Spokane International Airport PFAS cleanup site

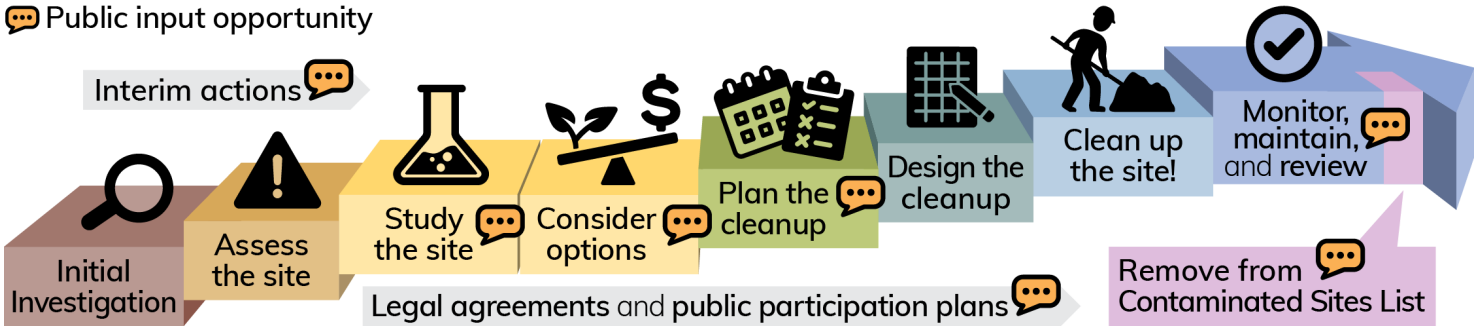

Figure 1. The steps in Washington's environmental cleanup process.

Comments accepted:

12 a.m. February 6 –
11:59 p.m. March 9, 2026

Submit comments

Online:
https://go.ecology.wa.gov/CommentSIA-PFAS

Mail:
Jeremy Schmidt, site manager
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Email:
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Questions: 509-724-1164

Review documents

Online:
https://go.ecology.wa.gov/SIA-PFAS

In print:
Please contact Erika Beresovoy at Erika.Beresovoy@ecy.wa.gov or 509-385-2290.

Site information

Spokane International Airport
9000 W. Airport Dr.
Spokane, WA 99224

Facility Site ID: 6332493
Cleanup Site ID: 16774

Documents ready for public review and comment

You are invited to review and comment on the following documents for the Spokane International Airport PFAS cleanup site:

- **Agreed order**, which requires the City of Spokane and Spokane County to complete a remedial investigation, feasibility study (yellow steps in Figure 1), and potential interim actions, which can occur at any time during the cleanup process. The investigation will determine the full extent of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other contamination in soil and groundwater, and the feasibility study will evaluate cleanup options. The order includes a scope of work and schedule for completing the investigation and study, excluding any work Spokane International Airport (SIA) will do or has already done. Interim actions could include cleaning up areas of high concern or providing safe drinking water if off-property impacts are found.
- **Updated Public Participation Plan**, which describes how you can be involved during the cleanup process.

We issued an enforcement order to SIA in March 2024, which requires them to do the same work as this agreed order. In August 2025, we named the City of Spokane and Spokane County as parties responsible for cleanup because the airport is jointly owned by the two local governments. The city, county, and SIA are responsible for investigation and cleanup costs. Because SIA is already in progress on the work, it continues during this public comment period.

Public meeting

Please join Ecology for a public meeting where we will discuss the documents, provide an update on the investigation, answer your questions, and accept written comments.

- 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026
- Shriners Event Center, 7217 W. Westbow Blvd., Spokane

Site background

Ecology issued SIA the 2024 enforcement order after receiving sample results that found PFAS in groundwater at the airport. We negotiated an agreed order with SIA for 150 days, which included granting them two extensions. They did not sign it by the deadline, so we issued the enforcement order.

SIA completed the Site Assessment Report for PFAS[1] in August 2024. The report overviews the site, includes a records review, and lists areas that could be PFAS sources where firefighting foam was stored or used, and areas where PFAS was previously found in groundwater.

Scan to visit our SIA PFAS webpage for more information.

Next, SIA completed an Initial PFAS Investigation Work Plan[2] in December 2024. The plan detailed where and how preliminary groundwater and soil samples would be collected on SIA's property, focusing on areas with potential or known PFAS releases (see map on page 3). Groundwater samples were collected from 52 monitoring wells. Soil samples were collected from 57 locations at multiple depths below the ground surface. This field work was completed in January 2025, and Ecology received the draft Initial PFAS Investigation Report in January 2026. We will post it on our SIA PFAS webpage[3] when it's final and email the West Plains PFAS updates email list.

Next steps

Ecology will consider and respond to all comments we receive during this public comment period. We will post our response to comments document on our SIA PFAS webpage, send the document to people who submitted comments, and email the West Plains PFAS updates email list.

After SIA completes the Initial PFAS Investigation Report, they will draft the Remedial Investigation Work Plan that will detail where and how they will sample soil and groundwater based on the results of the initial investigation work. The sampling will continue until the edges of the contamination are found. Figure 1 on page 1 shows the stages of cleanup and public comment opportunities along the way.

Join the West Plains PFAS updates email list

Ecology maintains the West Plains PFAS updates email list to inform people about this site and other PFAS-related topics. To join the email list, please:

- Subscribe online at https://go.ecology.wa.gov/WestPlainsPFASupdates
- Or scan the code to the right →
- Or email Erika.Beresovoy@ecy.wa.gov or call 509-385-2290

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Ecology's cleanup process

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is Washington's environmental cleanup law. It provides requirements for contaminated site cleanup and sets standards that protect people and the environment. Ecology implements the MTCA cleanup process[4] (Figure 1).

[1] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/145583
[2] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/149715
[3] https://go.ecology.wa.gov/SIA-PFAS
[4] https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process

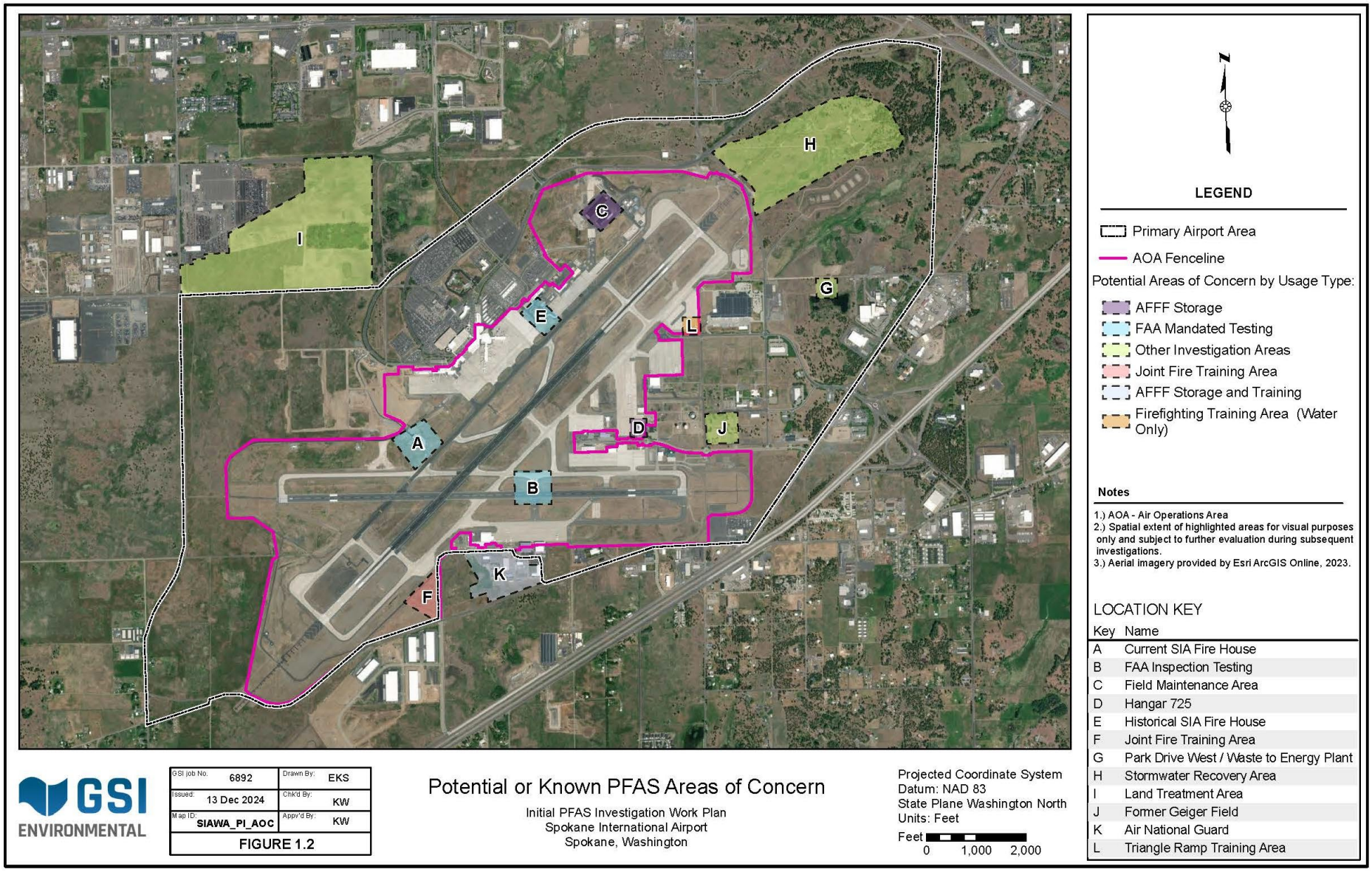

Figure 2. Areas where soil and groundwater were sampled during the initial investigation, except for Hangar 725 (Area D) where PFAS firefighting foam was stored but no known spills have occurred. *Note:* This is Figure 1.2 in the Initial PFAS Investigation Work Plan (figure by GSI Environmental).

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Investigating PFAS contamination at Spokane International Airport

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You are invited to review and comment on the agreed order requiring the City of Spokane and Spokane County to investigate and clean up per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) coming from the Spokane International Airport (SIA). PFAS, a known human health hazard, are in firefighting foam used to control petroleum fires at airports and military installations, although PFAS-containing foam is being phased out. Because SIA is already in progress on the work, the investigation continues during this public comment period.

Public Comment Period

Feb. 6 – Mar. 9, 2026
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ADA accessibility

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