UNDERSTANDING CHANGES TO CLEANUP REGULATIONS IN WASHINGTON STATE

NORTHWEST REMEDIATION CONFERENCE – MAY 2, 2024

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// MTCA Rulemaking Process

- Current rulemaking commenced in 2018 (last full update 2001)
- Initially planned for two rulemaking efforts:
  - Current 2018 to 2023 – Evaluated processes/procedural elements
  - Next: Cleanup levels!
- Feedback from Stakeholder and Tribal Advisory Group (STAG) between 2019 and 2022
- Public Comments February – April 2023
- Current rule adopted August 23, 2023
- Current rule in effect as of January 1, 2024

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NEW MTCA REGULATIONS - MODERATED DISCUSSION

- *How will the new site ranking and assessment system work?*
- *What changes to the regulations are most concerning to counsel for private property owners?*
- *How are consultants addressing the new EJ requirements in the RI/FS process?*
- *How are the new investigation reporting requirements going to affect the regulated community?*
- *How will the new DCA requirements work?*
- *How are consultants addressing new requirements to add Resilience and Climate Change to the RI/FS process?*
- *How might the new rule updates affect cost recovery actions?*
- *What's next for Rulemaking?*

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS

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