

Request for Comments

Proposed Certification of Completion for Portland Harbor Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study



State of Oregon
Department of
Environmental
Quality

Comments due: 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31, 2020

Project location: Portland Harbor Superfund Site, Willamette River, Portland, Oregon

Proposal: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is preparing to issue a Certificate of Completion to a group of parties to certify that all actions required under a Consent Judgment with DEQ have been satisfactorily completed.

Highlights: On Nov. 6, 2006, 14 parties entered into a Consent Judgement with DEQ to resolve liability for cleanup costs related to implementation of a remedial investigation and feasibility study at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. Portland Harbor is a heavily industrialized stretch of the Willamette River, extending from Portland's Broadway Bridge to Sauvie Island (approximately river mile 1.9 to 11.8). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency listed Portland Harbor as a Superfund Site in 2000. EPA is the lead agency for investigating and cleaning up contamination in the river and DEQ is the support agency.

The Consent Judgment required payment of past, interim and future DEQ oversight costs. The parties paid these costs through EPA's issuance of the Proposed Plan for Portland Harbor in 2016. In 2016, the parties informed DEQ that they would not pay for certain cleanup costs. As a result, DEQ entered into separate funding agreements with a subset of these parties.

The Certificate of Completion finds that the parties who entered into separate funding agreements with DEQ have met their obligations for payment of cleanup costs and implementation of the remedial investigation and feasibility study work as required by the Consent Judgement. DEQ reserves its right to seek recovery of cleanup costs from the remaining parties.

How to comment: Interested parties may send comments to Sarah Greenfield at 700 NE Multnomah St., Suite 600, Portland, OR 97232 or greenfield.sarah@deq.state.or.us. Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31, 2019.

Find more information: Contact Sarah Greenfield by phone at 503-229-5245 or by email at greenfield.sarah@deq.state.or.us. You can also visit DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Site Information database at <https://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ECSI/ecsdetail.asp?seqnbr=2068>

Find information about requesting a review of DEQ project files at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/about-us/Pages/Request-Public-Record.aspx>

Find the File Review Application form at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/deq/about-us/Pages/Requesting-Public-Records-Form.aspx>

The next step: DEQ will consider all public comments received by the date and time stated above before making a final decision on whether to issue a Certificate of Completion.

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