



McCormick and Baxter

Community Information Meeting

DEQ Cleanup Program

Feb. 25, 2025

Agenda

Introductions

Background

PPA Process

Portland Botanical PPA Proposal

Outreach Timeline

Questions and Feedback

BACKGROUND

Wood treating: 1944 – 1991



**McCORMICK
& BAXTER**
CREOSOTING CO.

PRESERVATIVES:

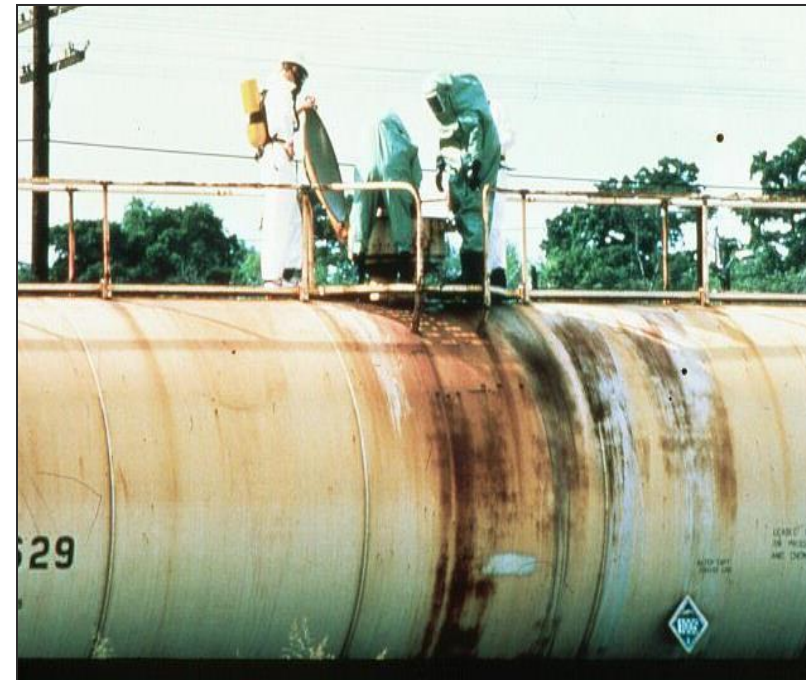
PENTA IN OIL
A frequently used treatment for utility poles, crossarms and timbers.

CELLON®
Penta in liquified petroleum gas for maximum penetration in woods with hard heartwood.

CREOSOTE
Excellent treatment for poles subject to environmental extremes.

CHEMONITE®
A copper-based treatment excellent for extreme conditions. Penetrates deeply into hard-to-treat woods such as Douglas Fir.

Cleanup actions: 1991 – 2005



Ready for reuse:

2005 and Counting



Prospective Purchaser Agreement

PPA program

ORS 465.327(1): In order to facilitate cleanup and reuse of contaminated property, the Department of Environmental Quality may... provide a party with a release of liability..." (emphasis added)

Liability
Protection

In Exchange for

Substantial
Public Benefit



PPA process

1. Initial Applicant Meeting
2. DEQ Due Diligence (ongoing process)
 - a) Develop Term Sheet, etc.
3. Tribal Engagement
4. Community Engagement
5. Synthesize Tribal and Community Input
 - a) Inform Tribal and Community Members of DEQs evaluation of public engagement input
6. Negotiate Terms of PPA with Applicant
7. **If DEQ is able to negotiate a PPA, go out for public comment**
 - a) Consider and respond to comments received
8. If comments have not altered DEQ's analysis of the project, finalize and issue PPA

Why are we here?

- More than \$70M spent by DEQ and EPA on Cleanup
- A Prospective Purchaser Agreement is required by DEQ
- Reuse must produce “Substantial Public Benefit”
- DEQ is seeking Tribal and community input as we begin discussions



Prospective purchaser: June 2024

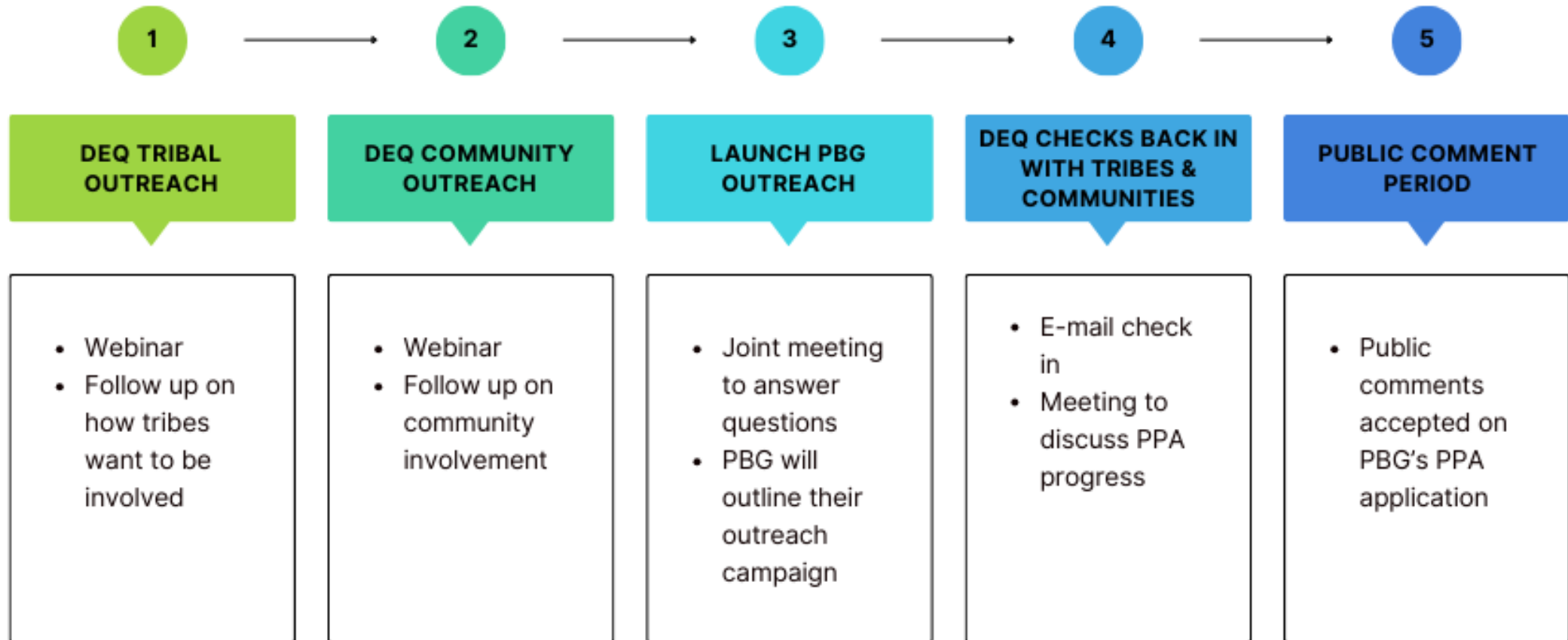


Vision for the Garden

PBG envisions a centrally located garden with pathways, pavilions, and greenhouses, highlighting Northwest plant diversity and educational opportunities for research and vocational training.



Tribal and community input



QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

Wrap up

- Please reach out to let us know if/how your community organization would like to provide input on this PPA proposal and future use of this site
- Please reach out if you would like progress updates
- Please attend the DEQ-PBG meeting if you would like to ask PBG specific questions about their program

Thank you!

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TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

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