

# **Technical Coordinating Team (TCT) for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site**

*A Brief Overview for Community Leaders*

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# What is the TCT?

- The Portland Harbor **Technical Coordination Team (TCT)** was formed with the execution of the **2001 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**
  - The parties of the MOU include Federal, State, and Tribal governments and agencies representing those governments
  - All of these parties have recognized rights and authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
  - The purpose of the TCT is to provide a framework for coordination and cooperation in the management of the Site to optimize federal, state, and tribal expertise

# Who are members of the TCT?

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the **Yakama Nation**
- Confederated Tribes of the **Grand Ronde** Community of Oregon
- Confederated Tribes of **Siletz** Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the **Umatilla** Indian Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the **Warm Springs** Reservation of Oregon
- **Nez Perce** Tribe
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- U.S. Department of the Interior

# Why did the TCT Form?

- The **Portland Harbor** site was listed on the **National Priorities List (NPL)** in **2000**
- Superfund sites are extremely complicated and coordination between Federal, State, and Tribal entities is required for a successful cleanup
- Federal, State, and Tribal expertise lies within different areas and a framework is needed to optimize those resources in the CERCLA process
- EPA upholds its tribal trust responsibility



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# What does the TCT do?

- **Coordination to optimize federal, state and tribal expertise:**
  - The TCT provides a forum for meaningful Federal, State, and Tribal engagement in the Portland Harbor Site from investigation to remedial action
- **Examples of TCT work:**
  - Review, discuss, and comment on key documents, reports, permits, and agreements.
  - Identify roles and responsibilities for upcoming work elements

## Confidentiality

The TCT agreement has a section on confidentiality because:

- Some topics or documents that are reviewed may be ‘privileged and confidential’ due to project status or ongoing negotiations
- Final documents and agreements are made public

# Regular TCT Agenda

- DEQ Upland Source Control
- Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent Updates
  - Gasco, Terminal 4, River Mile 11 East, Pre-Remedial Design Group Agreement
- Community Involvement Update
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Coordination Permitting
  - 404 Permits, 401 Permits
- Willamette Watershed Issues
- Other/Next TCT Meeting on Project Updates

# Questions?