

PHAI Cleanup Property Owner Update

The testing and cleanup of private properties is the most complex and lengthy part of PHAI work.



Approximately 80% of all properties tested will not require a cleanup. However, about 1,200 properties in Port Hope are projected to need some degree of cleanup to remove historic low-level radioactive waste.

Discovery takes time



Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI) testing is necessary to confirm the presence of waste on properties in Port Hope prior to a cleanup. Additional soil sampling may be required during a cleanup to confirm the extent of waste to be removed.

This process of discovery is central to the safe completion of work because new information can come to light at any time.

Discoveries such as structural or safety issues, substances that need special handling (e.g. asbestos), or additional impacts on structures and trees during construction may lengthen the timeline for work on your property.

Specialized work is complex work

Work on PHAI sites is significantly different from typical residential construction. PHAI work requires more layers of oversight, including radiation protection and environmental monitoring. CNL staff conduct ongoing contractor oversight at all PHAI sites, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission conducts both routine and spot inspections of PHAI work frequently.

PHAI & You

Dear residents:

I know that PHAI cleanup work may be affecting you more than expected. Your view may be impacted by PHAI



construction in the community or you may be experiencing a lengthy cleanup on your own property. While our CNL team has made progress, especially on the larger cleanup sites, we have also had challenges. Work in residential areas has not always proceeded as planned, and I know this has been frustrating to residents. I want to assure you we are striving to improve every day.

PHAI work is complex. Ensuring all activities are done safely and compliantly can take extra time, but this is necessary for the protection of people and the environment.

We have heard your concerns about delays and about the unintended effects of the cleanup on Port Hope's heavily treed areas. We are working to address both these issues by requesting a change to the PHAI Cleanup Criteria.

Thank you for your continued patience. Stay tuned for additional updates, and please stay safe.

Mark Hughey, CNL GENERAL MANAGER

When will CNL clean up my property?

Three signs your property is next:

- 1. CNL has reviewed the cleanup design for your property with you.
- 2. You have signed a Remediation & Restoration Agreement.
- 3. You have been invited to attend a PHAI Neighbourhood Information Session.

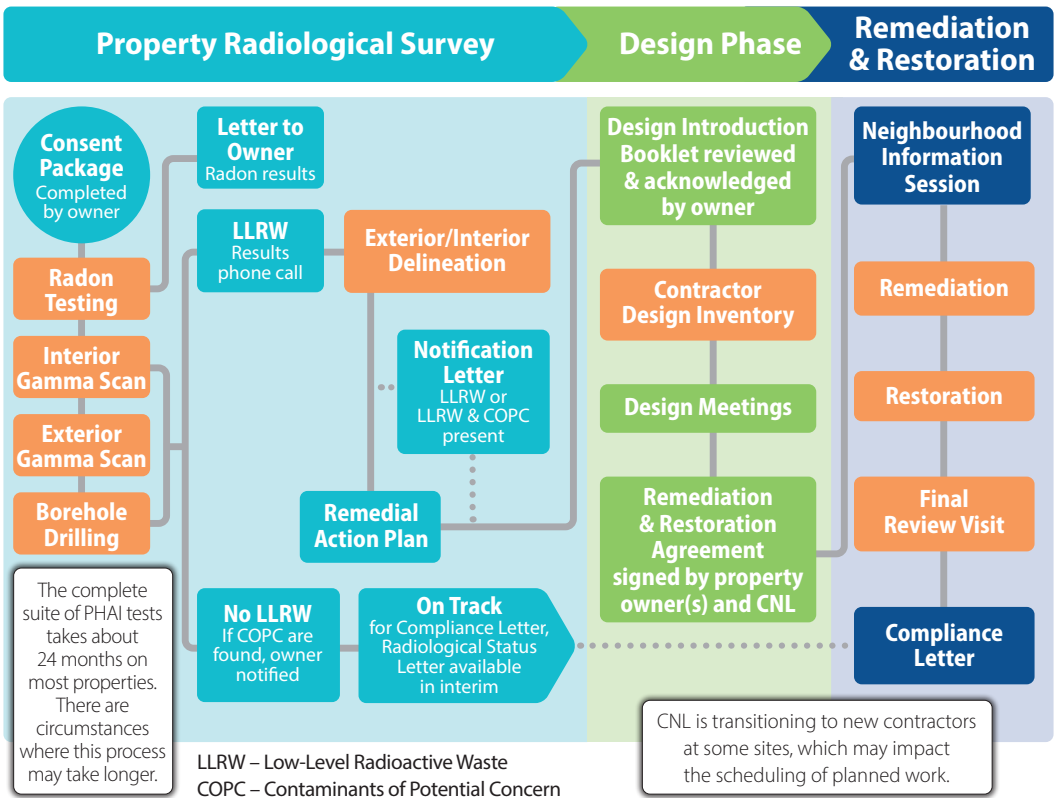


While you are waiting for your cleanup:

- 1. Enjoy your property. Go ahead and complete your own projects – do renovations, plant a garden, complete landscaping. CNL will work with you to ensure that contaminated material is removed from your project area, as needed, at no additional cost to you.
- 2. Request a Radiological Status Letter (RSL) from CNL if you plan to list your house for sale. The RSL is a summary of all property testing completed to date and includes important information that CNL staff can help explain to prospective buyers.
- 3. Speak with a CNL Communications Officer who can tell you where your property is in the PHAI process.

Residential testing and cleanup phases

CNL provides property owners with details on the status of their property as information becomes available. See PHAI.ca, *Your Property Cleanup*, for more information.



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