

Maralco Cleanup Site



Comments accepted:

October 10, 12:00 a.m. –
 November 8, 11:59 p.m., 2024

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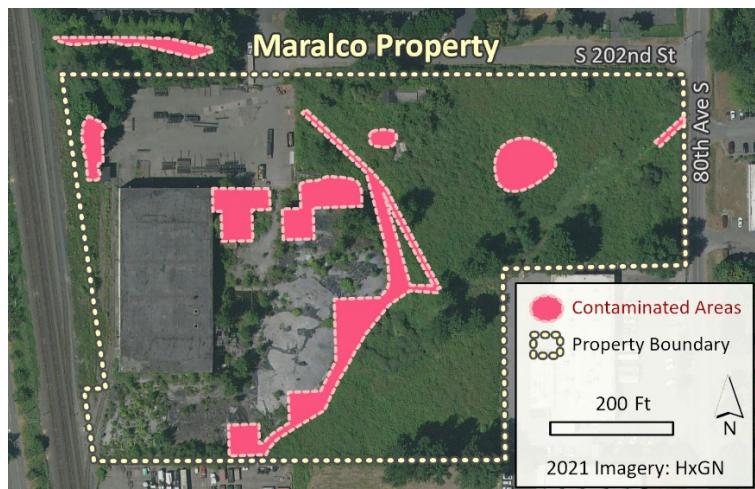
Maralco Cleanup Website:

go.ecology.wa.gov/maralco

Phase 2 Interim Action Work Plan ready for public review and comment

Ecology entered into an Agreed Order on January 17, 2024, with 7730 202nd Street, LLC (Owner), the Potentially Liable Person (PLP) for the Maralco cleanup site (Site) at 7730 S 202nd Street in Kent. The Agreed Order is a legal document that requires the Owner to address contamination at the Site.

Ecology requests your input on the **Interim Action Work Plan – Phase 2 Removal Action**, which describes how cleanup of remaining contamination will be conducted at the Site.



The Phase 2 interim action focuses on the removal of contaminated soil and waste material that remains on the Site after the Phase 1 interim action was completed.

The known areas of contaminated soil will be removed from the ditches and waste material and contaminated soil will be removed from areas where facility wastes were previously stockpiled. The contaminated soil and waste will be taken to a permitted landfill. The work will be conducted during property redevelopment activities.

Toxics Cleanup Program

Where did the contamination come from?

Maralco Aluminum Company, Inc. operated a secondary aluminum smelter from 1980 to 1986. The smelter produced wastes as a result of the aluminum recycling process, including black dross, a mixture of aluminum and metals (primarily arsenic, barium, copper, and mercury) or “salt cake” (fluorides and chlorides). Washed oxides (aluminum oxide) were also produced during smelter operations.

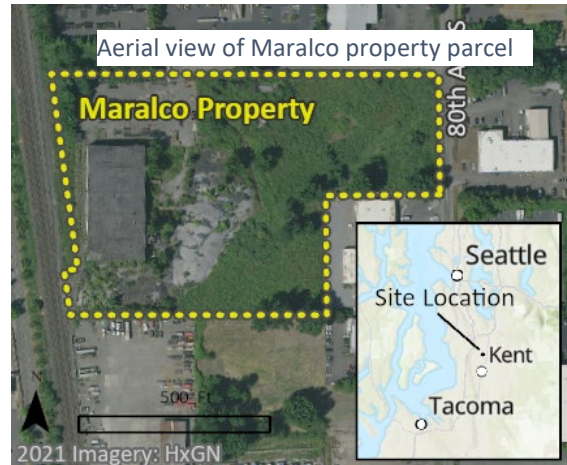
The dross and aluminum oxide waste were stockpiled on the east side of the building with smaller amounts of waste stored inside the building. Contaminated soil has been found in the ditches due to contact with the outdoor waste piles. Groundwater has also been contaminated due to leaching from the outdoor waste piles.

What has been done to clean up the Site?

Cleanup work at the Maralco site started in 2023 under Ecology’s Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP¹). The VCP provides technical help to owners of contaminated sites to fulfill the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA²) cleanup standards while undergoing cleanup independent of Ecology oversight.

As a part of the independent cleanup, the dross and other stockpiled wastes on the property and inside the building were removed. This removal was Phase 1 of the interim action and was conducted from August 2023 to November 2023. Approximately 35,300 tons of waste were removed from the Site during the Phase 1 interim action.

After the waste piles and dross were removed, surface soil samples were collected from the area beneath the removed stockpiles. Sample results showed that residual dross and/or contaminated soil was present in the drainage ditches. The contaminated soil beneath the former dross pile and within the ditches that was not cleaned up under Phase 1 of the interim action will be cleaned up during Phase 2.



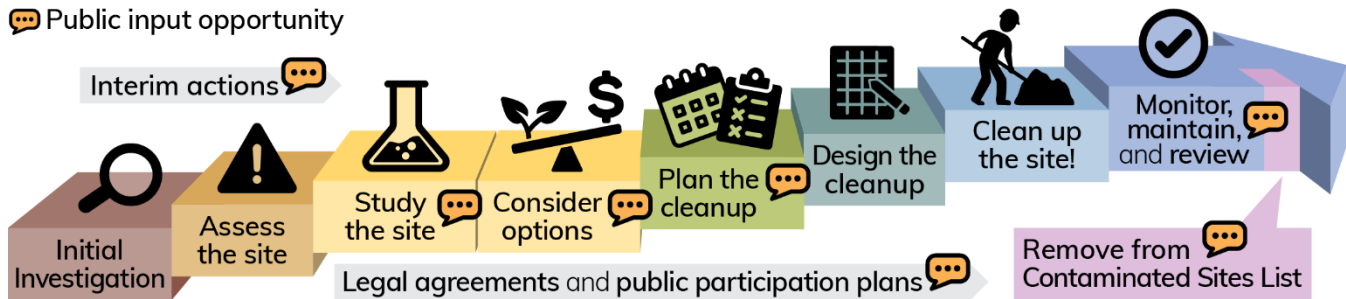
¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Voluntary-Cleanup-Program>

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/mtca>

What happens after the public comment period?

Ecology will finalize the draft **Interim Action Work Plan – Phase 2 Removal Action** after the public comment period ends. Ecology will review and consider all comments received and respond accordingly. Ecology will make appropriate revisions (if any) to the draft documents based on public input.

Washington’s Contamination Cleanup Process



Future Development

The redevelopment will include a new 178,700 square foot warehouse building with a concrete and asphalt loading dock, roads, and parking area. A new stormwater facility and utility connections will be installed. A new wetland will be created within the eastern portion of the property.



A rendering of the 180,000-square-foot warehouse Bridge Industrial plans to build at 7730 S. 202nd St. in Kent. COURTESY IMAGE, Bridge

For more information about the redevelopment, please contact Kyle Siekawitch at 425-749-4325 or by email at ksiekawitch@bridgeindustrial.com.

State Environmental Policy Act Lead Agency



The City of Kent is the lead agency for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for the redevelopment activity at the Maralco site. The SEPA includes remedial investigation and interim action activities as part of the Ecology-supervised cleanup. In September 2024, a Modified Mitigated Determination of Non-Significant (MMDNS) was issued. For any SEPA-related questions, please contact Nate Schildmeyer (City of Kent Planning Manager/SEPA Official) at (253) 856-5454 or by email at nschildmeyer@KentWA.gov.



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