

**WAC 173-340-340 Biennial program report.** (1) Timing. Before November 1 of each even-numbered year, the department shall prepare a biennial program report for the legislature containing its plan for conducting remedial actions for the following two fiscal years. This report shall identify the projects and expenditures recommended for appropriation from both the state and local toxics control accounts. In determining which sites the department shall consider for planned action, emphasis shall be given to sites posing the highest risk to human health and the environment, as indicated by a site's hazard ranking. The department may also consider other factors in setting site priorities. After legislative action and any revisions, this report shall become the department's biennial program plan.

(2) Public notice. The department shall provide public notice and a hearing on the proposed plan. For purposes of this subsection only, public notice shall consist of mailings to all persons who have made a timely request and to the appropriate news media, and publication in the state register. Notice shall also be provided in the *Site Register*. The public comment period on the proposed plan shall run for at least thirty days from the date of the publication in the *Site Register*.

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