

Updating the Cleanup Rule (Chapter 173-340 WAC) First Rulemaking – Notice No. 1 (July 2019)

You're invited to submit nominations for the Stakeholder & Tribal Advisory Group (STAG).

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is recruiting participants for a Stakeholder & Tribal Advisory Group to offer perspectives and advice as Ecology updates the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) [Cleanup Rule, Chapter 173-340 WAC](#).

We plan to update the rule in three stages (called “rulemakings”) through 2027. The **first rulemaking is underway** and will run through 2020. We'll consider changes related to our processes and procedures for cleaning up sites, including: a) a new system for ranking hazards at contaminated sites; b) a streamlined process for initial investigation, ranking, and listing of sites; and c) improved ways of communicating with the public about sites. In the **second rulemaking (expected to begin 2021)**, we'll update the technical cleanup standards. In the **third rulemaking (expected to begin 2023)**, we'll address any deferred topics or new issues that emerge during the first two rulemakings. For more information about the first rulemaking, please visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-340>

The Stakeholder & Tribal Advisory Group, or STAG, will be a key part of these rulemaking efforts. We're seeking participants who have:

- Real-world experience with the [MTCA cleanup process](#), such as consultants, site owners or operators, public managers, and members of affected communities.
- An interest in making improvements to the Cleanup Rule and willingness to work within MTCA's fundamental statutory framework.
- Experience working successfully and collaboratively in a public advisory group setting.
- Ability to serve through at least the first and second rulemakings (through 2022) and to participate in up to 12 STAG meetings in Bellevue, WA, during that time.
- A willingness to reach out to your organization or constituency, keep them informed, and bring their ideas and advice back to the group.

If you or someone you know would like to serve on the STAG, please complete this brief form **by Wednesday, July 17**: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CleanupRuleSTAG>

You can nominate more than one person. Toxics Cleanup Program managers will review the nominations, consider the above characteristics, and select 20 to 25 STAG members who represent a diversity of backgrounds, interests, and geographic areas. We'll send invitations during the first week of August. Learn more about the group on the STAG EZView site: https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1988/37514/overview.aspx

If you have questions about this advisory group or would like more information, please contact:

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Ecology is updating the Cleanup Rule. The Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) Regulations, known as the Cleanup Rule ([Chapter 173-340 WAC](#)), set standards and procedures for cleaning up contaminated sites under Washington state's environmental cleanup law, MTCA ([Chapter 70.105D RCW](#)). Both the rule and law help us remove contamination that can pose risks to your health and the environment. We expect this update to include several rulemakings over the next five to ten years, beginning in 2018. For more details:

- **Read about the first Cleanup Rulemaking, timeline, and plan (2018–2020):**
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Laws-rules-rulemaking/Rulemaking/WAC-173-340>
- **Cleanup Rule Update scoping process and exploratory rulemaking (2018):**
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work/Model-Toxics-Control-Act/Exploratory-rulemaking>
- **Subscribe to Cleanup Rule Update emails:**
<http://listserv.ecology.wa.gov/scripts/wa-ECOLOGY.exe?SUBED1=MTCA-SMS-RULE-UPDATE&A=1>
- **Download Washington's cleanup law (the Model Toxics Control Act, Chapter 70.105D RCW) and regulations (the Cleanup Rule, Chapter 173-340 WAC):**
<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/9406.html>
- **Access the MTCA law (Chapter 70.105D RCW):**
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=70.105d&full=true>
- **Access the Cleanup Rule (Chapter 173-340-WAC):**
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?dispo=true&cite=173-340&full=true>
- **Learn about cleaning up contaminated sites under MTCA:**
<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-process>
- **Visit the Stakeholder & Tribal Advisory Group (STAG) site on EZView:**
https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1988/37514/overview.aspx

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