FINAL Community Leader Meeting Summary - Portland Harbor Superfund Site || Briefing + Discussion with EPA & DEQ
Wednesday, April 17, 2019| 6:00 – 8:30pm | Portland State University (PSU)

Actions	Who?	Status
Distribute the meeting summary from the April 17 Community Leaders Group meeting	Triangle	By mid-May
Schedule a Community Leaders subgroup meeting to occur between April and the June meeting.	Triangle	By mid-May

Introductions – Triangle Associates

The meeting began with a round of introductions. In total, 19 community leaders were in attendance (see Appendix A: List of Participants), they provided their names and affiliations. Tony Barber, EPA Region 10 Director of the Oregon Operations Office, welcomed the group and provided opening remarks to thank the community leaders for their continued effort, investment of time, and dedication to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

The Facilitator then provided an overview of the meeting agenda, a recap from the December 12 community leaders meeting, and thanked the group for their attendance. It was noted that (b) (6) joined this meeting as an Arabic interpreter.

Meeting Purpose

An outline of the meeting purpose/objectives were provided as follows:

- Follow-up from the December 12 Community Leaders meeting, including subgroup in-between meeting work to discuss the Collaborative Group recommendation and next steps.
- EPA and DEQ will listen to community leaders about their vision for the future of the Community Leaders group.
- Updates regarding the February 5 Community Leaders meeting, Community Involvement Plan (CIP), proposed Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD), and site-wide and specific areas at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.

Presentation: Overview of Site-Wide and Specific Area Updates at the Portland Harbor Superfund Site

Sean Sheldrake, EPA Region 10 Remedial Project Manager, provided a site-wide overview and specific area updates. Sean shared a Portland Harbor Superfund Site map which indicated several site-wide updates since the December 12, 2018 meeting including information on Willamette Cove and River Mile 11 East. Sean noted that EPA will make the data available for some areas after verification of data quality. Overall, data being collected has been consistent with what was expected at the time the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed.

Sean continued with an update about upcoming baseline sampling work. EPA is still planning on conducting additional baseline sampling to determine how monitored natural recovery (MNR) could be used throughout the site. EPA is working to move the entire Portland Harbor Superfund Site into design at the same time. Sean mentioned that there will be more updates to the Institutional Controls and Implementation Assurance Plan (ICIAP) in 2019.

Matt McClincy, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) introduced Dave Lacey who will be taking over his position with DEQ after retirement.

Sarah Greenfield, DEQ, mentioned upcoming work at the Portland Gas manufacturing site that will likely include dredging, capping, monitored natural recovery (MNR), and enhanced natural recovery (ENR) and was planned to take place for several weeks in July 2019. However, on May 14, 2019, NW Natural informed DEQ that the cleanup would be delayed until Summer 2020.

Community leaders made comments and posed questions and EPA and DEQ provided responses as follows:

Comment: There was a request to add more details to the map, such as development changes or local business updates in the community.

Q1: At the Willamette Cove site, is EPA sampling complete?

- **A1:** For Willamette Cove, negotiations are ongoing. EPA is working to get the entire river into design.

Q2: What ways can the community be involved in future cleanup processes?

- **A2:** A lot of this will be determined by the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the Portland Harbor Superfund site. There are also formal public feedback opportunities for each of the sites listed on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site update map.

Q3: What steps are being taken for more community involvement in baseline sampling activities?

- **A3:** In response to community involvement related to citizen science, EPA typically relies on contractors for sampling efforts because of data quality requirements.

Q4: Does EPA have any involvement or concerns about the Zenith Energy storage facility?

- **A4:** EPA does have contingency plans for emergency responses to oil spills at facilities like Zenith. Regarding the Portland Harbor Superfund Site, EPA is not currently involved with the Zenith Energy storage facility because DEQ already issued a source control decision for the area and it was not considered a source of contamination to the Willamette River.

Q5: What is happening at Swan Island and what is the impact on the Willamette River?

- **A5:** There are many areas in Swan Island Lagoon that are above remedial action levels (RALs) that will require active construction. For areas between RALs and cleanup levels (CULs), these will need enhanced natural recovery (ENR) because we don't have enough information to support that monitored natural recovery (MNR) would be effective in this area.

Q6: EPA Superfund national leaders said they hoped all potentially responsible parties (PRPs) would start preliminary design by June 2019. Has this timing changed or shifted?

- **A6:** EPA staff are currently working to bring the entire Willamette River into design. EPA would like to have agreements in place by the end of June 2019.

Q7: What is the status of the Chevron location being included in the Superfund site? Are they allowed to use the river without being involved in the cleanup process?

- **A7:** There are a lot of pipes that go to tanks, ships, and rail in the Willamette River. The ongoing work at Chevron is related to maintenance dredging and dredge permits. The maintenance dredge is not considered a remedial action but the permit application is thoroughly reviewed by EPA to ensure it does not exacerbate the current conditions of the river nor the future remedy.

Q8: Are there any updates on the impact of cPAHs in the river?

- **A8:** EPA received over 1,000 public comments about EPA's proposed Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) regarding the carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, or cPAHs. Most comments received were not in favor of the change. EPA is still finalizing the ESD and developing a responsiveness summary regarding the Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD).

Q9: Regarding the criteria for the design phase, is EPA considering seismic activity, climate change, and possible flooding? Will these be added to the criteria?

- **A9:** EPA is working on design standards now to be incorporated as part of the design process and seismic, liquefaction, and flooding concerns will be a part of this work.

Q10: Can EPA or DEQ tell us more about the Zenith Tar Sands site?

- **A10:** Previously DEQ concluded that Zenith was not contributing to the Superfund site. The Zenith facility is actively doing spill prevention planning.

Q11: How is the source control program funded?

- **A11:** Source Control is funded by voluntary agreements or enforcement. DEQ evaluates risks to the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and works to get parties to take appropriate actions.

Q12: Can EPA explain why some areas of the river are not as toxic as originally thought?

- **A12:** The Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) made a program change to the level of toxicity threshold for the chemical Benzo(a)pyrene (BaP). Recommended consumption limits were revised from 7.3 mg/kg-day to 1 mg/kg-day. Given the new information from the IRIS program, EPA proposed changes to the 2017 ROD to update it with the revised BaP risk levels.

Q13: Are there some parties that are continuing to pollute the river, and could they move to a better location?

- **A13:** None that EPA or DEQ is aware of.

Community Leaders Subgroup Updates and Discussion

The Facilitator introduced Steve Goldstein, Sierra Club, and Michael Pouncil, Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group, to deliver a presentation to the community leaders' group to provide an update on the subgroup work completed since the December 12 meeting. The presentation included a timeline of activities and feedback sessions, an updated visual graphic, and proposed recommendations for the purpose, objectives, and structure of a Proposed Willamette River Superfund Collaborative Group. For further detail, see the Community Leader Subgroup Presentation.

The Facilitator reminded the community leaders group that all of the proposed recommendations shared during the meeting were developed by the community leader's subgroup and that this information was "draft" and "proposed" for review by the community leaders' group.

In response to the information shared in the presentation, the Community Leaders made comments and posed questions regarding the following topics in **bold**.

- **Schedule:** Some members said that trying to keep the community leaders' meetings to once a quarter is beneficial; however, others stated that additional meetings might be welcome depending on their purpose.
- **Membership:** One member mentioned the importance of having alternative members to support each other and to fill in, in case of any absences; however, another member clarified that the commitment of the Collaborative Group is for an individual to ensure continuity.
- **Interest Groups:** It was suggested that historic or river communities and neighborhood-based groups need to be acknowledged and included in the proposed graphic.
- **Compensation:** Members stated that compensation is viewed as an equity issue and should be addressed so that everyone can participate.
- **Structure:** Regarding changing the structure to the current community leaders group, one member suggested to alternatively tighten up the current model and use it to communicate to PRPs while improving the effectiveness of the group.
- **Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) Involvement:** Some members stated that the current format of the Community Leaders group allows community leaders to have a space to think, discuss, and meet without Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). However, it was stated that with the PRPs in attendance, there is an opportunity to hear another perspective and really accomplish something together; there is no forum for all the community leaders to come together with the PRPs.

One member asked for comments from Julie Congdon who is the Lower Duwamish Waterway (LDW) Community Involvement Coordinator. Julie, EPA, shared some observations about the LDW Roundtable. Julie noted that it is important to have consistent attendance of members.

Regarding membership, the LDW Roundtable has a caucus structure that includes the community advisory group (CAG), non-CAG; fishers, and potentially a youth caucus. There are also PRPs, including non-governmental PRPs. The City of Seattle and other PRPs provide information about what can be done and what needs to be factored in. The Roundtable stays focused on Superfund topics; however, it allows people to develop relationships. For example, they could ask the City of Seattle to plant more trees in an area that is part of or directly in the cleanup.

Laura Knudsen, EPA made the following points of clarification:

- Any work related to Zenith would be outside the scope of the proposed Collaborative Group. The proposed Collaborative Group would be focused on Superfund related work.
- Staff at both EPA and DEQ have not seen a lot of information about the Collaborative Group and the idea has not yet been discussed with PRPs or other external groups. There is a lot of outreach that needs to occur.

Following the comments and discussion, Triangle proposed to take the suggestions and ideas that were shared and form another subgroup to discuss whether they do or do not want to move the Proposed Collaborative Group process forward; several individuals volunteered. Triangle stated that they will send an email with the information and a request for participation in the subgroup with a Doodle Poll to schedule a meeting in Portland in May.

February 5 Community Leaders Meeting Recap, Community Involvement Plan (CIP), Final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) Update and other Updates

Laura Knudsen, EPA Region 10 Community Involvement Coordinator, provided brief updates on the February 5 Community Leaders meeting recap, Community Involvement Plan (CIP), Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD), and other Community Involvement efforts.

February 5 Community Leaders Meeting Recap – Laura briefly discussed the February 5 meeting that was held with community leaders and EPA Senior Leaders. Please see the table below for the general topic area raised by community leaders at the 2/5 meeting at the status of the action by EPA or community leaders. Laura will plan to provide an overview of this table at the 6/12 community leaders meeting:

Summary of Key Action Items from 2/5/2019 EPA Senior Leader & Community Leader Meeting

General Topic Area	Who?	Action & Status
Communication/Transparency	Community Leaders	Please let Laura Knudsen know when you would like to have EPA staff attend community meetings & who you would like to have attend, or if there is a time when you would like to meet with EPA staff. We will strive to accommodate these requests but cannot guarantee attendance.

Communication/Transparency	EPA	EPA considered the question of providing more transparency on EPA/PRP meetings and negotiations and have the following feedback:
		• Many EPA Senior Leader calendars are available online, for example:
		  o EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler's calendar is publicly available at the following link: https://www.epa.gov/senior-leaders-calendars/calendar-administrator-andrew-wheeler
		  o EPA Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick's calendar is publicly available at the following link: https://www.epa.gov/senior-leaders-calendars/calendar-chris-hladick-administrator-region-10
		• EPA can put a section on the EPA Portland Harbor website for 'Meetings' and we can work to post about general PRP information sharing meetings after they occur. However, EPA cannot post meeting information about meetings with PRPs if it is regarding a potential, future, or current cleanup agreement.

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Coordination with TCT	EPA	EPA discussed the question of how some information sharing could potentially occur between the TCT and community leaders both internally and with the TCT members. As a next step, EPA pulled together a PowerPoint briefing for community leaders on the TCT that includes the general TCT agenda. Laura did not have a chance to go over these slides at the 4/17 community leaders meeting, but she will go over these slides at the June 12th meeting.
Use of Alternative Technologies	Community Leaders	First, EPA always considers innovative technologies during the feasibility study phase of a Superfund cleanup and sometimes technologies are "screened out" because they are not technically feasible. However, if there is a technology that a community is really interested in, and there seems to be some valid research available, contact the EPA regional staff (Remedial Project Manager or Community Involvement Coordinator) and we can coordinate with our regional and Headquarters experts to assess the technology's viability for the Site.
Air Monitoring	EPA	EPA currently plans to conduct some air monitoring for PCBs and PAHs during initial construction to make sure that volatilization is not a concern. Laura will keep community leaders updated on work to provide technical assistance support on the topic of PCB volatilization. Laura is collaborating with Oregon State University's Superfund Research Program. Laura will provide an update at the 6/12 community leaders meeting.
Air Monitoring	Community Leaders	Continue work on procuring a technical advisor (for the technical assistance grant managed by the Willamette River Advocacy Group) so that when air monitoring results are taken, the technical advisor can help the community interpret those results. EPA will continue to provide support during this process, as needed.
Long-Term Storage of Contamination	EPA	EPA discussed the status of the potential St. Helens landfill with DEQ. A couple follow-up pieces on this topic are below: • The potential St. Helens landfill is in the very early stages and no decision has been made on whether the landfill will be built or whether any waste from the Portland Harbor Superfund Site would come to this area. • At the May 8, 2019 CAG meeting, Jim McKenna (Oregon Governor's Office) provided an update on funding provided by the State to the City of St. Helens to conduct a feasibility study for the potential landfill.
Long-Term Storage of Contamination	EPA	EPA must follow the 'Off-Site Rule' which is a federal regulation that requires wastes from Superfund sites be placed in facilities that follow the necessary Federal and/or State requirements. EPA makes sure that all these requirements are in place and being followed, but if

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		everything is in order, EPA is not allowed to specify where the waste is sent. EPA also does not perform seismic evaluations of the long-term storage facility; this should already have been considered with the existing Federal and/or State requirements that EPA confirms are in place.
Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD)	EPA	In response to whether additional feedback on EPA's responses to comments from the community can be provided before a final decision is made on the ESD: • EPA held a public comment period on the proposed ESD from October 22nd, 2018 – December 21st, 2018, and we received over 1,000 comments, many of which were from community members. In addition, EPA held 3 community information sessions (including 1 webinar) about the proposed ESD. EPA is currently reviewing and considering all the comments received and will be deliberating about what decision to make in the final ESD. EPA will not be seeking any further feedback or comments on the ESD or our response to comments because that would require the agency to open a second comment period for anyone to comment again or for the first time. Holding a second comment period could significantly delay finalizing the ESD. All our responses to comments will be included in the Final Responsiveness Summary (as part of the final ESD). Depending on community interest, we could consider providing a presentation on the final ESD after it is released. If there are any questions on this answer, we can discuss at the June 12th community leaders meeting.
Explanation of Significant Differences	EPA	EPA has published the public comments received on the proposed ESD and you may also view an index of all commenter files so you may see which commenter files correspond with specific entities. →At the 6/12 meeting Laura can present this index of commenter files that show the entities that commented and do a quick website navigation to show folks how to view the comments.
Website	EPA	EPA will follow-up with community leaders on how to make EPA's website more effective for non-English speakers.
Natural Resource Damages Act (NRDA)	EPA	EPA will continue to coordinate with NRDA and keep community leaders informed of that communication whenever appropriate (however, much of the NRDA communication is enforcement confidential).

EPA Community Involvement Plan (CIP) - Laura stated that the draft of the CIP for public feedback will likely be completed by the end of 2019. The CIP will provide details regarding EPA's approach for moving the community involvement and engagement processes forward for the site.

Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI) - EPA's Portland Harbor Superfund Site is currently conducting very preliminary scoping with PRPs on the potential for applying the Superfund Job Training Initiative (SuperJTI) at the Site. Additionally, EPA is analyzing how other existing job training programs within the Portland area may interface with future SuperJTI work at the Portland Harbor Site. EPA plans to provide a general information webinar on SuperJTI for all interested groups in August 2019 (*tentative date – exact date and additional details coming soon*).

Wrap Up and Reminder of Public Forum, led by Annie Kilburg – Triangle

Reminder, the next Community Leader Briefing meeting will be held on Wednesday June 12, 2019 location TBD.
Thank you for joining us at this meeting.

ATTACHMENT A – Community Leaders in Attendance

Community Leader	Affiliation	In Attendance?
(b) (6)	African American Breastfeeding Coalition	
	Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	
	Audubon Society of Portland	✓
	Audubon Society of Portland	
	Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association	✓
	Confluence Center	✓
	CRITFC	
	CRITFC	
	East European Coalition	
	East European Coalition	✓
	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	
	Get Hooked Foundation	
	Get Hooked Foundation	
	Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)	
	Iraqi Society of Oregon	✓
	Iraqi Society of Oregon	
	Kenton Neighborhood Association	
	Korean American Coalition	
	Latino Network	
	League of Women Voters	✓
	League of Women Voters	✓
	Linnton Neighborhood Association	✓
	NAACP - Portland Chapter	
	NAACP - Portland Chapter	✓
	Native American Youth Association	
	Native American Youth Association	
	Native American Youth Association	
	North Willamette Watershed Council	✓
	Occupy St. Johns	✓
	Old Town Community Association	
	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club	
	Oregon Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association	
	Oregon Community Health Workers Association (ORCHWA)	
	Oregon Inter-Tribal Breastfeeding Coalition	
	Oregon Tradeswomen	
	Overlook Neighborhood Association	
	Overlook Neighborhood Association and Hazelnut Grove	
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	Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)	✓
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	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	✓

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(b) (6)	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	
	Portland Harbor Community Coalition	
	Portland North East Neighborhood Association	✓
	Right 2 Survive	
	Russian Oregon Social Services	
	Sauvie Island Grange	✓
	Sierra Club	✓
	Sierra Club	
	Sierra Club	
	Somali American Council of Oregon	
	Somali American Council of Oregon	
	St. Johns Neighborhood Association	
	Verde	
	Verde	
	Vietnamese Community of Oregon	
	Village Coalition - The City Repair Project	✓
	Willamette River Advocacy Group	✓
	Willamette River Advocacy Group	
	Willamette Riverkeeper	
	Wisdom of the Elders	
	Wisdom of the Elders	
	Wisdom of the Elders	
	Yakama Nation Fisheries	✓
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