

**FINAL MEETING SUMMARY – EPA Portland Harbor Public Forum (with DEQ & CAG support)**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2020 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Online Only ([Recording Now Available](#))**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held its ninth quarterly Portland Harbor Superfund Site Public Forum (with support from the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)). The public forum was held as an [online only webinar](#) and took place from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The public forum was divided into sections as follows:

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview:** 6:00 – 6:25 p.m.
2. **Portland Harbor Superfund Site Updates:** 6:25 – 7:05 p.m.
3. **Presentation: Cleanup Design and Implementation: What Will it Look Like?:** 7:05 – 7:35 p.m.
4. **Wrapping Up and Next Steps:** 7:35 – 7:40 p.m.
5. **Optional Open Question & Answer Session:** 7:40 – 8:00 p.m.
6. **Adjourn:** 8:00 p.m.

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### **Public Forum: Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

The Facilitator started the meeting by acknowledging the time and participation of all attendees in the online webinar and pausing to observe and acknowledge the moment of the global pandemic and nationwide protests. The Facilitator clarified the purpose of the meeting: to provide a forum for members of the public to receive updates regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and the opportunity to ask questions of the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The Facilitator reviewed the logistics of using the online webinar platform including how to ask questions and how to access materials after the meeting.

The Facilitator introduced all the agency staff participating in the meeting and welcomed tribal representatives and a Congressional delegation representative participating in the online webinar. The Facilitator reviewed the agenda topics for the evening and reviewed ground rules.

#### **COVID-19 Updates**

The Facilitator introduced Jim McKenna, State of Oregon, Governor's Resource Office, and Beth Appert, Multnomah County Health Department, to provide brief updates regarding the Oregon Governor's response to Covid-19 in Oregon. Jim noted the Oregon Governor's Office has a three-phase approach for addressing Covid-19 Statewide and will continue to follow this approach for reopening. For additional information, the three-phase approach can be viewed online at the [Oregon Governor's website](#). Beth shared several public health points and recommendations including wearing a face-covering throughout events and practicing physical distancing.

#### **CAG Updates**

The Facilitator introduced Michael Pouncil, Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG), to provide updates regarding the CAG's upcoming work and to provide a water acknowledgment. Michael shared the CAG is working with Jessica Terlikowski from the City of Portland to host a virtual meeting on July 8, 2020. The purpose of the July 8 meeting is to discuss updates regarding the City of Portland's Information Management Plan (IMP). He also shared the CAG is conducting outreach with community members about the Willamette Cove site and noted that the comment period had been extended until the end of August.

Michael also led a water acknowledgment and shared remarks about the Portland Harbor water. He introduced the Willamette River water to the meeting, spoke about how each meeting helps heal the river, and noted the water will be returned to the river after the meeting. For additional information regarding the CAG, individuals can email: [portlandharborcag@gmail.com](mailto:portlandharborcag@gmail.com) and request to be added to the email listserv to receive reminders about upcoming events.

## **Land Acknowledgement**

The Facilitator introduced (b) (6), North Willamette Watershed Council, to provide a land acknowledgment and to address current nationwide events. Sarah offered an acknowledgment of the land, a commitment to healing the river, and comments regarding racial and environmental injustice nationwide.

## **Portland Harbor Superfund Site Updates**

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### **Portland Harbor EPA Team Updates**

The Facilitator introduced Calvin Terada, EPA Region 10 Director of the Superfund and Emergency Management Division to discuss staffing changes to the Portland Harbor team. Calvin shared staffing changes, including introducing Caleb Shaffer as the new Portland Harbor Team Lead, noting several remedial project managers, and the potential of hiring of an additional remedial project manager. Calvin noted EPA Region 10 has about 200 different sites and about 30 remedial project managers.

### **Community Involvement Plan (CIP) Finalization**

The Facilitator introduced Laura Knudsen, EPA Region 10 Community Involvement Coordinator, to provide updates regarding EPA's Draft Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Laura shared several presentation slides covering the details of the CIP, who developed it and how, who provided input and when, what changes the EPA will make and when, how the comments from the public will be incorporated, and when the CIP will be finalized.

In addition to these updates, Laura also noted the next steps EPA plans to take to complete the Portland Harbor CIP. She explained that EPA is in the process of reviewing and documenting the comments received online, via email, and in writing and will incorporate suggestions into the Final CIP. EPA will produce a summary of the CIP purpose and its development process and translate it into languages other than English. EPA anticipates finalizing and publishing the Portland Harbor CIP by the end of July. For additional information, the [full CIP presentation](#) can now be viewed online.

### **City of Portland, Information Management Plan (IMP)**

The Facilitator introduced Jessica Terlikowski, City of Portland, Community Engagement Coordinator, and Dawn Sanders, City of Portland, IMP Project Coordinator to provide updates about the City of Portland's Information Management Plan (IMP) work. Dawn clarified the purpose of the IMP work: to understand different stakeholders' perspectives, data needs, and obtain input to inform the creation of an online information hub for the cleanup.

Jessica noted the City will be hosting workshops in partnership with neighborhood organizations and there is an upcoming workshop being held on July 8 as part of the CAG meeting. For additional information the [full City of Portland IMP presentation](#) can be viewed now.

## **Presentation: Cleanup Design and Implementation: What Will it Look Like? Led by EPA**

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The Facilitator introduced Caleb Shaffer, EPA Region 10 Portland Harbor Team Lead, and Hunter Young, EPA Region 10 Remedial Project Manager to provide a presentation on various aspects of the in-water cleanup design and implementation for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Hunter and Caleb shared several presentation slides covering what remedial design means, the overall process for designing the cleanup before beginning construction, the status of cleanup design at each of the project areas on the [June 2020 Portland Harbor Superfund Site Updates Fact Sheet](#), and explaining Unilateral Administrative Orders (UAO).

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Hunter led the presentation by discussing which project areas were now under signed agreement and which had orders for remedial design. Hunter explained about 70% of the acres designated for active in-water remediation at the Site are now in remedial design. He provided an overview of seven steps that will be taken to complete the remedial design process at each project area:

- **Step 1: Sufficiency Assessment:** An assessment that determines that the sources of contamination are sufficiently controlled before Remedial Action (RA) begins.
- **Step 2: Pre-Design Investigation (PDI):** An investigation that addresses data gaps by conducting additional field investigations.
- **Step 3: Basis of Design Report (BODR):** A report that refines the specific cleanup area, also called the sediment management area (SMA).
- **Step 4: Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP):** A work plan that is prepared to provide an overall plan for remedial design activities that draws information from the BODR.
- **Step 5: Preliminary (30%) Remedial Design (RD):** An initial (30%) draft of the remedial design plan is developed.
- **Step 6: Intermediate (60%) Remedial Design (RD):** Building on the Preliminary RD, refining and improving continues to achieve an Intermediate (60%) RD.
- **Step 7: Pre-Final (95%) and Final (100%) Remedial Design (RD):** Building upon the Intermediate RD, additional refining and improving occurs to provide a detailed pre-final (95%) and final (100%) RD for the work to be accomplished during remedial action.

Caleb continued the presentation and discussed the purpose and use of UAOs at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. He explained the difference between UAOs and Administrative Settlement Agreements and Orders on Consent (ASAOCs) and noted that the work required to be performed under a UAO *is the same* as the work required to be performed under an ASAOC. He also explained EPA is working toward reaching 100% remedial design for the entire Site and will continue to provide updates as more agreements are signed for project areas.

For additional information, the [full Cleanup Design and Implementation presentation](#) can be viewed online.

### **Wrapping Up and Next Steps**

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The Facilitator thanked the presenters for sharing information and attendees for their time, questions, and thoughtful participation. The next Portland Harbor Public Forum is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020.