

# VCP workflow

1. **Recommended VCP consultation**  
Discuss eligibility and expectations.
2. **Submit application**  
Application includes Remedial Investigation (RI) or equivalent. There is a non-refundable application fee.
3. **Application review.** Ecology will decide whether to accept or reject the application within 10 calendar days of receiving the nonrefundable application fee. There are two possible outcomes:
  - **Application rejected.** If the application is rejected, the customer might have an opportunity to reapply. They may reapply if the project eligibility changes somehow or they improve their RI.
  - **Application accepted.** Move to step four.
4. **In the first 30 days in the VCP process,** the customer makes initial prepayment, all parties sign the contract, and there is an intake meeting.
5. **In the first 90 days in the process,** Ecology expects to provide a written opinion on the Remedial Investigation.
6. **Working in Expedited VCP.** For the rest of the time working in Expedited VCP, the customer must submit quarterly progress reports and add to their prepayment as necessary. Ecology plans to respond to any requests for opinion within 90 days of receiving the request.
7. **Close out**
  - **The agreement may be terminated** at the customer's request. Ecology may terminate the agreement if the customer doesn't demonstrate progress, makes late payments, or fails to meet expectations.
  - **If the cleanup is successful, the customer receives an NFA.**

There is a close-out fee whether the agreement is terminated or finishes with an NFA.