

# SB 57: Protecting Oregon from Hazardous Waste

## Department of Environmental Quality

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# What is a hazardous waste?

- Dangerous or capable of having a harmful effect on human health or the environment.
- Generated from many sources:
  - Industrial manufacturing processes
  - Laboratories
  - Healthcare facilities
  - ...and many more



# DEQ Hazardous Waste Program



- Implements RCRA
- Reduction & safe management of waste
- Permitting
- Inspections
- Complaint investigation
- Education
- Technical Assistance

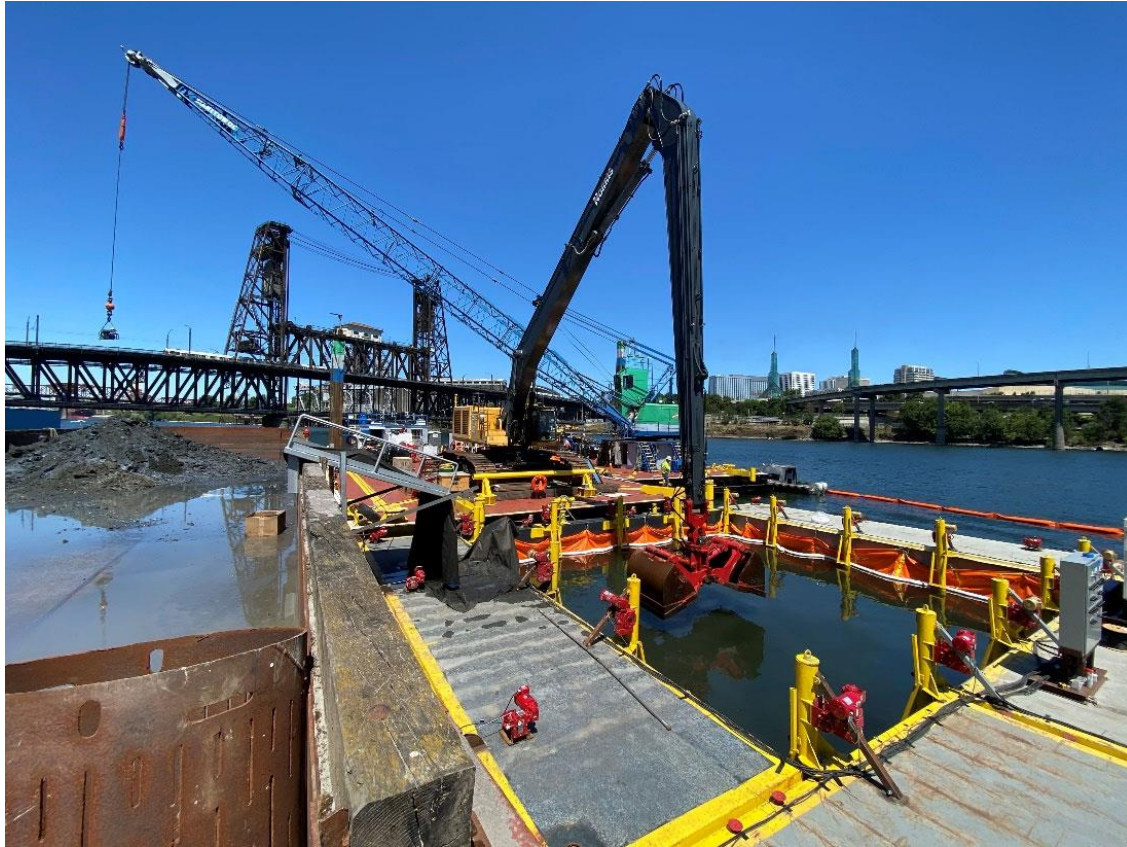
# What is a cleanup site?

- Potential or confirmed release of hazardous substance has occurred
- Release may pose a significant threat to public health, safety and welfare, and/or the environment
- Examples:
  - Incidental releases reported to Emergency Response
  - Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUSTs) and Heating Oil Tanks
  - Contamination from facility releases over time (examples: industrial facilities, dry cleaners)
  - Historical landfills or solid waste disposal sites





# DEQ Cleanup Program



- Oversees cleanup work, which typically includes:
  - Preliminary assessment
  - Removal actions
  - Remedial investigation
  - Risk assessment
  - Feasibility study
  - Other investigations and remedial action as necessary

# SB 57: Simplifies & Increases Tipping Fees

- Currently:
  - One payee – ChemWaste
  - Most fees come from outside OR
- Outdated fees removed
- Tiered fees → \$20 flat fee
- \$2 → \$5 for:
  - Treated hazardous waste
  - Liquid & solid waste generated by a site cleanup
  - Non-hazardous waste that is disposed in haz waste landfill



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- Fill in fee blanks
- Allows future fee changes to be set in rule
- Respond to fluctuations in fee revenue



# Contact Information

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Thank you

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