Spokane International Airport PFAS cleanup site

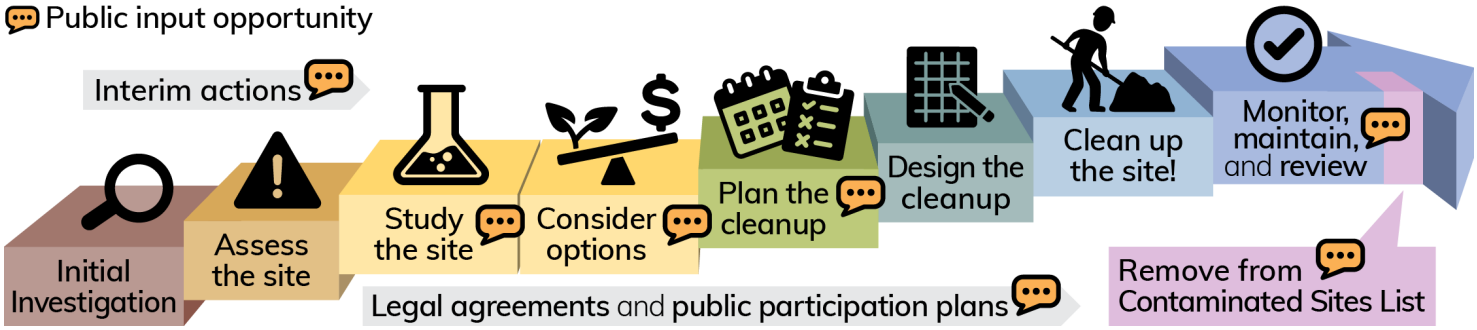

Figure 1. The steps in Washington's environmental cleanup process.

Comments accepted:

12 a.m. May 1 –
11:59 p.m. June 30, 2026

Submit comments

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

Mail:
Jeremy Schmidt, site manager
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

Email:
Jeremy.Schmidt@ecy.wa.gov

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

Plan to provide safe water ready for public comment

You are invited to review and comment on the Short-term Interim Action Work Plan for the Spokane International Airport (SIA) PFAS cleanup site. Ecology is requiring SIA, the City of Spokane, and Spokane County (responsible parties) to provide safe water to private wells with PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) above drinking water standards in the interim action area (see page 3).

Their plan is to provide:

- **One pitcher and one countertop filter certified to remove PFAS and replacement cartridges.** PFAS sampling results are not required to receive these point-of-use filters.
- **Two 5-gallon, food-safe containers and access to the Garden Springs filling station**, which can fill a range of container sizes.
- **Replacement cartridges for under-sink filters the Washington Department of Health installed.** Ongoing maintenance will be addressed in the Long-Term Interim Action Work Plan, which is due May 11, 2026.
- **PFAS testing for all private wells in the interim action area.** Testing is voluntary. We encourage you to respond when you are contacted to have your well tested.

The work plan includes a communication plan and sample public outreach materials, such as mailed surveys, a website to sign up for filtration devices and PFAS testing of your private well, and information about how to access the filling station.

Public meeting

Please join us for a public meeting where we will discuss the short-term work plan, provide an update on the investigation, answer your questions, and accept written comments.

- 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- Shriners Event Center, 7217 W. Westbow Blvd., Spokane

Long-term plan for water for your whole house and outdoor use is due May 11

The responsible parties are beginning the short-term work to provide safe water and developing their Long-Term Interim Action Work Plan. The long-term plan will detail how they will provide point-of-entry treatment (POET) systems, or connection to City of Spokane water where possible, and maintain the POET systems.

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.

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.

Scan to join.

To join the email list:

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

The email list is the best way to stay informed about PFAS in the West Plains, as you receive more updates than you do through the mail.

Site background

We issued an enforcement order to SIA to investigate PFAS contamination in March 2024 after negotiating an agreed order for 150 days and not reaching an agreement.
In August 2025, we named the City of Spokane and Spokane County as parties responsible for cleanup because the airport property is owned by the two local governments. We signed an agreed order with the City of Spokane and Spokane County in January 2026. The city, county, and SIA are responsible for investigation and cleanup costs and providing safe water.

SIA completed the Site Assessment Report for PFAS 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 as part of the federal requirements for airport safety, and areas where PFAS was previously found in groundwater.

Next, SIA completed the Initial PFAS Investigation Work Plan in December 2024, and the Initial PFAS Investigation Report in March 2026. Groundwater samples were collected from 50 monitoring wells. Soil samples were collected from 57 locations at multiple depths below the ground surface. The report includes maps and soil and groundwater sampling results. The Joint Fire Training Area had the highest results for soil and groundwater. The results will be used to develop the Remedial Investigation Work Plan, which is due July 2026.

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[1] (Figure 1).

[1] https://ecology.wa.gov/MTCA-process

Figure 2. Emergency interim action area where safe water will be provided to residents and businesses with contaminated private wells. We based the boundaries on historically published documentation of West Plains geology and hydrogeology, the airport's on-property groundwater sampling from 2017 through 2025, EPA's sampling of 411 private wells in 2024, and our groundwater investigation grant work[2] with the City of Medical Lake and Eastern Washington University.

Scan to visit our SIA PFAS webpage for more information.

Why did I get this notice?

We mailed the notice to everyone in the interim action area. Homes already connected to city water will not need filtration or sampling, as that water is regularly tested and safe. Others outside the area may receive it because they requested to be on the list or were on the list we originally created before defining the interim action area. We didn't want to exclude anyone who had previously received mailers.

[2] https://ecology.wa.gov/west-plains-sampling

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State of Washington

Toxics Cleanup Program
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Plan to provide safe water for private wells with PFAS from Spokane Airport

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Public Comment Period

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ADA accessibility

To request an ADA accommodation, email ecyadacoordinator@ecy.wa.gov, call 360-407-6831, or dial 711 to call through the Washington Telecommunications Relay for services like text telephone (TTY). Visit Ecology.wa.gov/ADA for more accessibility information.