



## **Boeing Plant 2 Community Involvement Plan**

*Spring 2011 update*

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*The purpose of this community involvement plan is to continue meaningful engagement with affected stakeholders and communities during the investigation and cleanup of the Boeing Plant 2 site. This plan is based on the community involvement process developed for the EPA's Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site. It is our intention to communicate with stakeholders and communities in a parallel process to the enhanced community involvement of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site.*

### **Site description**

Boeing Plant 2 is located on East Marginal Way South in Seattle and Tukwila, Washington, on the east bank of the Duwamish Waterway. Plant 2 was built in the late 1930s and was a major aircraft manufacturing facility during World War II. The site is now used for storing parts and equipment, some manufacturing operations, machining of airplane parts, parts cleaning, tool manufacturing, painting and paint stripping.

A wide range of hazardous chemicals are found in the soil, groundwater, and river sediment, including heavy metals (chromium, cadmium, mercury), cyanide, petroleum products, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and chlorinated solvents, such as trichloroethylene.

Boeing is under an EPA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Order to conduct an environmental study of hazardous waste at the facility and analyze cleanup alternatives for Plant 2. Boeing has completed several "interim measures" to clean up or control high risk areas before the final Plant 2 cleanup, including: removed nearly a mile of PCB-contaminated joint caulk; investigated and cleaned up storm drains; and treated groundwater.

In March-May 2011, EPA will propose cleanup alternatives for the contaminated sediments at Boeing Plant 2 (*Sediments Statement of Basis*). After public review and comment, EPA will choose a sediment cleanup plan (*Final Decision and Response to Comments*). EPA will propose cleanup alternatives for the upland soils and groundwater at Plant 2 (*Uplands Statement of Basis*) in 2012. After public review and comment, EPA will choose a cleanup plan for the uplands (*Uplands Final Decision and Response to Comments*). See the Boeing Plant 2 Cleanup - Stakeholder and Public Comment Opportunities list at the end of this document.

### **Community involvement**

EPA is overseeing multiple cleanups in the Lower Duwamish Waterway under RCRA and Superfund (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act or CERCLA) laws. In consultation with community members and organizations, EPA developed a Lower Duwamish community involvement plan in 2002. EPA has expanded and enhanced this community involvement process to meet the diverse needs of the communities affected by the cleanup and to better coordinate EPA's work with the cleanup work of other agencies.

The community advisory group for the Lower Duwamish, the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (DRCC), requested that EPA and the Washington State Department of Ecology – providing joint oversight for the Lower Duwamish cleanup – take a unified approach to providing public

information and early involvement opportunities for all cleanup activities in the waterway. This Boeing Plant 2 community involvement plan closely follows the Lower Duwamish enhanced community involvement process.

### **How we are working with the community**

**Meetings:** The EPA project manager and community involvement coordinator participate in quarterly Lower Duwamish meetings with agencies and stakeholders. EPA will hold a public meeting to take comments during the public comment periods. Spanish and other language interpretation at EPA meetings may be provided on request or as needed.

**Stakeholder reviews:** Final drafts of key documents are also available for community, tribal and trustee stakeholders' review and comment (described in the table below).

**Public comment opportunities:** Formal public comment periods and public meetings will be held in 2011-2012 for the *Sediments Interim Measure Decision Memo* and *Uplands Corrective Action Statement of Basis* (described in the table below). Spanish and other language translation or interpretation may be provided on request or as needed.

### **Other ways we get the word out to the community**

Presentations to community organizations:

- South Park Neighborhood Association monthly meetings
- Georgetown Neighborhood Council monthly meetings
- Work with DRCC to reach Spanish speakers in Duwamish area
- Duwamish Alive! events

Announcements:

- **Newspapers:** public notice in *South Seattle Beacon*, *La Raza Del Noroeste*, *NW Asian Weekly*
- **Fact sheets:** updates are published and distributed on the Web, by mail, and at community centers; site information is included in Lower Duwamish fact sheets and updates. Spanish translations are provided on request or as needed.
- **Website:** EPA's Boeing Plant 2 Web page, linked to the Lower Duwamish Web page, with significant site documents posted
- **E-mail, listservs and blogs:** EPA Duwamish listserv, South Park listserv, Georgetown listserv, Georgetown Gazette, Seattle Industry/MIC, Blogging Georgetown, West Seattle Blog, Delridge Blogspot, Sustainable South Seattle, city neighborhood public web calendars

### **How you can be involved**

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For more ways to help, contact: Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, 206-954-0218, [info@duwamishcleanup.org](mailto:info@duwamishcleanup.org) or visit: [www.duwamishcleanup.org](http://www.duwamishcleanup.org)

Find site documents and cleanup news online: [www.epa.gov/region10/duwamish.html](http://www.epa.gov/region10/duwamish.html)

Boeing Plant 2 Cleanup - Stakeholder and Public Comment Opportunities				
DOCUMENT	SCHEDULE	STAKEHOLDER REVIEW	PUBLIC COMMENT	COMMENT PERIOD
<b>Sediments Corrective Measures</b>				
<i>Duwamish Sediment Other Area and Southwest Bank Corrective Measure Alternative Study</i>	2011	yes		30 days
<b>Sediment Cleanup Statement of Basis</b>	2011		yes	60 days
<i>Final Duwamish Sediment Other Area and Southwest Bank Corrective Measure Implementation</i>	2011/2012	yes		30 days
<b>Uplands Corrective Measures</b>				
<i>Uplands Corrective Measures: Target Media Cleanup Levels</i>	2011	yes		30-60 days
<i>North and South Yard Uplands Corrective Measure Alternatives</i>	2011/2012	yes		30 days
<b>Uplands Corrective Measure Statement of Basis</b>	2012		yes	30 days
<i>Final Corrective Measures Implementation</i>	2012-2013	yes		30 days