

WAC 173-340-510 Administrative options for remedial actions.

(1) Policy. It is the responsibility of each and every liable person to conduct remedial action so that sites are cleaned up well and expeditiously where a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance requires remedial action. Potentially liable persons are encouraged to initiate discussions and negotiations with the department and the office of the attorney general that may lead to an agreement on the remedial action to be conducted with the state of Washington. The department may provide informal advice and assistance on the development of proposals for remedial action, as provided by WAC 173-340-515. Any approval by the department or the state of remedial action shall occur by one of the means described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

(2) Actions initiated by the potentially liable person. Potentially liable persons may initiate a remedial action, as follows:

(a) A person may initiate negotiations for a consent decree by submitting a letter under WAC 173-340-520(1).

(b) A person may request an agreed order by submitting a letter under WAC 173-340-530.

(3) Action initiated by the department. The department may initiate remedial action by:

(a) Issuing a letter inviting negotiations on a consent decree under WAC 173-340-520(2); or

(b) Requesting an agreed order under WAC 173-340-530; or

(c) Issuing an enforcement order under WAC 173-340-540.

(4) Department remedial action. Nothing in this chapter shall preclude the department from taking appropriate remedial action on its own at any time. Except for emergency actions and initial investigations, reasonable effort will be made to notify potentially liable persons before the department takes remedial actions for which the recovery of public funds can be sought under RCW 70.105D.050(3).

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