

Portland Harbor Superfund Site: Information Management and Institutional Control Plans

An Invitation to Businesses and Waterfront Property Owners to Participate in a Needs Assessment



Purpose

There is a ten-mile stretch of the Lower Willamette River that is under-going an environmental cleanup overseen by EPA. Under an agreement with EPA, the City of Portland and State of Oregon through its Department of State Lands are laying the groundwork to make site-specific and harbor-wide cleanup information accessible and transparent, during and after the cleanup, which is expected to last 30 years. Businesses and Waterfront Property Owners are invited to participate in a needs assessment for this information management effort.

The purpose of the needs assessment is to (1) gather input on formats for useful and consistent presentation of cleanup information and environmental data and (2) gather input for a plan to document, track and communicate harbor-wide and site-specific institutional controls (ICs).

Why we need your input

Businesses and Waterfront Property Owners in Portland Harbor who are directly involved in the cleanup may be asked to:

- Upload cleanup and IC monitoring data
- Prepare, upload, and maintain site-specific IC plans
- Use data generated by the Superfund program to make management decisions
- Identify existing IC locations and restrictions
- Upload reports on established ICs

Businesses and Waterfront Property Owners in Portland Harbor who are not directly involved in the cleanup may also want access to this information.

Your input on these topics will be used to develop an Information Management Plan (IMP) and harbor-wide Programmatic Institutional Controls Implementation and Assurance Plan (PICIAP).

ICs help protect the remedy, the public, and the environment, and may include:

Administrative and legal tools

- Regulated Navigation Areas and other waterway use restrictions (e.g., swimming, anchoring)
- Land use restrictions (e.g., conservation easements, deed restrictions)

Physical protections resulting from administrative and legal tools

- No-wake-zone buoys and other signage
- Fencing or other barriers

Educational tools

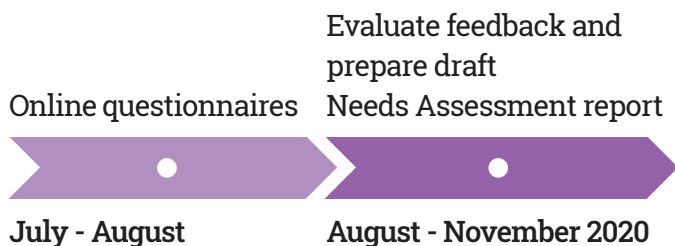
- Lower Willamette Fish Advisory

Your input is needed to identify:

- What cleanup data and IC information should be available for you?
- Your experience, if any, accessing and using Portland Harbor cleanup data, or other Superfund site data, that might provide a useful example for the IMP or PICIAP
- Your input on presenting cleanup data and IC information so that it is useful to your needs and business operations.

We want to hear from you!

As part of the Needs Assessment process, you are invited to share your input. Input will be gathered and evaluated as follows:



Please contact Dawn Sanders at 503-823-7263 or dawn.sanders@portlandoregon.gov by July 1 if you are interested. An invitation email and questionnaire link will be sent to you with the end date for accepting questionnaire responses.

Activities that may trigger your need to be aware of cleanup data or IC information

- Redevelopment
- Shoreline restoration/remediation
- Pile driving/removal
- Utility crossings/repair
- Moving/altering utilities
- Dock/pier installation
- Dredging
- Sediment/shoreline capping
- Anchoring
- Vessel access and speed limits
- Use restrictions
- Fishing
- Structures
- Fill
- Other encroachments

Additional opportunities for Advanced Data Users

Does your business have experience using Portland Harbor cleanup data for technical purposes?

Does your business anticipate a need for access to Portland Harbor cleanup data in the future?

If so, your business may be interested in participating in the Advanced Data Users group, which is part of the needs assessment. Input from this group is technical, focusing on data management tools, analytics, and standardization for the information management system. For further information, please contact Erik Strandhagen at 503-436-6800 or eriks@cascadiaassociates.com.

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