

McCormick and Baxter Tribal Representatives
Webinar #2
Additional PPA Information

**DEQ Cleanup Program** 



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## Agenda

**Introductions** 

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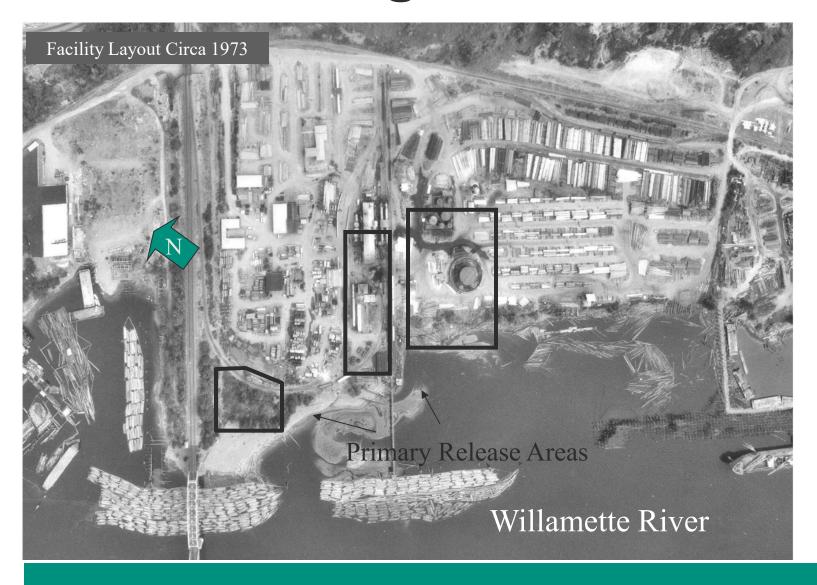
**Questions and Feedback** 



# BACKGROUND



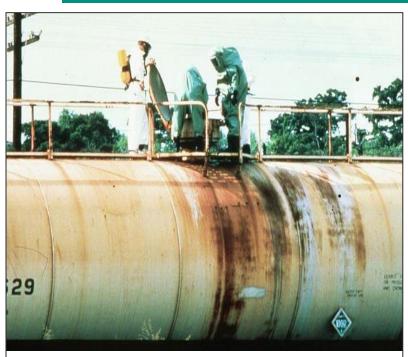
## Wood treating: 1944 - 1991







## **Cleanup actions: 1991 – 2005**





















## Ready for reuse:

### 2005 and Counting









# Prospective Purchaser Agreement



# Prospective Purchaser: Portland Botanical Garden



#### 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.





#### **PPA Program**

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

**Liability Protection** 









### 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





#### **Financial Considerations**

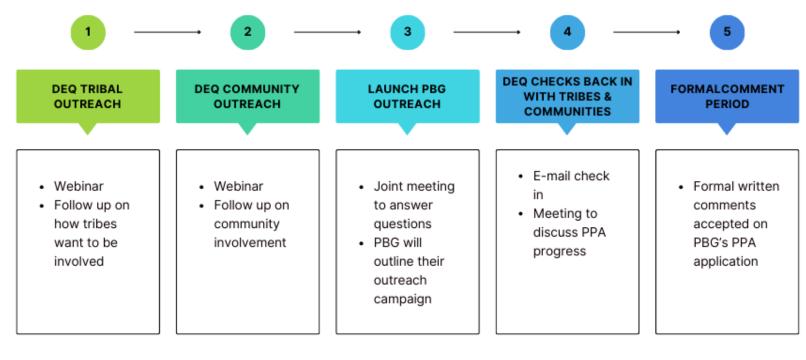
- 1. Financial Assurance: DEQ will determine a specific amount to ensure PBG has enough money to address any damage to the cap or other remedial items.
- 2. Financial Ability: DEQ will determine a specific amount that will be required to demonstrate that PBG has the funding necessary to purchase and develop the site as proposed.



<sup>\*</sup>Both amounts will be determined prior to the formal comment period.

### **Tribal and Community Input**

#### **Outreach Timeline**







#### How to Provide Feedback

 DEQ will accept feedback from tribes in whatever way they wish to provide it

Initial feedback is requested by the end of May

 DEQ will check back in with Tribes prior to the formal comment period to ensure there is an opportunity for tribes to provide additional feedback and ask questions



#### How Feedback will be Used

- DEQ will collect verbal and written (preferred) tribal and community input
- DEQ will evaluate input and inform tribes and community groups and of what input will be integrated into the PPA Scope of Work
- 3. PPA Scope of Work will be presented to PBG to begin negotiations
  - This does not guarantee that a PPA will be successfully negotiated



# QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK



#### Wrap up

- Please reach out to let us know if/how your tribe would like to provide input on this PPA proposal and future use of this site
- Please reach out if you would like progress updates



#### Thank you!

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#### **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
- If comments have not altered DEQ's analysis of the project, finalize and issue PPA



# TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES We'll resume in a moment