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Contaminated Site Register

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News & notes

2025 Sediment Cleanup User's Manual published

We have revised the Sediment Cleanup User's Manual (SCUM)[1]! We published the updated manual in December 2025.

SCUM is comprehensive guidance for cleaning up sediment sites and minimizing sources that may impact sediment quality in accordance with regulations (e.g., Sediment Management Standards and Model Toxics Control Act). It includes information for all phases of sediment cleanup. For example, there are dedicated chapters and associated appendices for conducting a remedial investigation, developing a feasibility study, field sampling, analytical methods, developing cleanup criteria, and conducting risk assessments. Each chapter is standalone—which means you don't have to read the entire guidance to understand the concepts in a specific chapter.

We keep a record of all SCUM revisions in Appendix M, which is organized by the revision year. For the 2025 publication, we focused on updating biological testing and chemistry analytical methods, quality assurance/quality control, and PFAS. We incorporated the MTCA revisions with a focus on climate change, cultural resources, tribal engagement, environmental justice, and selection of remedies.

For more information contact Contact Chance Asher, Sediment Policy Program lead, at chance.asher@ecy.wa.gov or 360-999-9420.

Apply for 2027-29 Oversight Remedial Action grants and loans

12:01 a.m. February 17–11:59 p.m. March 17

Local governments can apply for a grant or loan to help clean up hazardous waste sites supervised by Ecology or EPA under a legal order or decree. We will stop accepting applications Tuesday, March 17. Response to public comments, grant guidelines for the 2027-29 biennium, and instructions on how to apply are available on the Oversight Remedial Action grants webpage.

For more information contact Laurie Dahmen, Competitive Grants Supervisor, at laurie.dahmen@ecy.wa.gov or 360-628-7499.

New dashboard tracks contaminated site ratings

We are two years into using the new Site Hazard Assessment and Ranking Process (SHARP)[2]. Since January 2024 we've assessed over 1,400 sites — and now our partners, local governments, Tribes, and community members can track our progress on the SHARP dashboard[3].

The new dashboard shows how many sites we've assessed, overall SHARP scores, and how many of these sites are in or near areas with vulnerable populations or overburdened communities. You can use filters to narrow down the data to a specific city or county, sites at different stages of the cleanup process, or search for an individual site by name.

For more information, read the blog post[4]. If you have questions about SHARP or feedback on the dashboard, contact:

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New guidance on making cleanups as permanent as practicable

Ecology has published new guidance on making cleanups permanent to maximum extent practicable (PMEP)[5]. We also published a Microsoft Excel tool[6] for performing PMEP evaluations and a user manual[7] for the tool.

Under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), contaminated site cleanups must not only be protective, but also "give preference to permanent solutions to the maximum extent practicable". The MTCA Cleanup Regulations specify how to determine which protective cleanup option meets that requirement. We're calling this a PMEP evaluation. Disproportionate cost analysis is the last step in the evaluation.

Our new guidance helps Ecology staff and other people cleaning up contaminated sites do PMEP evaluations, including the disproportionate cost analysis. These evaluations can be narrative or semi-quantitative. The Microsoft Excel tool and user's manual help users to do the semi-quantitative PMEP evaluation. The user manual gives instructions and guidance on using the PMEP Tool.

Public input on the guidance

We received comments on the draft PMEP Guidance and the PMEP Tool during a public comment period in spring of 2025. Ecology considered and updated the draft guidance as appropriate in response to the comments. We also responded to these comments.

Download the guidance

For more information and to download the guidance, tool, and manual, visit our Evaluating Cleanup Options webpage[8]. If you have specific questions about the PMEP procedure or need technical assistance, please contact Mahbub Alam, Senior Principal Engineer, at 360-280-6274 or mahbub.alam@ecy.wa.gov.

Cleanup Levels and Risk Calculation tool updated

Ecology's Cleanup Levels and Risk Calculation (CLARC) resource is a collection of technical information for more than 600 chemicals. TCP built this tool to help cleanup project managers and stakeholders determine cleanup levels for contaminated sites. CLARC has toxicity values, chemical and physical properties, risk-based protective levels, and levels based on applicable state and federal laws.

What changed

- Added aminophenol; p- as new hazardous substance.
- Added a table of use and manufacturing information for chemicals in CLARC.
- Added PFAS maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) incorporated into WAC 246-290 by the Washington State Department of Health as part of their exception rule-making (these are the same as EPA's PFAS MCLs). The rule became effective on July 18, 2025.
- Updated chemical-specific notes related to endosulfan, PFAS MCLs, and cyanide.
- Corrected the summary table compiled from Ecology's *Natural Background Soil Metals Concentrations in Washington State (1994)*.

Stay up-to-date on CLARC

Sign up to our MTCA Contamination cleanup tools mailing list[9] to receive notifications when we update CLARC. We update CLARC every six or twelve months. The most recent version is always available on the CLARC webpage[10].

For more information, please contact Andy Kallus, Toxicologist, at andrew.kallus@ecy.wa.gov or 360-878-2952.

New sites

We added these sites to our lists since the previous issue of the Contaminated Site Register. Click a site name to visit its cleanup webpage.

Sites needing cleanup

Awaiting cleanup

- SR167 10th & 62nd Ave ROW[11], Fife — CSID 17432
- Come & Go[12], Olympia — CSID 17431
- 1634 LWB LLC[13], Seattle — CSID 17427
- Safelite Autoglass Repair[14], Spokane — CSID 17428

Cleanup started

- Olympia and Belmore East Olympia Property Diesel Release[15] East Olympia — CSID 17425
- Kenyon Street Lot 5[16], Seattle — CSID 17430

No further action sites

Sometimes we decide no further action is needed to clean up a site **before** we first list it in our database. This can happen when a property owner completes a cleanup within 90 days of discovery.

- Soos Creek Water & Sewer District[17], Renton — CSID 17426
- 17th Ave E ROW[18], Tacoma — CSID 17429

Find and follow cleanup sites

You can subscribe to individual cleanup sites from the site's webpage. You'll receive a weekly notification if we add documents, change the site status, or open a comment period for any of your subscribed sites.

Find sites on the Contaminated Sites List or No Further Action Sites List using Cleanup and Tank Search[19], or with our What's In My Neigborhood map[20].

Cleanups supervised by Ecology

These cleanups are supervised by Ecology under legal agreements or orders, or performed by Ecology.

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

Cosmo Specialty Fibers

1701 1st St, Cosmopolis

Facility Site ID# **32**
Cleanup Site ID# **2375**

Comment online[21]
or mail comments to:

Ha Tran
Department of Ecology
Industrial Section
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Cosmo Specialty Fibers webpage[22]
- Contact Ha Tran
  Site Manager/Environmental Engineer
  ha.tran@ecy.wa.gov
  360-790-6276

Where to see print documents

- Aberdeen Timberland Library,
  121 E. Market Street, Aberdeen
  Monday–Saturday
  10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Department of Ecology
  Industrial Section
  300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey
  By appointment: 564-669-4474

Comment on Interim Action Order

12:01 a.m. January 8–11:59 p.m. February 19

We invite you to comment on the Interim Action for Cosmo Specialty Fibers.

Ecology has begun a formal cleanup at the site under MTCA through separate agreed orders with Cosmo Specialty Fibers and Weyerhaeuser. The formal cleanup process starts with a site investigation, to be conducted by Cosmo and Weyerhaeuser under Ecology's oversight.

This interim action is in **addition** to the remedial investigation and feasibility study work required by the agreed orders. This order requires Cosmo, as the current site owner, to to secure and stabilize the site to prevent the release of contaminants. Cosmo must do several things to comply with the order, including providing adequate security and developing and implementing a site stabilization plan.

These actions are nessecary to protect human health and the environment while investigating the site and preparing a more complete cleanup plan.

PIERCE COUNTY

Arkema Inc

2901 Taylor Way
Tacoma

Facility Site ID# **1220**
Cleanup Site ID# **3405**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Arkema Inc webpage[23]
- Contact Abby Zabrodsky
  Public Involvement Coordinator
  Abby.Zabrodsky@ecy.wa.gov
  564-250-0561

Document review locations

- Tacoma Public Library
  Main Branch
  1102 Tacoma Avenue
  Tacoma, WA 98402
  (253) 280-2800
- Ecology Lacey office
  By appointment only
  300 Desmond Drive SE
  Lacey, WA 98503
  PublicDisclosureSWRO@ecy.wa.gov
  360-407-6365

Comment on Draft Agreed Order Amendment, Draft Interim Action Plan, and SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Extended: 8 a.m. Dec. 4, 2025–11:59 p.m. Feb. 20, 2026

We've extended this comment period to February 20 based on community feedback. We invite your input on these three documents:

- **Draft Interim Action Plan** (17.1 MB download)[24]: A plan for limiting arsenic from entering the Hylebos Waterway. This work is needed to protect human health and the environment while the Port works on a complete cleanup plan.
- **Draft Agreed Order Amendment** (151 KB download)[25]: This is an addition to the 2011 legal agreement that powers the site's cleanup. This agreement is between Ecology and the Port of Tacoma, who is conducting the cleanup. The amendment adds the Interim Action Work Plan and its schedule to the Port's scope of cleanup requirements.SEPA
- **Determination of Non-Significance** (537 KB download)[26]: We determined the proposed cleanup is not likely to cause significant environmental harm. We considered environmental, historical, and cultural factors in this process.

To aid in your review, we also prepared a fact sheet (1.16 MB download)[27] with context about the site and a summary of key points in the documents.

Background

The Arkema Inc. site used to be a chemical manufacturing plant. At different times it was called Atofina Chemicals, Elf Atochem, and Pennwalt. The products that made at the site included chlorine, sodium hydroxide (caustic), sodium chlorate, hydrochloric acid, and sodium arsenite (Penite). Penite was manufactured between circa 1944 and the early 1970s. The rest of the chlorine-based manufacturing facility operations operated from 1927 to 1997, when the manufacturing facilities were dismantled and removed.

The Port of Tacoma bought the property in 2007. In 2008, the Port removed all remaining aboveground structures.

Today, the site is vacant. It is currently covered with vegetation, crushed rock, and some former building and tank foundations. The Port plans to redevelop the site for industrial and marine-related uses.

Sonoco Products Co

1802 Steele Avenue, Sumner

Facility Site ID# **39542787**
Cleanup Site ID# **17058**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Sonoco Products Co webpage[28]
- Contact Aidan McCooey
  Site Manager
  aidan.mccooey@ecy.wa.gov
  360-790-6276

CORRECTION:

Comment period for Sonoco Products Co will be later this Spring

The last issue of this Contaminated Site Register originally said that the Sonoco Products Co. site would have a comment period from January 26 to March 3, 2026. That comment period has been postponed until sometime in the spring. We also added this correction to the archived version of the prior issue, as well.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Stella-Jones

6520 188th Street NE, Arlington

Facility Site ID# **2709**
Cleanup Site ID# **4768**

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Stella-Jones webpage[29]
- Contact Paul Bianco
  Site Manager
  paul.bianco@ecy.wa.gov
  425-466-5161

Where to see print documents

- Department of Ecology
  Northwest Region Office
  15700 Dayton Ave N.
  Shoreline, WA 98133-9716
  206-594-0000
- Arlington Library
  Sno-Isle Libraries
  135 N. Washington Ave.
  Arlington,
  360-435-3033
  No appointment needed

Appointments encouraged. To schedule, contact Michael Hart, Public Disclosure Coordinator, at michael.hart@ecy.wa.gov.

Cleanup documents available for review and comment

12:01 a.m. January 26–11:59 p.m. February 27

We're overseeing the cleanup of contamination at the Stella-Jones facility. We invite you to review and comment on the following documents:

- **Draft agreed order**: This legal agreement requires Stella-Jones to do work to help understand the remaining contamination, and ensures that the cleanup follows state law.
- **Draft public participation plan**: This plan encourages community involvement in cleanup decisions.

You can download the documents from the site webpage (at left).

Stella-Jones owns and operates a 39-acre wood pole treatment facility in Arlington. The site has been used for treating poles since 1960. JH Baxter owned and operated the wood treatment facility from 1971 to 2007. Stella-Jones purchased and leased the operation in 2007. They bought the property in 2024.

In 1960, wood utility poles were treated with chemicals to repel pests and reduce insect damage. Until about 1990, the chemicals used included both creosote and pentachlorophenol (PCP). PCP is extremely toxic to humans if they breathe it in or accidentally swallow it. Human studies suggest PCP is linked to cancer, and that it is a probable human carcinogen. Using PCP will be illegal in the United States after March 2027.

In 2008, Stella-Jones began a system to contain and reduce PCP in groundwater. They stopped using PCP to preserve wood at the facility in 2022. The site now uses DCOI (4,5-Dichloro-2-n-octyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one). DCOI is a safer, water-based wood preservative used on utility poles to protect against decay.

In 2025, Ecology and Stella-Jones negotiated an agreed order that requires Stella-Jones to compile existing site data and draft a conceptual site model to determine the scope of additional investigation. After the remaining contamination is well understood, Stella-Jones will identify cleanup options, and Ecology will select the best remedy. Stella-Jones is required to clean up the contamination per the agreed order.

Contamination at this site will be cleaned up to protect human health and the environment.

SPOKANE COUNTY

Spokane International Airport PFAS site

9000 W Airport Drive
Spokane

Facility Site ID# **6332493**
Cleanup Site ID# **16774**

Comment online[30]
or mail comments to:

Jeremy Schmidt
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Spokane International Airport PFAS site webpage[31]
- Contact Jeremy Schmidt
  Site Manager
  jeremy.schmidt@ecy.wa.gov
  509-724-1164

Where to see print documents

- Contact Erika Beresovoy at Erika.Beresovoy@ecy.wa.gov or 509-385-2290 if you need print documents.

Comment on legal order and public participation

12:01 a.m. February 6–11:59 p.m. March 9

We invite your comments on an Agreed Order[32] with the City of Spokane and Spokane County and updated Public Participation Plan[33]. The **order** requires the city and county to complete a remedial investigation, feasibility study, and potential interim actions (partial cleanups 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. The feasibility study will evaluate cleanup options. Interim actions could include cleaning up areas of high concern or providing safe drinking water if off-property impacts are found. The order excludes any work Spokane International Airport (SIA) will do or has already done. Because SIA is already in progress on the work, it continues during this public comment period. The **Public Participation Plan** describes how you can be involved during the cleanup process.

Ecology will consider and respond to all comments we receive during this public comment period. We will post our response to comments document on the cleanup site webpage (left), send the document to people who submitted comments, and email the West Plains PFAS updates email list[34].

Background

Ecology issued SIA an enforcement order in 2024 after we received sample results showing PFAS in groundwater at the airport. We negotiated with SIA on an agreed order 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 a report in August 2024 that gives an overview of the site, reviews records, and lists areas where firefighting foam was stored or used and areas where PFAS was found in groundwater. In December 2024 they completed a plan for where and how they would collect preliminary groundwater and soil samples on their property, focusing on areas with potential or known PFAS releases. They collected groundwater samples from 52 monitoring wells and soil samples from 57 locations, at multiple depths below the ground surface. They completed field work in January 2025. We received the draft report in January 2026.

Public meeting Wednesday, February 25, at 6 p.m.

Please join us for a public meeting. We will discuss the documents, give an update on the investigation, answer your questions, and accept written comments. The event is at the **Shriners Event Center**, 7217 W. Westbow Blvd., Spokane[35]

WHATCOM COUNTY

Intalco Aluminum Corp

4050 Mountain View Road
Ferndale

Facility Site ID# **16**
Cleanup Site ID# **2280**

Comment online[36]
or mail comments to:

Shingo Yamazaki
Department of Ecology
Industrial Section
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

For more information

- Visit Ecology's Intalco Aluminum Corp webpage[37]
- Contact Shingo Yamazaki
  Acting Site Manager
  shingo.yamazaki@ecy.wa.gov
  360-515-8479

Where to see print documents

- Ferndale Public Library
  2125 Main St, Ferndale
  360-384-3647
- Ecology's Industrial Section
  300 Desmond Drive SE, Lacey
  Please contact Tara Roberts at tara.roberts@ecy.wa.gov or 360-280-4325 or for an appointment.

Comment on draft agreed order, public participation plan, and demolition interim action work plan

12:01 a.m. Feb. 18–11:59 p.m. April 15

We invite the public to review and comment on the following proposed actions:

- **Draft Agreed Order**, which requires Intalco Aluminum LLC and Petrogas Pacific LLC to develop a remedial investigation work plan, conduct a remedial investigation, implement the Demolition Interim Action Work Plan, conduct other interim actions if required or agreed to by Ecology, develop a remedial investigation/feasibility study report, and develop a draft cleanup action plan to select cleanup options.
- **Public Participation Plan**, which describes ways Ecology will inform the public about contamination investigations and cleanup options throughout the cleanup process. Ecology encourages the public to learn about and get involved in decision-making opportunities. This plan identifies how and when the public can get involved during different stages of the investigation and cleanup of contamination.
- **Demolition Interim Action Work Plan**, which provides a plan for cleanup activities that may happen while demolishing and removing the old smelter infrastructure (buildings, pipes, storage tanks, etc). The plan specifies how contaminated soil will be identified during demolition and how the contaminated soil will be removed to reduce potential threats to human health and the environment prior to the remedial investigation and feasibility study in the order.

When the comment period ends, we will review all comments received and make a final decision on the cleanup documents.

Tentative public meeting

A tentative virtual public meeting, followed by a formal public hearing to accept oral comments, will take place April 8, 2026, starting at 6:00 p.m. Register online[38] for the public hearing. Registration is required. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the hearing.

We will hold the public hearing if we receive significant public interest. We will notify interested parties prior to cancelling the tentative hearing if we have not received significant interest by April 6, 2026.

More information

ABOUT THE SITE REGISTER

- Receive the Contaminated Site Register by email [39]
- Find past issues of the Contaminated Site Register [40]

Questions about the Contaminated Site Register?
Contact Sarah Kellington at 360-280-3167
or sarah.kellington@ecy.wa.gov.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Look up terms in the glossary [41]
- See events and comment periods [42]

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Shoreline, WA 98133

Southwest Region Office
300 Desmond Drive SE
Lacey, WA 98503

[1] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/SCUM

[2] https://ecology.wa.gov/SHARP

[3] https://ecology.wa.gov/SHARPdashboard

[4] https://ecology.wa.gov/blog/february-2026/sharp-dashboard-tracks-contaminated-site-ratings

[5] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2509059.html

[6] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/othersupplements/2509060other.xlsx

[7] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2509060.html

[8] https://ecology.wa.gov/evaluating-cleanup-options

[9] https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_346

[10] https://ecology.wa.gov/CLARC

[11] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17432

[12] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17431

[13] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17427

[14] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17428

[15] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17425

[16] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17430

[17] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17426

[18] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17429

[19] https://ecology.wa.gov/cleanup-search

[20] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/neighborhood/

[21] https://swm.ecology.commentinput.com/?id=CSti4GcVk

[22] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/2375

[23] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/3405

[24] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/163644

[25] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/163627

[26] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/164299

[27] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/164580

[28] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/17058

[29] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/4768

[30] https://tcp.ecology.commentinput.com?id=ECah5MUFK

[31] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16774

[32] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/166446

[33] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/document/138781

[34] https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAECY/subscriber/new?topic_id=WAECY_314

[35] https://maps.app.goo.gl/PJ1dgzzAV9WHTPPq8

[36] https://swm.ecology.commentinput.com?id=Z75x2FVtJP

[37] https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/2280

[38] https://waecy-wa-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/cetub37zRH2Qlp1unytbDQ

[39] https://ecology.wa.gov/Site-Register

[40] http://tinyurl.com/EcologySiteReg

[41] https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Toxic-cleanup-acronyms

[42] https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Search-all