



# Harbor Island 101 Webinar

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*View of Harbor Island*

*Image Source: U.S. EPA Region 10*



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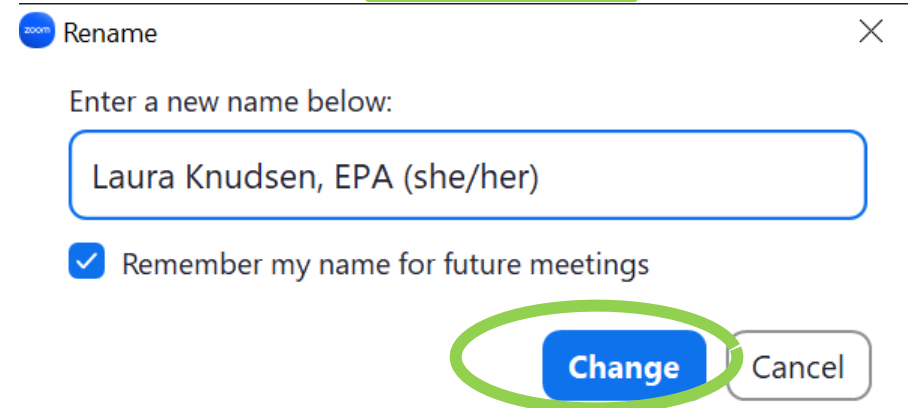
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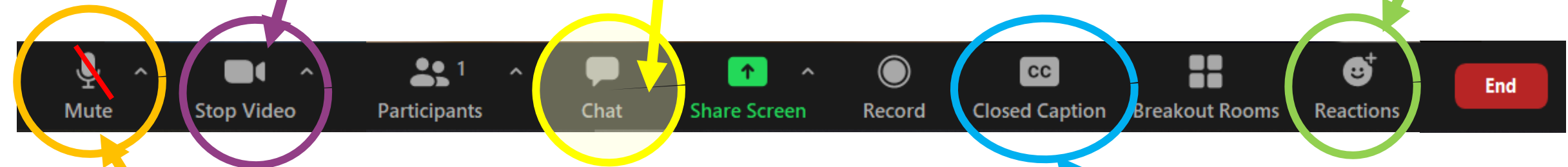
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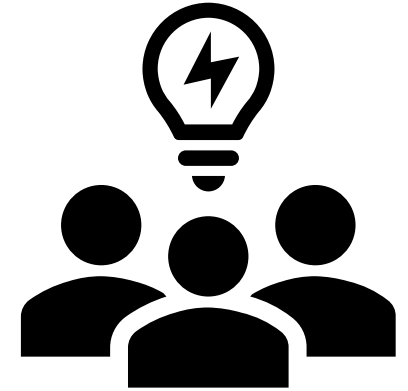
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- **Questions.** Please enter questions into the chat or raise your virtual hand to ask a question verbally. We will answer questions during the breaks after each section.
- **Others?** Please enter any other shared agreements you would like to honor tonight in the chat.





# Learning Objectives

*There will be space for questions and answers after each objective below.*

By the end of this webinar, attendees will have a better understanding of:

- ✓ The Harbor Island Superfund Site, including upcoming public comment opportunities such as the **Proposed Plan for the East Waterway**
- ✓ EPA's draft Harbor Island Community Involvement Plan and how to provide informal feedback
- ✓ Tips for providing effective public comments to EPA
- ✓ EPA's technical assistance opportunities
- ✓ Community Advisory Groups (CAGs)



*View of Spokane Street Bridge (over the East Waterway)*

*Source: U.S. EPA Region 10*

# Webinar Resources



Questions? Want to chat about the information in this webinar? You can always e-mail or call Laura Knudsen ([knudsen.laura@epa.gov](mailto:knudsen.laura@epa.gov), 206-643-4299).

You can find the following resources on EPA's Harbor Island website at [www.epa.gov/superfund/harbor-island](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/harbor-island):

- This Harbor Island 101 slide deck (translated into Vietnamese, Khmer, Spanish)
- Recordings of this Harbor Island 101 presentation
  - **Coming Soon - English:** Live recording of tonight's presentation
  - **Spanish, Vietnamese, Khmer:** Pre-recordings of this information
- **Coming Soon – General summary of questions & answers from this presentation** (translated into Vietnamese, Khmer, Spanish)
- **EPA General Harbor Island Fact Sheet and Map (February 2023):** Currently in English, translations into Vietnamese, Khmer, and Spanish coming soon.



This fact sheet provides an overview of all the cleanup work for the Harbor Island Superfund Site (including East Waterway) that is being overseen by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

*Screenshot of EPA's new Harbor Island Superfund Site Fact Sheet*  
**Source:** U.S. EPA Region 10

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# Harbor Island Superfund Site

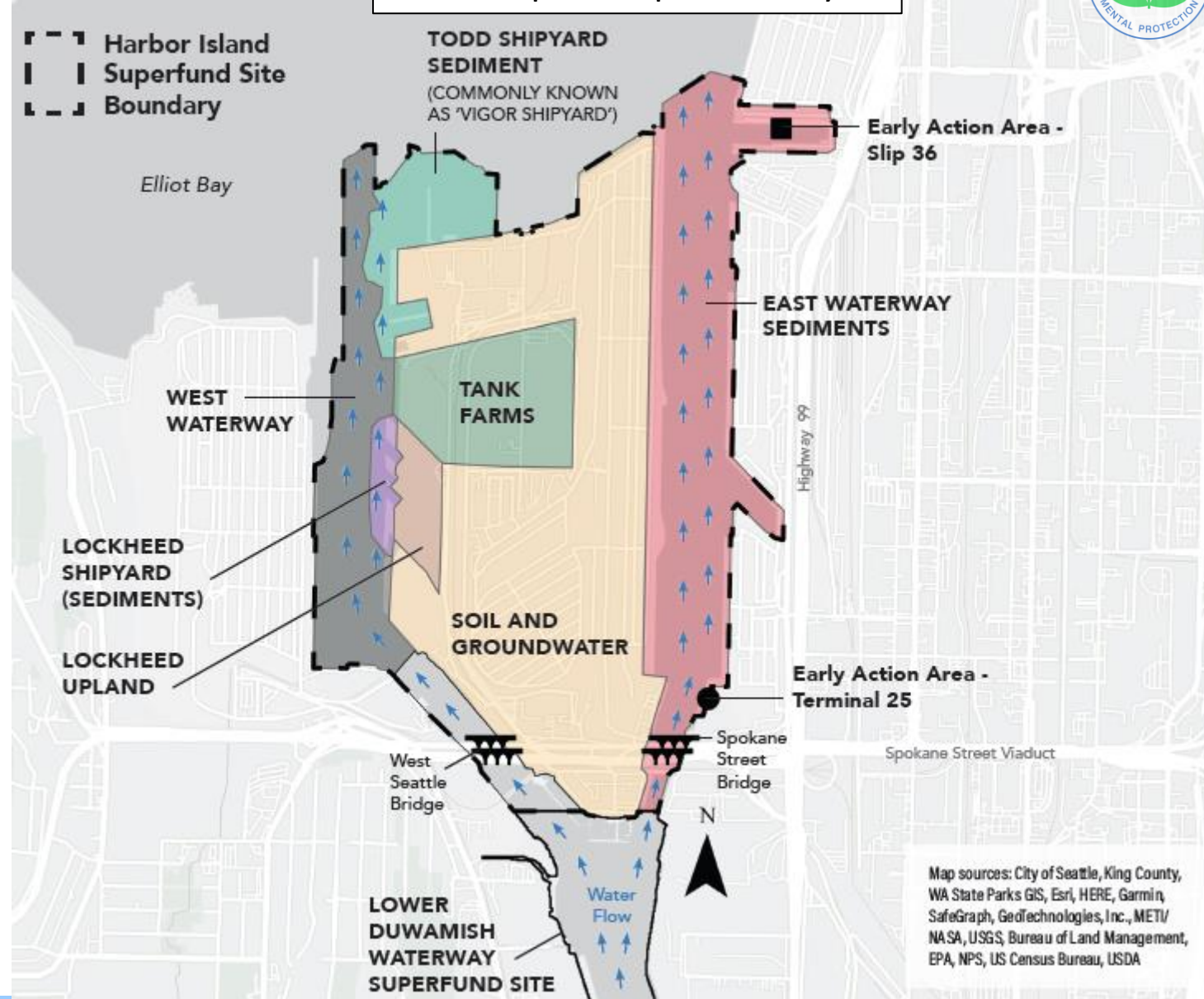
## General Overview

New EPA Harbor Island Map  
Will be updated periodically

**Superfund:** United States law that cleans up some of the nation's most contaminated places.

**Operable Unit (or "OU"):** Distinct areas within a Superfund site that help organize the cleanup work. A site can be divided into different OUs.

**Early Action Area:** A specific area where cleanup occurs before a final cleanup decision is made.



Map sources: City of Seattle, King County, WA State Parks GIS, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc., METI/ NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA

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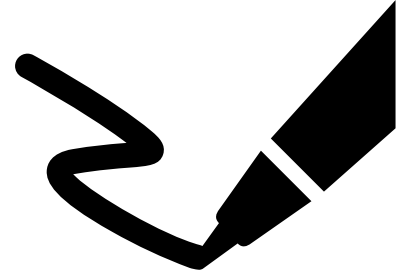




# Harbor Island Superfund Site

## *Upcoming Public Comment Opportunities*

- *Formal* Opportunities for Public Comment:
  - East Waterway Operable Unit: Proposed Plan**
    - ✓ **Timing:** Estimated release in early 2023
  - Slip 36 (Early Action): Cleanup Options for Early Action**
    - ✓ **Timing:** To be determined
  - Terminal 25 (Early Action): Cleanup Options for Early Action**
    - ✓ **Timing:** To be determined
- *Informal* Opportunities for Public Comment:
  - EPA's DRAFT Harbor Island Community Involvement Plan**
    - ✓ **Timing:** **Now** through at least May 1, 2023





# Questions?



# EPA's DRAFT Harbor Island Community Involvement Plan

- **What is a Community Involvement Plan?** A CIP is required by law and provides an overview of outreach tools and techniques that EPA will use throughout the cleanup of a Superfund site.
- **How did EPA get information for this draft CIP?**
  - 25 individual interviews and over 65 informal interviews
- **Key Features of this draft Harbor Island CIP:**
  - Action Plan
  - Environmental Justice Review (using EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool, called [EJScreen](#))

The image shows four overlapping screenshots of the draft CIP summary in different languages:

- Top (Vietnamese):** DRAFT Kế hoạch Tham gia của Cộng đồng vào Địa điểm Superfund Đảo Harbor của EPA - TÓM TẮT. It includes sections for 'Cách Cung cấp Phản hồi về Dự thảo Kế hoạch Tham gia của Cộng đồng vào Địa điểm Superfund Đảo Harbor (CIP) này của EPA - CẢM ƠN BẠN!' and 'Vui lòng xem xét việc cung cấp ý kiến, mối quan tâm hoặc đề xuất của bạn (bao gồm mọi hình ảnh hoặc sự kiện mà bạn muốn xem!) về dự thảo CIP này muộn nhất là Ngày 1 tháng 5, 2023 bằng cách:'.
- Second (Spanish):** BORRADOR Plan de Participación Comunitaria del Sitio Superfund de Harbor Island de la EPA - RESUMEN. It includes sections for '¿Qué es un Plan de Participación Comunitaria?' and 'Cómo proporcionar comentarios sobre este borrador del Plan de Participación Comunitaria (CIP) del Sitio Superfund de Harbor Island de la EPA - ¡GRACIAS!'.
- Third (Khmer):** សេចក្តីសង្ខេប ផែនការការចូលរួមរបស់សហគមន៍នៅទីតាំង EPA Harbor Island Superfund - សេចក្តីសង្ខេប. It includes sections for 'តើផែនការការចូលរួមរបស់សហគមន៍គឺជាអ្វី?' and 'របៀបផ្តល់មតិយោបល់លើ សេចក្តីសង្ខេប ផែនការការចូលរួមរបស់សហគមន៍ (CIP) នៅទីតាំង EPA Harbor Island Superfund នេះ - សូមអរគុណ!'.
- Bottom (English):** DRAFT EPA Harbor Island Superfund Site Community Involvement Plan - SUMMARY. It includes sections for 'What is a Community Involvement Plan?' and 'How to Provide Feedback on this Draft EPA Harbor Island Superfund Site Community Involvement Plan (CIP) - THANK YOU!'.

Screenshots of the Draft EPA Harbor Island Community Involvement Plan Summary in Vietnamese, Spanish, Khmer, and English  
Source: U.S. EPA Region 10

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# EPA's *DRAFT* Harbor Island Community Involvement Plan

Now available for [informal public feedback](#) until at least **May 1, 2023!**  
More information at [www.epa.gov/superfund/harbor-island](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/harbor-island)

EPA Harbor Island Superfund Site Community Involvement Plan



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## Information in English

Note: This form is **not** for public comments on the Proposed Plan for the East Waterway

### **DRAFT** EPA Harbor Island Superfund Site Community Involvement Plan - SUMMARY

#### What is a Community Involvement Plan?

A Community Involvement Plan (CIP) provides an overview of the outreach tools and techniques that EPA will use throughout the cleanup of a Superfund site. This document will serve as a guide for

How to Provide Feedback on this **Draft** EPA Harbor Island Superfund Site Community Involvement Plan (CIP) – THANK YOU! 😊

By **May 1, 2023** please consider providing your thoughts, concerns, or

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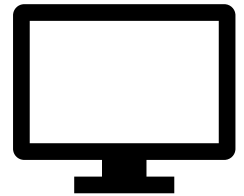
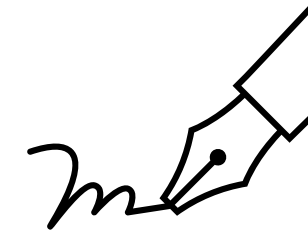
# Questions?



# Tips: Providing Effective Public Comments to EPA

- **Why comment?** Public comments can improve an environmental decision by giving EPA more information that was not in the original document.
- **Please feel free to submit comments in whatever language you prefer**
- **Some key tips for comments:**
  - Review the document and take notes
  - Make strong, clear points
  - Provide specific language when possible
  - Use specific examples when possible
  - Organize your comments, ideally:
    - *With* clear headings and sub-headings (using bold, italic, or underlined font can help!)
    - *With* clear and brief topic sentences
    - *Without* lengthly and dense paragraphs of text

**Keep in Mind:** EPA may receive a lot (maybe hundreds or thousands) of comments on a document.



Information taken or adapted from the Environmental Law Institute, [“Step-by-Step Tips for Writing Effective Public Comments”](#) (December 2013)

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# Tips: Providing Effective Public Comments to EPA

## Examples:

Example	Less Effective Public Comment	More Effective Public Comment	
1	Don't include the term "high levels" or other terms that are unclear.	Rewrite the sentence as follows: "Applications of <del>high levels of the pesticide at rates higher than indicated</del> on the label could harm the Monarch butterfly."	Suggesting specific language
2	There are so many things wrong with this document. More information needs to be included about impacts to wildlife. Specifically, the document does not address any impacts to the Perdido Key beach mouse.	<b>This document fails to address possible impacts on the Perdido Key beach mouse.</b>	Clear topic sentence in bold

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# Questions?

# EPA Technical Assistance Opportunities

- **What is technical assistance?** A way for community members who are affected or interested in a Superfund site to better understand the science, regulations, and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions.
- **Why should I care about technical assistance?** Good technical assistance could help you and other community members participate more effectively in decision-making throughout the Superfund cleanup!



*Technical assistance support from EPA at the Pacific Coast Pipeline Superfund Site in Filmore, California (2011)*

*Source: U.S. EPA Region 10*

**Keep in Mind:** Technical assistance could be in the form of money to a community group to hire a technical expert, or in the form of direct services.

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# EPA Technical Assistance Opportunities

For the Harbor Island Superfund Site, there are **two** main types of technical assistance that could be used:

Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)	Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)
<p><b>TASC services</b> are provided by an EPA contractor to community groups or members who will share any information or products with other interested and affected community members.</p>	<p>A <b>TAG</b> provides <b>money</b> so a community group can hire someone (a technical advisor) and share that technical information with other interested and affected community members.</p>
<p>TASC can be used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide technical expertise to community members (such as reviewing and summarizing meetings, reports, documents)</li><li>• Information assistance (such as developing and distributing fact sheets, brochures, creating maps)</li><li>• Community education (creating training materials)</li></ul>	<p>With a TAG, the technical advisor can interpret and explain technical reports, site conditions, and EPA’s proposed cleanup plans.</p>

**Keep in Mind:** As of February 2023, there is no TAG or TASC support for the Harbor Island Superfund Site.



# Questions?

Are you or a group you represent interested in [technical assistance](#)? Please contact Laura Knudsen and we can talk more in any language you prefer ([knudsen.laura@epa.gov](mailto:knudsen.laura@epa.gov), 206-643-4299)!



# Community Advisory Groups (CAGs)

- **What is a CAG?** A way for all interested and affected parties (including community members) to have a voice and actively participate in the Superfund process.
- **Why should I care about CAGs?** An effective CAG is a very powerful way to give voice to community members who are affected by a Superfund Site (or Superfund Sites).



**Keep in Mind:** The Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site (right by the Harbor Island Superfund Site) has a Community Advisory Group, the [Duwamish River Community Coalition](#).



# Community Advisory Groups (CAGs)

SIZE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generally, 15 to 25 interested people or stakeholders</li></ul>
FUNCTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide affected and interested parties in the community a voice and opportunity to participate in the Superfund process</li></ul>
FREQUENCY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet regularly over the course of the cleanup project, most CAGs meet monthly or bi-monthly and should be open to the public.</li></ul>
AFFILIATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAGs are independent community organizations; they are not formal “EPA” groups.</li></ul>
SUPPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EPA may provide administrative and facilitation support to help convene and manage the CAG</li></ul>
CAGs ADD TO EPA OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAGs do not replace the other EPA public information and outreach activities.</li></ul>

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# Thank You!

## *Closing and Wrap Up*



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