

ENGAGEMENT ON REMEDICATION OF CONTAMINATED SITES IN BC



Ministry of
Environment and
Climate Change Strategy

WHO WE ARE

The Land Remediation Section of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) regulates the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites in British Columbia under the Environmental Management Act (EMA) and Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR). This legal framework is designed to protect human health and the environment for all British Columbians by requiring contaminated sites be identified, investigated, remediated, and managed, all in a timely manner.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

ENV is initiating in-depth Indigenous engagement as part of implementing the B.C. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act with the ultimate goal of incorporating Indigenous traditional knowledge, views and interests into future policies and laws relating to the identification, investigation, and remediation of contaminated sites.

The engagement will focus on the following specific topics related to remediation of contaminated sites:

- Risk assessment policies; and
- Groundwater protection for future drinking water use and adaptation of remedial approaches to account for impacts of climate change as outlined in [BC's 2021 Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy](#).

GOAL OF ENGAGEMENT

To build on what we have heard from past engagements and gain greater insight and feedback from Indigenous Peoples that will inform opportunities to improve the regulation of contaminated sites. To ensure success of future amendments to EMA and CSR, we are seeking Indigenous perspectives on:

- Risk assessment policies in BC
- Contaminated sites in a changing climate

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

B.C. Indigenous Peoples including governments, communities, organizations, youth and Elders are invited to participate in small group sessions with an experienced Indigenous Facilitator. Sessions will be 2 hours in length, include breakout sessions and will be documented by a graphic recorder.

THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS ARE PLANNED:

Session 1: Risk Assessment on Contaminated Sites

February 1, 2022 (1:00PM-3:00PM PST)

OR

February 4, 2022 (10:00AM-12:00PM PST)

OR

February 7, 2022 (10:00AM-12:00PM PST)

Session 2: Contaminated Sites in a Changing Climate

February 8, 2022 (1:00PM-3:00PM PST)

OR

February 10, 2022 (10:00AM-12:00PM PST)

OR

February 15, 2022 (1:00PM-3:00PM PST)

Session 3: Final Wrap-Up and Report Back

February 22, 2022 (1:00PM-3:00PM PST)

You are invited to all three sessions and have provided multiple dates and times to suit your convenience.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:

<https://chefs.nrs.gov.bc.ca/app/form/submit?f=40fb73cf-d34d-44b7-bcd1-7ff9f39c76f4>

If you are unable to join a session, please consider submitting a written response to: site@gov.bc.ca