

Sundberg Gravel Pit Site

2200 Cooper Point Road, Olympia



View of Eld Inlet, Cooper Point, and Budd Inlet from Ecology's Eyes Over Puget Sound flights.

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Site information

Facility Site ID: 82016954
Cleanup Site ID: 10635

Ecology's Site webpage

<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/10635>

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Plan for investigation

Based on possible petroleum-contaminated soil at the Sundberg Gravel Pit cleanup Site (Site), the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) suspects the Site may be contaminated with one or more hazardous substances.

The Site will be investigated using a formal cleanup process under Washington's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Ecology will oversee the cleanup.

A formal cleanup means the site is investigated under a legal agreement (an Agreed Order) between Ecology and the Potentially Liable Person (PLP). The PLP is the property owner and/or polluter who is responsible for the investigation and cleanup.

Ecology and the PLP are negotiating an Agreed Order to begin the formal cleanup process.

The Agreed Order will require a Remedial Investigation (RI) to find if contamination at the Site is present and needs to be addressed under MTCA. If contamination needs to be addressed, then a Feasibility Study (FS) and draft Cleanup Action Plan (dCAP) will be prepared. The FS compares options for how to clean up the contamination. The dCAP describes Ecology's plan for cleanup.

Public involvement is an important part of the MTCA cleanup process. Ecology will develop a Public Participation Plan describing how we will keep the community informed about cleanup at the Site.

The Agreed Order and the Public Participation Plan will be available for a 30-day public comment period before Ecology signs the Agreed Order. This will be your opportunity to provide comments on the two documents. To be included in the Site record, you must submit a comment during the comment period.

Ecology will consider comments submitted during the comment period. After considering comments, Ecology will sign the Agreed Order and the formal cleanup process will move to the investigation stage.

There is no comment period open now. When a comment period opens, Ecology will notify the public by email, US mail, and Ecology’s website. If you received this information sheet by email or by mail, then you are already on our contact list for this Site. If you want to be added to our contact list, please contact Nancy Davis at nancy.davis@ecy.wa.gov.

Under authority of the Agreed Order

Some investigative work at the Site is complete and this information will be included in an RI work plan attached to the Agreed Order. The RI work plan will also identify any remaining gaps in what we need to know about the Site and provide a plan for filling the gaps. We will hold a 30-day comment period on the draft agreed order and RI work plan, which is your opportunity to provide comments on these documents. Ecology will consider the comments before signing the Agreed Order.

After collecting the data to fill gaps, the PLP will prepare the RI report. Ecology will determine if contamination is present that needs to be addressed under MTCA. If there is no contamination that needs to be addressed, the RI will go out for a 30-day public comment period and no further cleanup action will be required. If the RI determines cleanup is needed, the PLP will prepare the FS and dCAP. The RI/FS and dCAP will be available for a 30-day comment period, which will be your opportunity to provide comments on these documents (see Figure 1).

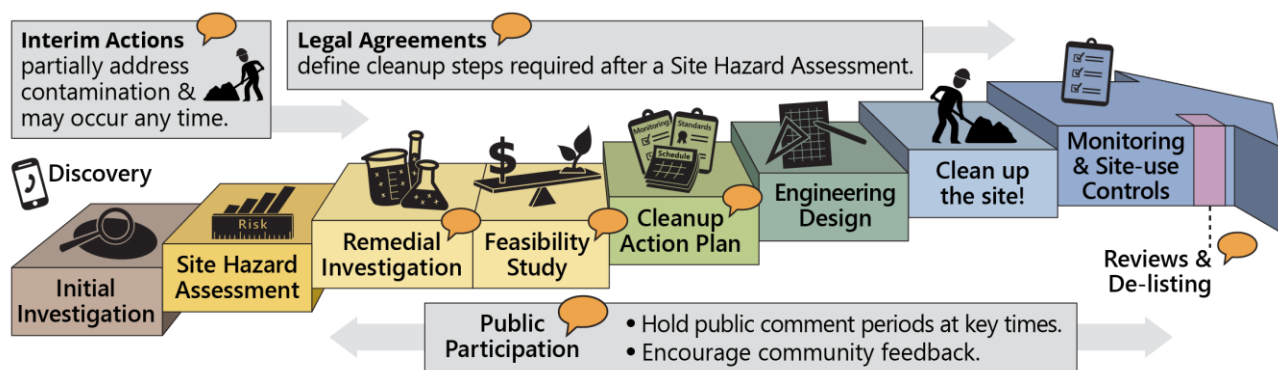


Figure 1. The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) cleanup process.

A new Agreed Order to carry out the Cleanup Action Plan will also be available for a 30-day public comment period.

What Ecology does under MTCA

MTCA sets standards and requirements for contaminated site cleanups. The regulations protect people and the environment by eliminating pathways of exposure to hazardous substances. Complete removal of contamination is not required to clean up a site. Cleanup methods may involve capping areas to prevent exposure to contaminated soil and/or treatment of water in place to reduce the amount of contamination.

Site background

The Site is about 51 acres located on the east side of Cooper Point Road between 20th Ave NW and 28th Ave NW. The Site was an old gravel mine. Material brought to the Site partially leveled the land after gravel mining ended. Some areas were filled with topsoil, garbage, construction and woody debris, and large logs. Petroleum may have entered the soil from leaks or burial. Other toxic materials may have been buried or dumped at the Site.

In 1993, a 12,000-gallon diesel underground storage tank was removed. Petroleum-contaminated soil found near the tank may have been from spills or overfilling. Petroleum-contaminated soil was stored on-site, but it is unknown whether the contaminated soil was treated or removed for disposal off-site.

A 500-gallon above ground storage tank found on the Site did not have secondary containment to capture any potential spills or leaks. Several 55-gallon drums were found in a garage and parking area. Stained surface soil near the drums was not tested to determine if it contained hazardous material.

Based on possible petroleum-contaminated soil at the Site, Ecology added the Site to the Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List (CSCSL) in 2020. The CSCSL contains all sites waiting for investigation or cleanup, or undergoing cleanup.

Ecology suspects that soil and/or groundwater may be contaminated with one or more hazardous substances. Contaminants may include petroleum, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX), carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (cPAHs), and metals (such as lead and arsenic).

The Site has several areas that are wetlands. Improper handling of stormwater at the Site could cause movement of contaminated stormwater into wetlands and nearby creeks.

The work under the Agreed Order will determine if contamination at the Site is a threat to people and the environment.



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You live near the Site or have expressed interest in the cleanup. This fact sheet informs you about plans to investigate the Site.

Habla Español?

Unáse al diálogo sobre Sundberg Gravel Pit Site. Para más información en español llame al 360-489-4971 y solicite un intérprete.

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