

WAC 173-340-340 Program planning and assessment. (1) **Strategic plan.** Ecology will develop and periodically update a comprehensive and integrated strategic plan for cleaning up contaminated sites. The strategic plan must prioritize contaminated sites that threaten likely vulnerable populations and overburdened communities, and consider the resource allocation factors in subsection (2) of this section. The strategic plan must include:

(a) Goals and strategies for all core program functions and major initiatives;

(b) Metrics to track and measure progress in accomplishing the goals and implementing the strategies; and

(c) Staffing and capital funds needed to accomplish the goals and implement the strategies.

(2) **Resource allocation.** In fulfilling the objectives of this chapter, ecology will allocate staffing and capital funds based on the following factors:

(a) The threats posed by a contaminated site to human health and the environment;

(b) Whether the population threatened by a contaminated site includes a likely vulnerable population or overburdened community;

(c) The land reuse potential and planning for a contaminated site; and

(d) Other factors specified by the legislature or ecology.

(3) **Performance assessment.** Ecology will periodically assess its progress in accomplishing its goals and implementing its strategies for cleaning up contaminated sites, including its progress in cleaning up sites that threaten likely vulnerable populations and overburdened communities, using the metrics established under subsection (1)(b) of this section.

(4) **Notification.**

(a) Ecology will make the strategic plans and performance assessments required under subsections (1) and (3) of this section publicly available on ecology's website.

(b) Ecology will provide notice in the *Contaminated Site Register* of the following:

(i) Any update to the strategic plans or performance assessments required under subsections (1) and (3) of this section; and

(ii) Any additional resource allocation factors specified by the legislature or ecology under subsection (2)(d) of this section.

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