

SemMaterials LP Spokane Cleanup

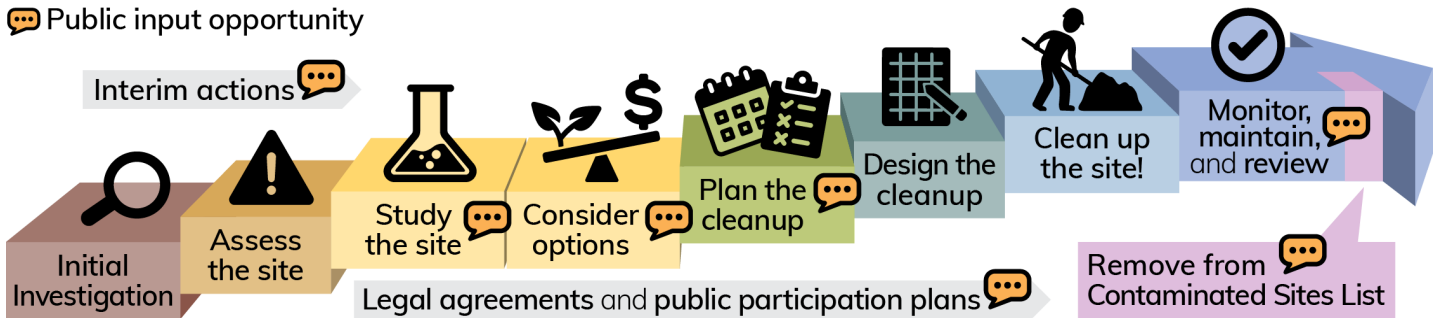


Figure 1. The SemMaterials LP Spokane site is in the Cleanup Action Plan step of Washington’s cleanup process.

Comments accepted:

12 a.m. August 26 – 11:59 p.m.
September 25, 2024

Submit comments:

Online at:
<https://go.ecology.wa.gov/CommentSemMaterials>

Or by mail or email to:
Katie Larimer, site manager
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205
Email: katie.larimer@ecy.wa.gov

Document review locations:

<https://go.ecology.wa.gov/SemMaterialsCleanup>

Please contact Erika Beresovoy at erika.beresovoy@ecy.wa.gov or 509-385-2290 if you need printed documents.

Site address: 4237 N. Thor St.
Spokane, WA 99217
Facility Site ID: 16655424
Site Cleanup ID: 3229

Public invited to comment on draft cleanup plan

The Washington Department of Ecology invites you to comment on the following draft documents for the SemMaterials LP Spokane site:

- Cleanup Action Plan, which explains the activities we propose to finish environmental cleanup at this site
- Consent Decree, the legal agreement requiring the parties responsible for cleanup to complete the cleanup plan that includes a scope of work and schedule
- Public Participation Plan, our plan explaining how we will inform the community and offer opportunities for input

BNSF Railway Company, Koch Materials LLC, and Marathon Oil Company are responsible for addressing contamination at the site and paying to clean it up.

Cleanup overview

The cleanup would include the following actions:

- Maintain the existing protective asphalt cover over the Northeast Tank Farm area
- Construct two additional caps where soil borings were taken to prevent contact with contaminated soil
- Place an environmental covenant on the property to limit how it's used
- Allow contamination to decrease naturally over time

Construction of the new cap should take no more than 90 days, and the environmental covenant would be written within 90 days of finishing the cap.

Site history

ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions, LLC, now operates the asphalt plant SemMaterials formerly operated. The facility receives and stores petroleum products used to manufacture asphalt and sealants. The site has been used for petroleum-related operations since 1955.

Husky Oil Company of Delaware (now merged with Marathon Oil Company) operated the facility from the 1970s until 1982. Koch Materials operated the facility from 1983 to 2005. SemMaterials and its successors have operated the facility since 2005. BNSF Railway Company owns the property.

In December 1992, three petroleum storage tanks were removed from the northeast corner of the site. During the tank removal, petroleum-contaminated soil was found.

Contaminants

A full investigation to determine the extent and locations of contamination at the site was completed in 2013. Petroleum, naphthalene, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were found in soil.

Next steps

Ecology will respond to all the comments we receive by September 25, 2024, and publish our responses after that. We will hold a public meeting if 10 people request it.

Then, after we consider public comments, the draft Cleanup Action Plan and other documents will become final. If we significantly revise the plan in response to public comments, another draft version will go out for public review. If not, the parties responsible for cleanup will follow the plan, scope of work, and schedule to complete the work.



Figure 2. The western edge of the site in 2013.

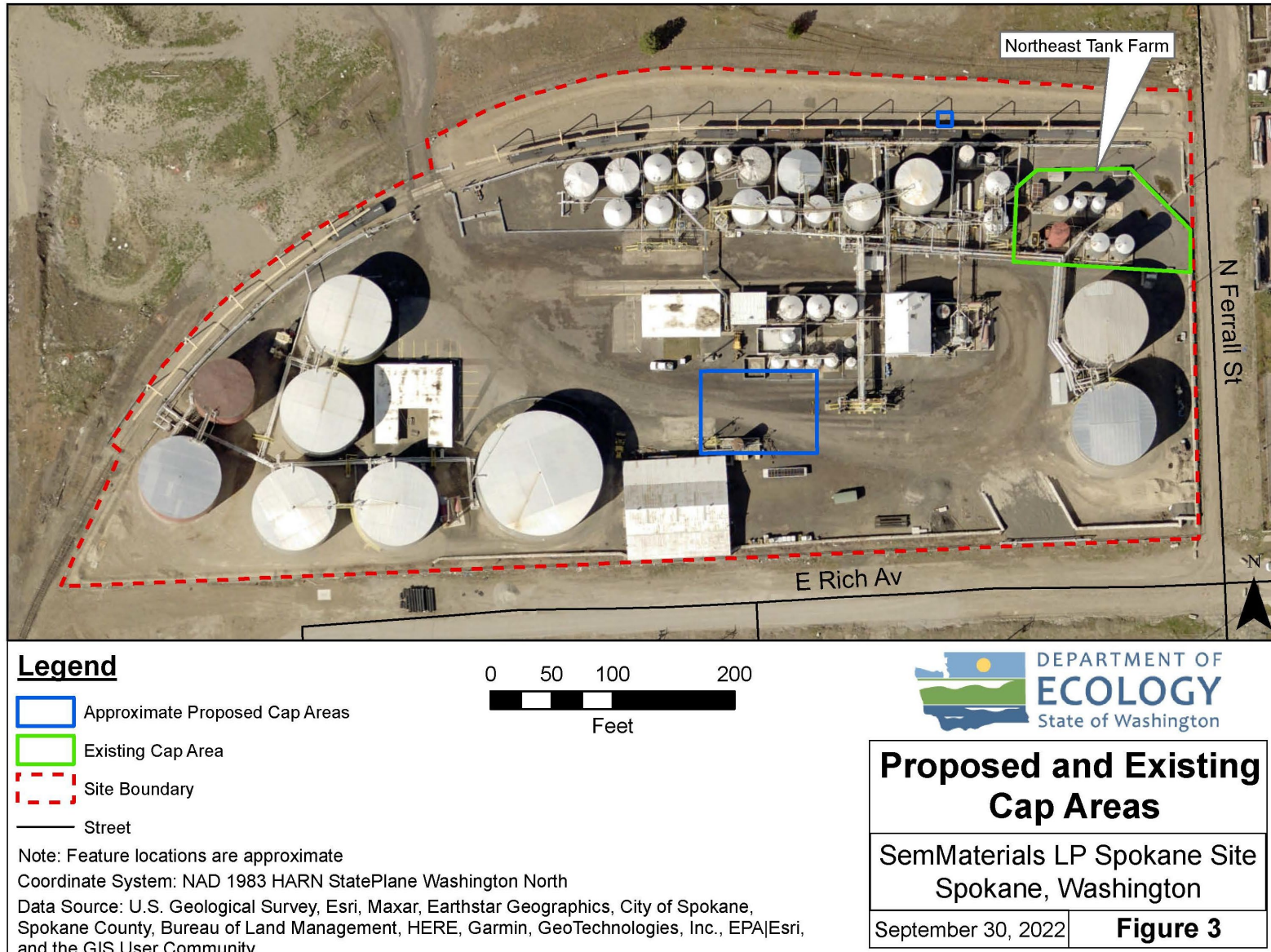
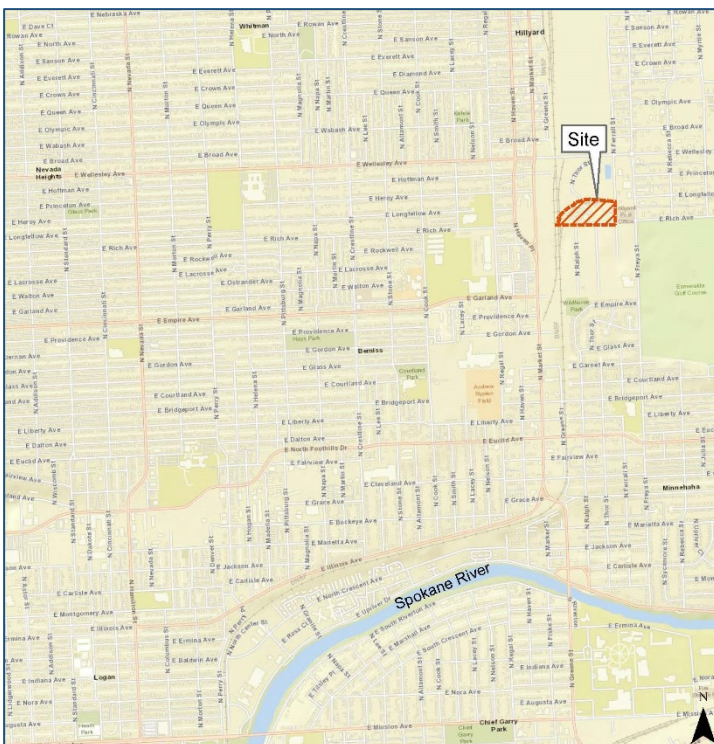


Figure 3. Proposed and existing cap areas.

Toxics Cleanup Program
4601 North Monroe Street
Spokane, WA 99205

Draft cleanup plan for SemMaterials LP Spokane



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