

EPA's Superfund Job Training Initiative and the Portland Harbor Superfund Site



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Agenda



- **Overview of EPA's SuperJTI Program** (*Viola*)
- **Draft Plan for SuperJTI at Portland Harbor** (*Sean & Laura*)
- **Question & Answer Session**



What is SuperJTI?



- **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarter-funded job readiness program**
- **Targets under/unemployed community members**
- **Provides remediation/hazardous waste cleanup training**



Contractors, EPA staff and SuperJTI project staff from the North Ridge Estates SuperJTI project in Klamath Falls, Oregon
Photo Courtesy: EPA

How does SuperJTI work?



- Relationships built with local businesses, community organizations, federal agencies, and other interested parties
- Applicant recruitment
- Training
- Post-graduation follow-up



Onondaga Lake SuperJTI Trainees posing with the previous EPA Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck (in green) at the graduation ceremony in Syracuse, New York.

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What communities are eligible?



- **Superfund Sites**
- **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Sites**
- **Federal facilities**
- **Tribal removal sites**



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Working with Site contractors



- **Discussions with contractors prior to program start**
- **Generally, a minimum of 8-10 entry-level jobs must be projected**
- **Job details/requirements discussed ahead of time**
- **Relevant training courses/certifications included**



Hands-on exercise during the 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training at the Savannah River Site SuperJTI
Photo Courtesy: EPA

Developing partnerships



- **Local businesses, universities, community and tribal organizations, public agencies, and others may:**
 - **Serve as effective liaisons**
 - **Build local capacity**
 - **Donate resources**
 - **Serve as a community partner**



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Sample training



1. **Job Readiness/Pre-employment skills**
2. **40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER)**
3. **Forklift**
4. **CPR/First Aid**
5. **Asbestos Operations & Maintenance (16-hour)**
6. **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour Construction Safety**
7. **Flagging**
8. **Fall Protection**

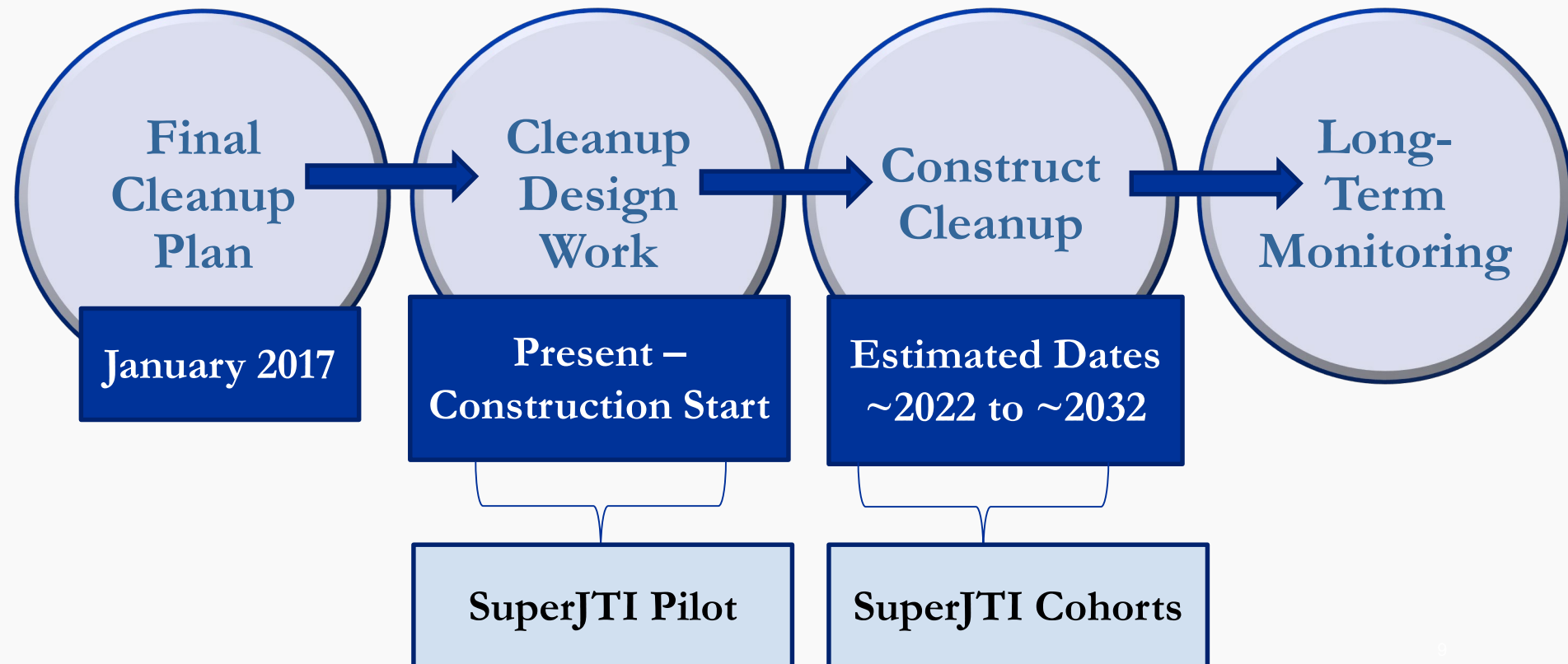


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- **Estimated timeline for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site:**



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- Proposed plan for SuperJTI pilot in Remedial Design **(Starting Fall 2019)**
 - Initial scoping with potentially responsible parties (PRPs) and contractors
 - ☆ *What jobs that relate to Portland Harbor work could be a part of SuperJTI?*
 - Initial scoping with job training organizations, job placement groups, and academic institutions
 - ☆ *How can other resources be leveraged in the Portland area to maximize SuperJTI?*
 - Working with community and tribal members and other partners **(Ongoing)**
 - ☆ *Make sure people know about SuperJTI and when the pilot program will begin*



Sampling work at the Arkema area in Portland Harbor (August, 2009)
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- **Proposed plan for SuperJTI in Remedial Action (Ongoing)**
 - Scoping with PRPs and contractors during remedial design
 - Continue scoping with job training organizations, job placement groups, and academic institutions
 - Continue working with community and tribal members and other partners



St. Johns Bridge, Portland OR

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- **Examples of *potential* SuperJTI positions related to Portland Harbor:**
 - **Potential Remedial Design Job Examples:**
 - ☆ Deckhand (moving lines around, handling buckets, etc...)
 - ☆ Samplers (basic sampling such as on beach/riverbank, grabbing sections of pipe)
 - **Potential Remedial Action Job Examples:**
 - ☆ Boat operator
 - ☆ Truck driver
 - ☆ Flagger



Sampling work at Terminal 4 in Portland Harbor (2019)

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Questions?



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