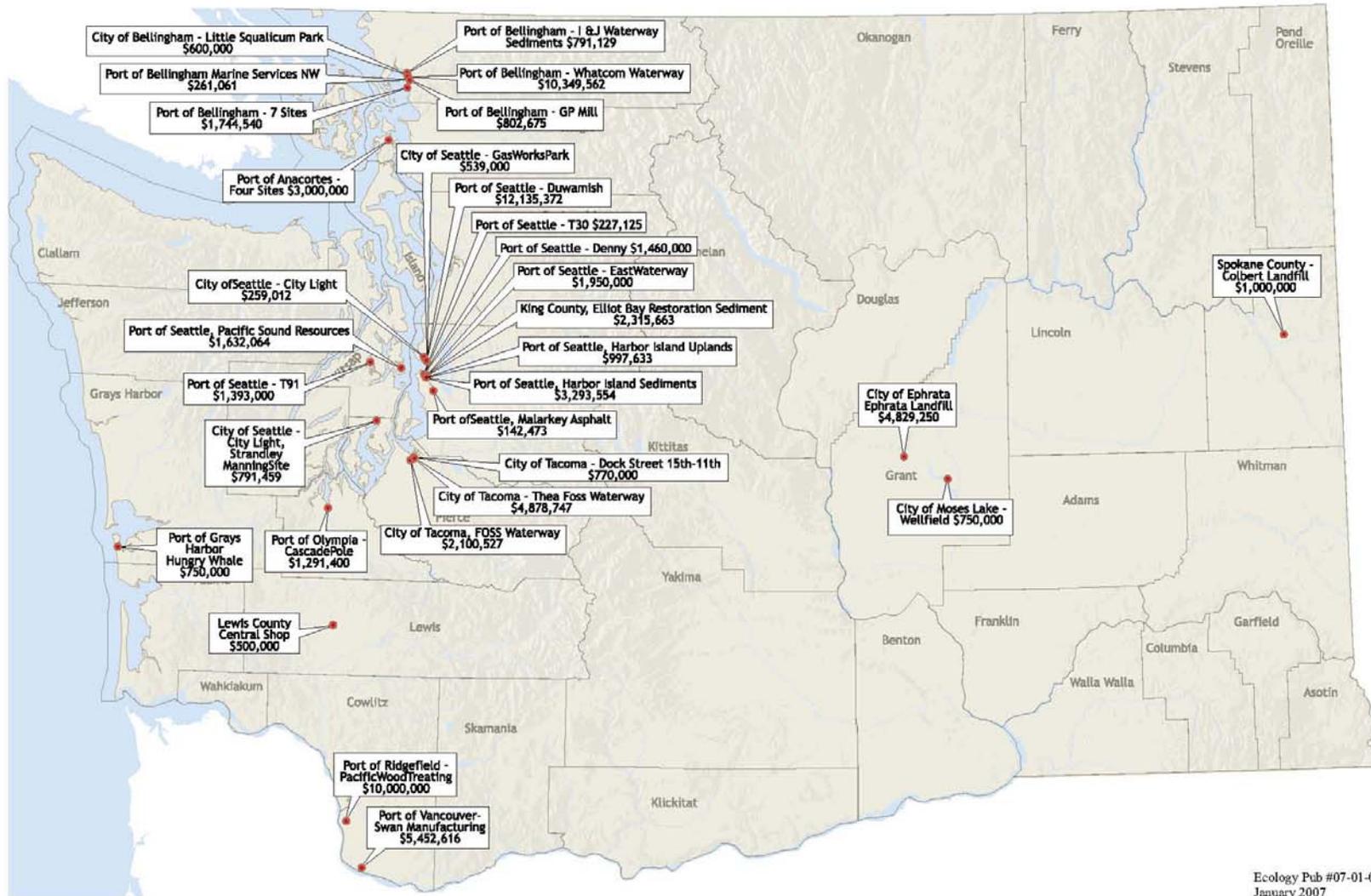
This is a continuing and well established program that enables Ecology to provide on-going support to local governments for the cleanup of toxins in the environment.



2007-2009 Investment Proposal Atlas

Remedial Action Grants

Capital Budget



County	Recipient	Proposed Grant Amount
Bellingham Bay		
Whatcom	Port of Bellingham - Whatcom Waterway	\$10,349,562
Whatcom	Port of Bellingham - GP Mill (Chlor_Alkali, Pulp & Tissue Mill)	\$802,675
Whatcom	Port of Bellingham - 7 Sites	\$1,744,540
Whatcom	Port of Bellingham - I & J Waterway Sediments	\$791,129
Whatcom	Port of Bellingham - Marine Services NW	\$261,061
Whatcom	City of Bellingham - Little Squalicum Park	\$600,000
Commencement Bay		
Pierce	City of Tacoma - Dock Street 15th - 11th	\$770,000
Pierce	City of Tacoma - Thea Foss Waterway	\$4,878,747
Elliot Bay		
King	Port of Seattle - T30 (Seattle Port Terminal 30)	\$227,125
King	Port of Seattle - East Waterway (Harbor Island East Waterway)	\$1,950,000
King	Port of Seattle - T91 (Seattle Port Terminal 91)	\$1,393,000
King	Port of Seattle - Denny	\$1,460,000
King	Port of Seattle - Duwamish	\$12,135,372
King	City of Seattle - Gas Works Park	\$539,000
Other Puget Sound Sites		
Thurston	Port of Olympia - Cascade Pole	\$1,291,400
Skagit	Port of Anacortes - Four Sites	\$3,000,000
Pierce	* City of Tacoma, FOSS Waterway	\$2,100,527
King	* King County, Elliot Bay Restoration Sediment	\$2,315,663
King	* Port of Seattle, Harbor Island Uplands	\$997,633
King	* Port of Seattle, Harbor Island Sediments	\$3,293,554
King	* Port of Seattle, Pacific Sound Resources (Wyckoff) (Eagle Harbor)	\$1,632,064
King	* Port of Seattle, Malarkey Asphalt (Term 117)	\$142,473
King	* City of Seattle - City Light, Strandley Manning Site	\$791,459
King	* City of Seattle - City Light, Coal Creek Superfund Site	\$259,012
Statewide	Derelict Ship Removal in Puget Sound (Count = 1)	\$49,178
Total 07-09 Proposed Remedial Action Grants in the Puget Sound		\$53,775,174
Other Remedial Action Grants		
Grays Harbor	Port of Grays Harbor - Hungry Whale	\$750,000
Grant	City of Ephrata - Ephrata Landfill - Grant County Ephrata Landfill 1	\$4,829,250
Clark	Port of Vancouver - Swan Manufacturing - Port of Vancouver Bldg 2220	\$5,452,616
Clark	Port of Ridgefield - Pacific Wood Treating	\$10,000,000
Spokane	Spokane County - Colbert Landfill	\$1,000,000
Grant	City of Moses Lake - Wellfield	\$750,000
Lewis	Lewis County Central Shop	\$500,000
Statewide	Site Hazard Assessments (Count = 13)	\$5,148,320
Statewide	Voluntary Cleanup (Count = 5)	\$1,094,600
Statewide	Drug Lab Cleanup (Count = 13)	\$985,040
Statewide	Derelict Ship Removal in Puget Sound (Count = 1)	\$49,178
Statewide	1.0 FTE for grant administration and support	\$190,000
Total 07-09 Remedial Action Grant Program Request		\$ 84,475,000

