



Contaminated sites fact sheet 2

How to access information on contaminated sites

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Purpose

This fact sheet is designed to provide targeted information on how to access information on sites reported under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* (the Act) in WA.

Introduction

Under the Act, which commenced operation in December 2006, landowners, occupiers and polluters must report all known or suspected contaminated sites to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department).

Investigating and cleaning up contaminated sites is, in most cases, the responsibility of the polluter or current site owner. The department administers and enforces the Act which includes classifying sites (in consultation and agreement with the Department of Health) and regulating information under the Act on sites available to the public.

Accessing information

There are two ways to access information on reported sites:

1. [Contaminated Sites Database](#) – information on sites classified as *contaminated – restricted use*, *contaminated – remediation required* and *remediated for restricted use* is available online, free of charge

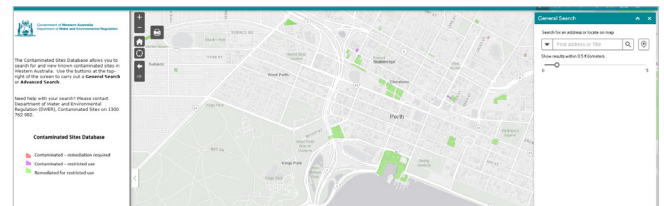
2. To search **all** records of sites reported under the Act, request from the department a summary of records in respect of land by submitting [Form 2 - Request for a summary of records in respect of land](#) and applicable fee.

There are seven possible classifications – information on three of these is available on the contaminated sites database. To search records of all sites reported under the Act, including the remaining four classifications and sites reported

but not yet classified, request a summary of records in respect of land by submitting [Form 2 - Request for a summary of records in respect of land](#) (the form provides payment details for the required search fee) to info@dwer.wa.gov.au.

As at 30 June 2024, about 30 per cent of all classified sites were in the category *possibly contaminated – investigation required* and so do not appear on the contaminated sites database.

For more information about site classifications, see Fact Sheet 4 Site classifications and appeals.



Contaminated sites database

Summary of records

There are two levels of information available. A **basic summary of records (BSR)** for a site will give details on:

- the nature and extent of contamination
- restrictions on use of the land
- reasons for classification
- type of memorial lodge
- whether or not a notice has been served (for example an investigation or clean-up notice)
- whether or not an appeal has been lodged.

For sites listed on the contaminated sites database, a BSR can be downloaded from the website. For all other sites, a [Form 2 - Request for a summary of records in respect of land](#) in respect of land is required.



A **detailed summary of records (DSR)** is a more comprehensive search request providing all the information included in a basic summary of records plus:

- a list of relevant site reports, management plans and sampling and analysis programs held by the department. A DSR response does not include hard copies of documents – these will be made available for you electronically.
- any certificate of contamination audit* completed for the land.

A DSR can only be obtained by completing [Form 2 - Request for a summary of records in respect of land](#).

*Certificate of contamination audit – statutory ‘sign-off’ providing government assurance as to the suitability of a site for a particular land use. In most circumstances it will enable the transfer of liability attached to the site.

False or misleading information (section 94 of the Act)

When reporting contamination, requesting information from the department, disclosing contamination under section 68 of the Act or providing information to the CEO of the department or Contaminated Sites Committee, a person must not knowingly provide false or misleading information or fail to disclose all relevant information.

Maximum penalty: \$125,000

Possible maximum daily penalty: \$25,000

Memorials on title

Some site classifications require a memorial to be placed on the certificate of title. A memorial alerts owners, prospective owners, lessees and mortgagees that a site has been classified under the Act as:


- contaminated – remediation required
- contaminated – restricted use
- remediated for restricted use
- possibly contaminated – investigation required.

Sites where a regulatory notice has been issued by the department (e.g. investigation or clean-up notice) will also have a memorial placed on the certificate of title.

Searching the database

Find a known contaminated site by searching the [Contaminated Sites Database](#).

More information

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Contaminated Sites Act 2003 Basic Summary of Records Search Response Report generated at 12:01:11PM, 08/10/2024		
		Receipt No: <i>SAMPLE BSR</i> ID No: 94433
Search Results This response relates to a search request received for: 8 Davidson Tce Joondalup, WA, 6027 This parcel belongs to a site that contains 1 parcel(s).		
Address	8 Davidson Tce Joondalup, WA, 6027	
Lot on Plan Address	Lot 450 On Diagram 75369	
Parcel Status	Classification: 08/10/2024 - <i>Not contaminated - unrestricted use</i> Nature and Extent of Contamination: Sample Text - Investigations found that no contamination is present in soil or groundwater at the site. Restrictions on Use: Sample Text - There are no restrictions on use applicable to the site. Reason for Classification: Sample Text - A contamination assessment was carried out in 2023 in order to comply with a condition that had been placed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) as part of the planning approval process, to assess the site's suitability for residential land use. The site has been classified under section 13 of the 'Contaminated Sites Act 2003' (the Act) based on information submitted to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) by September 2024. The site is located within an area that has been historically used for.....	
Certificate of Title Memorial	Nil	
Current Regulatory Notice Issued	Type of Regulatory Notice: <i>Nil</i> Date Issued: <i>Nil</i>	
General	No other information relating to this parcel.	
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Basic summary of records

A request for a summary of records (BSR or DSR) typically takes about 10 working days to process (may take longer in some circumstances). All requests are processed on a first come, first served basis and cannot be prioritised. Fees apply – \$44 for a BSR and \$440 for a DSR.

For advice on contaminated sites, please contact the department's contaminated sites information line on 1300 762 982 or email info@dwer.wa.gov.au.

General Search

Search for an address or locate on map

1 Bulbey St, Bellevue, Pert

Show results within 0.5 Kilometers

Contaminated Sites Database	(14)
Remediated for restricted use	0 km
Remediated for restricted use	0.02 km
Remediated for restricted use	0.02 km
Remediated for restricted use	0.03 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.09 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.11 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.12 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.14 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.16 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.19 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.2 km
Contaminated - restricted use	0.23 km
Remediated for restricted use	0.31 km
Contaminated - remediation required	0.39 km

Remediated for restricted use

Parcel Id: 12199
Lot Number: LOT 99 ON PLAN 2457
Data Classified: 23 Mar 2021
Report URL: [Free Basic Summary Records](#)

Click here to download basic summary of reords

This document is available in alternative formats and other languages on request.

Related documents

[Find additional publications](#) about contaminated sites and related fact sheets, or contact the department on 1300 762 982.

Legislation

This document is provided for guidance only. It should not be relied upon to address every aspect of the relevant legislation. The full text of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* is available from the [Department of Justice](#).

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Legal advice

The information provided to you by the department in relation to this matter does not constitute legal advice. Due to the range of legal issues potentially involved in this matter, the department recommends that you obtain independent legal advice.