State of NW Sediment Remediation Sites

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CERCLA - 1980

- Chemical Age in 1980
  - 43,000 manufactured chemical substances
  - $90 billion in sales in 1979
- Hazardous Waste Sites
- Releases to the Environment

WASTE DISPOSAL SITES

RELEASES TO THE ENVIRONMENT

"If these hearings were to deal only with the Love Canal or Toone, Tenn., we would be neglecting the radium sites in Denver. And if we were to deal with the Denver sites as well, we would still be neglecting PCB's in the Hudson River and PBB's in Michigan. If we restrict ourselves just to the waste, we will leave a large gap because in the chemical business one man's meat is literally another man's poison. Waste from one company is feedstock to another. What we must explore is the entirety of how and why toxics are entering the environment, whether they are injuring people, and if so, how."

—Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Report, 1980

CERCLA - 2022

- Emerging Contaminants – PFAS Rulemaking
- Environmental Justice – EJ Action Plan

SEDIMENT SITES

- Commencement Bay
- Lower Duwamish Waterway
- Portland Harbor

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