



Public Notice

DEQ Requests Comments on Proposed Cleanup Options for OSU-Cascades Phase 3 Remediation of the Former Bend Demolition Landfill

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The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality invites the public to submit written comments on the draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives prepared for OSU-Cascades' Phase 3 Remediation plan. The public comment is from Aug. 10 through Sept. 10, 2026.

How to provide public comment

Facility name: OSU-Cascades Campus

Project location: 1500 SW Chandler Ave, Bend, OR 97702

Comments due by: Sept. 10, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Submit written comments:

By mail: Allen Clements, Oregon DEQ, 400 E Scenic Dr #307, The Dalles, OR 97058

By email: allen.clements@deq.oregon.gov

Proposal highlights

Oregon State University-Cascades purchased the former Bend Demolition Landfill in 2018 to expand their campus in Bend, Oregon. The landfill consists of three cells that were previously closed under DEQ's Solid Waste Permit 215. As part of OSU-Cascades' expansion efforts, two phases have been completed. These phases included the removal of landfill waste, sorting of material to harvest reclaimed soil, and consolidating waste into Cell 3. In Phase 3, OSU-Cascades plans to continue remediation of 5.7-acres within Cell 2 of the landfill. The remediated area and immediately adjacent lands will create land to support campus growth, including a student health and recreation center, multiple academic buildings, and housing for an estimated 172 students.

DEQ is seeking public comments on the proposed cleanup alternatives. Alternatives include no action, consolidation of landfill contents from Cell 2 into Cell 3 or off-site disposal of landfill waste from Cell 2. The options are evaluated based on cost, effectiveness, long term reliability, climate change concerns, sustainability, ability to implement the cleanup plan, and implementability risk. OSU-Cascades proposes alternative 2, which consists of consolidation of the landfill contents from Cell 2 into Cell 3 as the best option to meet their remediation and redevelopment goals.

Business Oregon's Brownfields Program is providing funding for Phase 3 cleanup activities.

Background

The Bend Demolition Landfill is an inactive construction and demolition waste landfill covering about 72 acres. In 2018, following multi-year due diligence and planning efforts, OSU-Cascades finalized a long-range development plan and master plan for their 128-acre campus.

For more information

View cleanup site and project information on [Your DEQ Online](#). Additionally, view the [draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives](#) and [supporting documents online](#).

If you do not have web access and want to review the project file, please contact Allen Clements, DEQ project manager, at 503-806-0713 or allen.clements@deq.oregon.gov to view the documents in person at a DEQ office.

Environmental Cleanup Site Information ID: 4884

The next step

All comments on the draft Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives must be received by Sept. 10, 2026, at 5 p.m. Comments will be reviewed, and changes may be made prior to finalizing the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives. Following finalization of the Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives, OSU-Cascades will implement the selected alternative.

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