

Portland Harbor Superfund Site Updates September 2019

Overview: The in-river portion of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site spans about 10 miles of the Lower Willamette River in Portland, OR. EPA released a final cleanup plan (also called the Record of Decision or ROD) in January 2017 to address contamination in the sediment, surface water, and groundwater that poses an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment. EPA is currently seeking parties to sign up to perform remedial design of the remedy. This document provides a general update of the work being done or anticipated.

WILLAMETTE COVE

Summary: Discussions have been ongoing with EPA and interested parties since March 2018.

Potentially Responsible Parties: None have signed an agreement yet.

Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design (*no date yet*).

EPA Point of Contact: Eva DeMaria, Remedial Project Manager (demaria.eva@epa.gov, 206-553-1970)

Blue outlines signify that EPA is in discussions with interested Potentially Responsible Parties.
Red outlines indicate EPA has signed an agreement with Potentially Responsible Parties.

Portland Harbor ROD Cleanup Area (River Mile 1.9 to 11.8)

RIVER MILE 11E

Summary: Remedial design work is ongoing.

Recontamination assessment was finalized and approved by EPA in November 2018.

Potentially Responsible Parties: City of Portland, PacifiCorp, Cargill, Inc., CBS Corporation, DIL Trust, Glacier Northwest, Inc.

Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design (*schedule under development*).

EPA Point of Contact: Sean Sheldrake, Remedial Project Manager (sheldrake.sean@epa.gov, 206-553-1220)

GASCO/SILTRONIC

Summary: Remedial design work is ongoing.
Potentially Responsible Parties: NW Natural, Siltronic

Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design in early 2020 (*estimated date*).

EPA Point of Contact: Sean Sheldrake, Remedial Project Manager (sheldrake.sean@epa.gov, 206-553-1220)

TERMINAL 4

Summary: Remedial design work is ongoing. Pre-remedial design investigation sampling occurred April 2019 – May 2019 and data processing is currently underway.

Potentially Responsible Parties: Port of Portland

Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design in early 2022 (*estimated date*).

EPA Point of Contact: Josie Clark, Remedial Project Manager (clark.josie@epa.gov, 206-553-6239)

Updates on Site-Wide Work:

Pre-Remedial Design (Pre-RD) and Baseline Sampling Update:

- Summary:** The Pre-RD Group (Schnitzer, The Marine Group, EVRAZ, and Arkema) completed site-wide baseline sampling work in May 2019 to provide more information on the Sediment Management Areas (SMAs) where remediation efforts will occur in the future. EPA expects to receive a data report from the Pre-RD Group in June 2019. EPA intends to use pre- and post-construction monitoring in addition to targeted sampling during cleanup to evaluate progress toward cleanup goals.
- Informal Public Feedback Opportunity:** None anticipated.
- EPA Point of Contact:** Davis Zhen, EPA Project Manager (zhen.davis@epa.gov, 206-553-7660)

Institutional Control Implementation and Assurance Plan (ICIAP) and Data Management Plan (DMP):

- Summary:** Institutional controls (ICs) is EPA's term for activity and use limitations (such as fish advisories and zoning restrictions) to reduce people's exposure to contamination. ICs are written into an ICIAP. Data management refers to the process of storing and displaying all information for the Site. EPA is discussing the development of a site-wide ICIAP and DMP agreement with interested parties.
- Informal Public Feedback Opportunity:** None yet.
- EPA Point of Contact:** Josie Clark, Remedial Project Manager (clark.josie@epa.gov, 206-553-6239)

Questions?

- Please visit EPA's Portland Harbor website at www.epa.gov/superfund/portland-harbor
- Contact Laura Knudsen (EPA Community Involvement Coordinator) at knudsen.laura@epa.gov or 206-553-1838.

What about source control?

The term source control refers to controlling sources of contamination that are entering the Portland Harbor Superfund Site from upriver and lands along the river. The [Oregon Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](http://www.oregon.gov/deq) oversees source control and works closely with EPA. To date, DEQ has completed work on about 70 percent, or 120 of 173 sites requiring source control within the study area and is actively working on the remaining sites. Visit DEQ's interactive source control map here: www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/PortlandHarborMap.pdf

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