

Terminal 117 Cleanup

Port of Seattle and City of Seattle

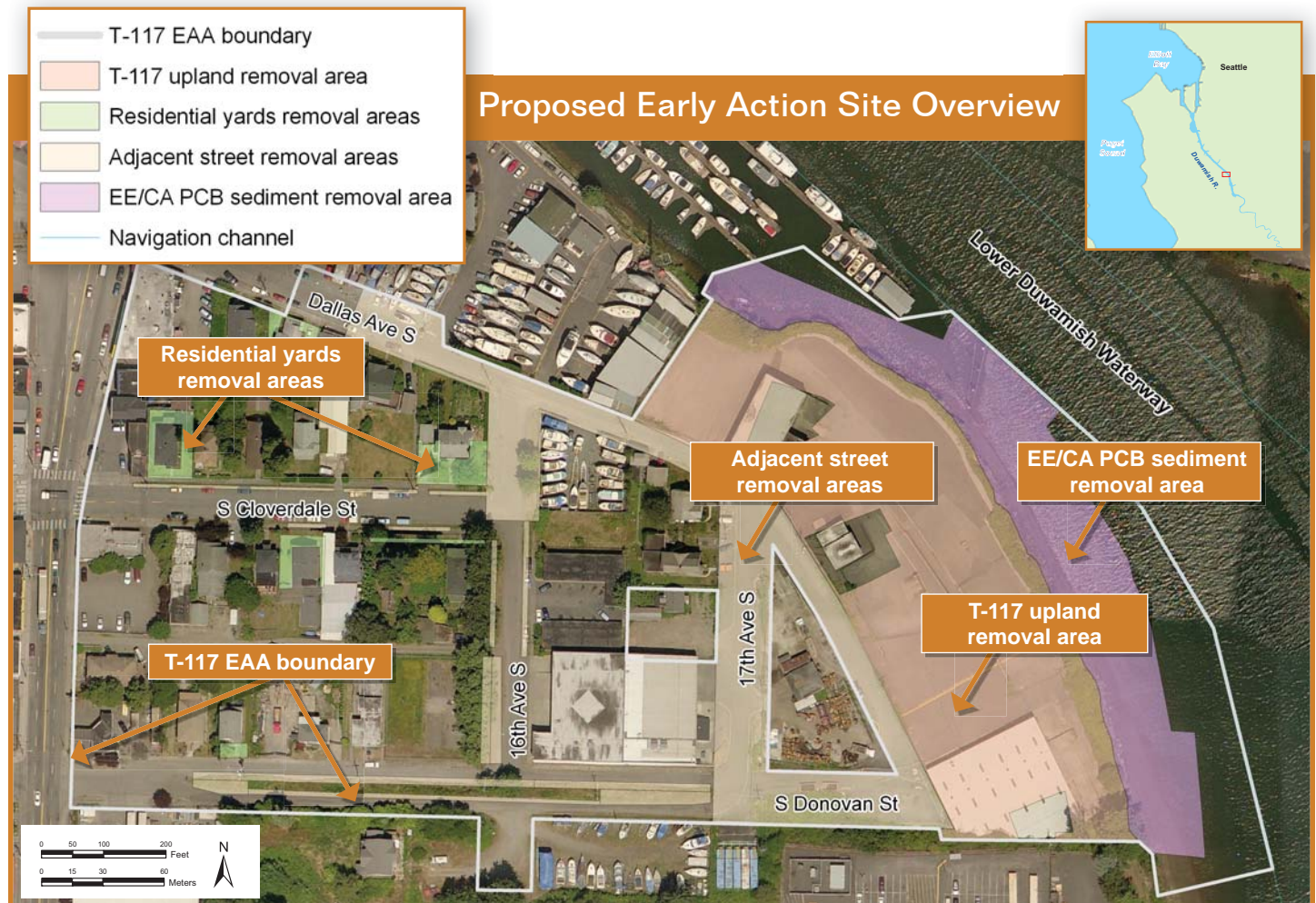
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The Terminal 117 cleanup site (T-117), located on the west bank of the Lower Duwamish Waterway in South Park, is a joint cleanup project by the Port of Seattle and City of Seattle. This site was identified for early cleanup (before the larger river cleanup) because the river bank and sediments in the waterway have high concentrations of PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and other contaminants in comparison to some areas of the Duwamish Waterway. T-117 is designated as an Early Action Area (EAA) as part of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site listed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

In September 2007, a new cleanup order for T-117 expanded the cleanup to include contamination in the upland area of the terminal, and streets in the near vicinity.

The cleanup is focused on PCBs, however, during the PCB cleanup investigation other chemicals, called dioxin/furans, were found in the soils. They are present above state cleanup standards. Soils with PCBs above state cleanup levels found in the streets and yards of the study area will be removed as part of the T-117 cleanup. Removing soils contaminated with PCBs will also remove dioxin/furans from these streets and yards.

The proposed cleanup plan will be documented in an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) scheduled for release in May. The public will have multiple ways to comment on the draft plan which will describe the location, nature and extent of the contaminants at the site and options for how to do the cleanup.



Final removal areas, including residential yards and street removal areas, will be determined in the EPA Action Memorandum.

Basin Oil and the South Park Marina have been sampled by the Washington Department of Ecology in order to determine if they might be a source of recontamination of the T-117 site after the cleanup is finished. Based on the information obtained so far, neither Basin Oil nor South Park Marina poses a recontamination threat to river sediments. However, each property is considered contaminated and therefore, Ecology will determine the need for any future actions.

The goal of the project is to clean up the area to a standard that would significantly reduce risk to the environment and to people and allow for future unrestricted use of the site. The Port is committed to pursuing a restoration project at the T-117 site once the cleanup is concluded. A designer for the habitat restoration project has already been selected and will be working with the community to get input on the site design. The cleanup team and the habitat restoration team will be in close communication to coordinate cleanup construction plans with the habitat restoration and address community concerns.

We'd like to hear from you

EPA, the Port and the City are committed to making sure that community values and concerns are considered in the cleanup process. The next project milestone will occur in May, when the draft cleanup plan will be released for public review and comment. Watch for a June public meeting to provide input and discuss the plan.

The T-117 project Web site provides a one-stop location to access technical project updates, technical information and documentation about the cleanup. Be sure to visit the Web site at www.T117.com. You can also contact the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition, the local Community Advisory Group, for more information regarding the Duwamish Superfund site (see contact information below).

Project Schedule

2009 - 2010	Cleanup action planning and selection of cleanup alternative
2010	Draft cleanup plan available; public meeting and review period
2011	Design and contracting
2012 - 2013	Cleanup construction
2013 - 2014	Begin site redevelopment

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