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. All of the acres designated for active in-water remediation at the Site are now in remedial design. For project areas where EPA is listed as the initial lead, EPA continues to seek parties to sign up to perform remedial design of the remedy. This document provides a general project update.

OVERVIEW

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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.

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This shaded area indicates areas where only monitored natural recovery is planned to occur, per the Record of Decision.
River Mile 10 East:
- Summary: Remedial design work is ongoing. EPA has approved the Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) work plan and Sufficiency Assessment report. Pre-Design investigation sampling is underway.
- Working Parties: Currently EPA
- Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design (schedule under development).
- EPA Point of Contact: Richard Francis, EPA Project Manager (francis.richard@epa.gov, 503-326-3363)

Swan Island Basin:
- Summary: Remedial design work is just beginning.
- Parties: Daimler Trucks North America LLC, Vigor Industrial LLC, Cascade General, Inc., Shipyard Commerce Center LLC, State of Oregon, City of Portland, Port of Portland, and settling federal agencies.
- Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design (schedule under development).
- EPA Point of Contact: Madi Novak, EPA Project Manager (nolvak.elizabeth@epa.gov, 503-326-3277)

Willamette Cove:
- Summary: Remedial design work is ongoing. Sufficiency Assessment and the Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) work plan are finalized. Phase 1 of PDI sampling is complete. Currently working on the PDI Evaluation Report.
- Working Parties: State of Oregon, City of Portland, Port of Portland, and settling federal agencies
- Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design (schedule under development).
- EPA Point of Contact: Eva DeMaria, EPA Project Manager (demaria.eva@epa.gov, 206-553-1970)

Cathedral Park Project Area - EPA Initial Lead:
- Summary: EPA is starting to scope out initial sampling work (currently planned for Spring 2021) and continues to seek parties to sign up to perform remedial design.
- Working Parties: Currently EPA
- Informal Public Feedback Opportunity: Review conceptual design (schedule under development).
- EPA Point of Contact: Josie Clark, EPA Project Manager (clark.josie@epa.gov, 206-553-6239)

Upriver Reach Dioxin/Furan Sampling:
- Summary: The Upriver Reach is an approximately 12-mile stretch of the Willamette River upstream of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site, extending from roughly RM 16.6 to RM 28.4 (from about the Sellwood Bridge to above the Willamette Falls). The purpose of this sampling is to gather additional information about the background concentration of dioxins and furans in the Upriver Reach. EPA Region 10 and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are partnering to perform this sampling work. Sampling is anticipated to start in Spring 2021.
- Working Parties: Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, EPA
- EPA Point of Contact: Madi Novak, EPA Project Manager (nolvak.elizabeth@epa.gov, 503-326-3277)