



LOWER DUWAMISH WATERWAY UPPER REACH

## Cleanup Construction News

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### Cleanup Construction Activities

Season 2 construction in the upper reach, the southernmost two miles of the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund site, will continue through February 2026. Season 2 construction will occur on weekdays and Saturdays, with **work taking place during both daytime and, when needed, nighttime hours**. Work hours will vary based on factors such as tides and the type of work being conducted (e.g., dredging or placing clean material). Work will be coordinated with Tribal fishing.

Please note that in-water construction activities are dynamic and weather-dependent. All schedules are subject to change. Visit [LDWG.org](http://LDWG.org) for the most up-to-date information.

If you have questions or concerns, you can reach our team at [info@ldwg.org](mailto:info@ldwg.org) or 1-888-561-LDWG (1-888-561-5394).

Map of cleanup  
areas

### Environmental and Community Report for the Week of November 10



Environmental & Community Report

With oversight from the EPA, we are working to minimize the impact of construction on those who work, live, and spend time along the Duwamish Waterway. Stay informed about environmental monitoring and construction activities by viewing our weekly report linked above.

## Questions About Odors in South Park

LDWG has continued to monitor hydrogen sulfide levels in the air following odor complaints received the week of Oct. 13. We are monitoring during dredging operations using devices mounted on floating platforms near the work areas. Our data continues to show no noticeable increase in hydrogen sulfide levels during the dredging.

We received additional concerns about sulfur-like odors in the South Park neighborhood on Nov. 5. The onsite construction team also observed a similar odor along South Riverside Drive in South Park around 5:30 a.m., prior to the start of dredging work. Crews did not notice any odors during dredging later that morning. At this time, we do not see evidence that the odor is related to the construction work for the waterway cleanup.

We continue to monitor hydrogen sulfide levels near the work area during dredging and will notify the community if any concerns arise related to dredging operations.

We have notified the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is the agency leading the cleanup construction. The EPA has contacted the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) for further investigation into other possible causes of the odor. PSCAA is the lead agency for general air quality and odor complaints.

For concerns related to odors or general air quality, please contact the PSCAA and use the [File a Complaint](#) tool.

## Sheens Observed on the Lower Duwamish Waterway

LDWG and the construction management team have been coordinating with the U.S. EPA, U.S. Coast Guard, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe regarding the sheen observations.

On Wednesday, Oct. 29, an oily sheen about a mile in length was observed on the water surface between river mile (RM) 3.2 and 4.2. Per standard protocol, the King County construction management team, who is managing this portion of the work, promptly reported this sheen to the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Response Center on Oct. 29. Dredging was ongoing near Duwamish River People's Park in Sediment Management Area (SMA) 12B, which was near the sheen.

There were some small remnants from the sheen observed on Thursday, October 30, but no new sheens were observed.

On Friday, Oct. 31, a new smaller sheen (about 50 ft by 20 ft) was observed between RM 3.6 and 3.7 in the area of SMA 12B. In response to this observation, LDWG and EPA agreed, out of an abundance, of caution to pause work in SMA 12B. This will give us time to further monitor the area and assess possible sources of sheens.

As of Nov. 7, LDWG has not found or confirmed the source of the sheens. We are

conducting daily visual monitoring for sheens in the vicinity of our construction work. Between November 1 and today, we have not observed any new or notable sheens on the water.

Cleanup work is continuing in other areas while we work with EPA, our contractor, and U.S. Coast Guard on a plan for resuming work in SMA 12B.

### What to Expect During the Week of November 10

Cleanup activities will continue in SMAs 15A and 7 during the early morning and daytime, starting as early as 6 a.m. (see map linked above). There will be no dredging activities on Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

### What to Expect During the Week of November 17

Cleanup activities will continue in SMA 15 during the early morning and daytime, starting as early as 6 a.m.



*Standard barge of dredged material from SMA 7 (Photo by Geosyntec, November 5, 2025).*



*Debris removal at SMA 7 (Photo by Geosyntec, November 5, 2025).*

## Join us for Community Office Hours on November 18!

The Lower Duwamish Waterway Group, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Washington State Department of Ecology are hosting the monthly Lower Duwamish Community Office Hours. Stop by anytime to learn more about the cleanup work, chat with project staff, and ask questions.

Tuesday, November 18  
5 - 7 p.m.  
South Park Branch of the Seattle Public Library  
8604 8th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98108

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## Stay Connected!

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