

FINAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) is the Northwest Region's largest nonprofit organization that provides on-the-ground technical assistance to organizations seeking to reduce pollution at its source and improve economic vitality. PPRC has worked with the Clackamas River Water Provider (CRWP) since 2014 to deliver technical assistance and outreach to automotive businesses and landscapers using the EcoBiz Certification standards. PPRC has also been working with CRWP since 2016 to implement CRWP's Hazardous Material Spill Prevention Program to help protect their drinking water source.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

During the 2025/26 fiscal year, PPRC contracted with CRWP to continue implementation of Hazardous Materials Spill Prevention Program. A new direction was taken this fiscal year with reduction in door-to-door in person outreach based on limited return for time spent. Postcards were mailed to businesses in the Industrial Area with updated addresses and titles for contacts in order to ensure more postcards reached the intended safety staff at businesses. This is an ongoing effort each year.

PPRC worked with CRWP to integrate the new Seismic Best Management Practices checklist into the existing Pollution Prevention checklist. The goal is to discuss seismic preparedness in relation to spill prevention. This new checklist will be added to CRWP's website and integrated into PPRC's outreach to businesses in the new fiscal year 2026/27.

PPRC included CRWP in an application for an US EPA Environmental Education grant. The proposed project included using AI to work with CRWP's existing mapping tool to engage the public and educate them about spill prevention. Unfortunately, the proposal was not selected for funding. In a post-application meeting with EPA staff, PPRC was told the application used AI in a creative way and successfully articulated the need for the project. According to the EPA, the proposed work was well articulated, showed PPRC and CRWP have strong knowledge in the areas of AI and public education about water quality. EPA commented on our project's robust activities, alignment with grant priorities, well defined goals, and clear specifications for the proposed AI portal. Only 3% of applications were funded.

The following table outlines the Proposed Tasks and Completed Activities during this fiscal year.

PROJECT OVERVIEW (CONTINUED)

Proposed Tasks	Description of work completed
Perform outreach to businesses to provide hazardous material education and technical assistance. This will include reaching businesses through Chamber of Commerce and business group meetings.	PPRC contacted and offered technical assistance to commercial and industrial facilities within the Clackamas River Watershed. Outreach postcards to over one hundred businesses were prepared for mail. Postcard was redesigned and also provided to CRWP to use at outreach events. Social media posts on Instagram and Facebook to increase business interest. Shared information from CRWP's outreach team to promote CRWP programs.
Provide spill prevention and response training to up to eight (8) commercial and industrial facilities.	PPRC continued to provide spill prevention materials to commercial and industrial facilities. See Appendix A for Success Story resulting from these outreach efforts.
Additional activities including: • Update online business form to include seismic BMPs and promote its use. Provide training to 5 businesses. • Identifying facilities beyond Clackamas Industrial Area within watershed for assistance • Assist with production of technical assistance videos • Identify additional facilities beyond Clackamas Industrial Area within watershed that could receive assistance. • Attend planning meetings	PPRC Staff attended the Clackamas River Spill Committee meeting hosted by CRWP. PPRC staff and Kim Swan, Water Resource Manager for CRWP met quarterly. Reviewed business checklist and new Seismic BMPs. Developed new checklist combining existing pollution prevention checklist with seismic checklist. Applied for EPA Environmental Education grant. Though not awarded, this work may lead to new outreach ideas and ways to use existing tools.

SPILL PREVENTION MATERIALS PURCHASED

Business	Materials	Cost
P&A Metal Fab 13009 SE Jennifer Street, Suite 101 Clackamas, OR 97015	One Roll Top Hardcover Spill Pallet (item on back order, due to receive end of July, 2026) One Cover/Tarp for Hardcover Spill Pallet	\$4,177.15 \$464.41
	TOTAL	\$4,641.56

P2 IMPROVEMENTS

P2 Efforts	Improvement	People Reached
Spill Prevention Equipment	One Roll Top Hardcover Spill Pallet One Cover/Tarp for Hardcover Spill Pallet	90 employees

APPENDIX A - P&A METAL FAB SUCCESS STORY



In May, CRWP was contacted by P&A Metal Fab, a company that received equipment through this program in 2020. P&A asked for replacements for the originally purchased equipment that had started to degrade due to time and weather as it is used outside. PPRC worked with P&A to order one Spill Pallet Cover (tarp) and one 365-gallon capacity Spill Pallet storage unit. Equipment was purchased by PPRC using funds provided by CRWP.



APPENDIX B - SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

PPRC continued to post relevant information to our social media accounts. We create posts celebrating the work of the businesses we provide with spill equipment with the goals of both advertising the availability of spill prevention training as well as the impact of the program. We also share information from CRWP and their partners to help further their reach into the community.

Clackamas River Water Providers Provides Again!

Clackamas River Water Providers purchased \$2,000 in spill prevention and safe storage equipment for Western Systems, thanks to a referral from Clackamas Water Environment Services.



"The pull tray allows us to easily move a full drum of hydraulic (fluid) all around the shop while containing any unexpected spillage that may occur during equipment filling."
-Scott Smits, Western Systems



"The outdoor storage container allows us to keep our oil storage containers protected from the elements, containing any accidental spillage and quite frankly makes the storage of drums look more professional."
-Scott Smits, Western Systems

If your business is located in the Clackamas Industrial Area you may also be eligible for spill prevention assistance. Contact PPRC at EGilliland@pprc.org



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ecobizoregon Thank you Western Systems for reaching out so we could help keep your staff, the community and our rivers safer and healthier by storing chemical containers in spill prevention equipment.

"The services provided were resources I wouldn't normally have access to and the product knowledge provided allowed us to obtain the perfect products we didn't even know existed." -Scott Smits, Western Systems

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Boost post

Liked by recycleon_oregon and 12 others

September 23, 2025

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Post

The post above showcased a success story - Western Systems - as well as informing businesses and the public about CRWP's program for assisting businesses with the purchase of spill prevention equipment.