

# ENGAGEMENT ON REMEDICATION OF CONTAMINATED SITES IN BC



Ministry of  
Environment and  
Climate Change Strategy

## WHO WE ARE

The Land Remediation Section of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (ENV) ensures protection of human health and the environment by regulating the identification, investigation, and cleanup of contaminated sites in British Columbia.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

ENV is continuing in-depth Indigenous engagement as part of implementing the B.C. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act with the goal of incorporating Indigenous traditional knowledge, views and interests into future policies and laws relating to the identification, investigation, and remediation of contaminated sites.

The engagement will focus on the following specific topics related to remediation of contaminated sites:

- Groundwater protection for future drinking water use and adaptation of remedial approaches to account for impacts of climate change; and
- Site investigation policies.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

The ministry is also offering two training sessions focusing on new soil relocation laws coming into effect on March 1, 2023. These sessions will be about 1.5 hours long and will include demonstrations of the new Soil Relocation Information System.

## GOAL OF ENGAGEMENT

To build on what we have heard from past engagements and gain greater insight and feedback from Indigenous Peoples that will inform opportunities to improve the regulation of contaminated sites. To ensure success of future amendments to the Environmental Management Act and Contaminated Sites Regulation we are seeking Indigenous perspectives on:

- Making contaminated sites climate ready
- Investigating contaminated sites

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

B.C. Indigenous Peoples including governments, communities, organizations, youth and Elders are invited to participate in small group sessions with an experienced Indigenous Facilitator. Sessions will be 2 hours in length, include breakout sessions and will be documented by a graphic recorder.

## THE FOLLOWING SESSIONS ARE PLANNED:

### Session 1:

#### Making Contaminated Sites Climate Ready

Monday, November 14 (1:00pm-3:00pm) **OR** Wednesday, November 16 (10:00am-12:00pm)

### Session 2:

#### Investigating Contaminated Sites

Thursday, November 17 (1:00pm-3:00pm) **OR** Monday, November 21 (10:00am-12:00pm)

### Session 3:

#### Soil Relocation Changes in B.C.

Wednesday, December 7 (1:00pm-2:30pm) **OR** Friday, December 9 (10:00am-11:30am)

### Session 4:

#### Final Wrap-Up and Report Back

Tuesday, December 13 (1:00pm-3:00pm)

Choose the date and time to attend each session that best suits your schedule.

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