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**FINAL SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED
ACTION
(NON-PROJECT ACTION)**

Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of a Non-Project State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of the Proposed Action: The goal of the *Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy (Strategy)* a collaborative strategy led by the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma in Washington State and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority in British Columbia (the Ports), is to reduce air emissions from current and future port and other maritime-related operations in the Pacific Northwest through specific strategies, performance measures and menus of actions within each category of port operation. In addition, all future port development would be defined in terms of “green” growth, emphasizing reduced emissions and long-term sustainability. The Ports are committed to working with their tenants and stakeholders to implement these, and other actions, on an on-going basis and during construction of new terminals and facilities. Performance measures are included for each sector and progress will be tracked relative to the [2005 Puget Sound Maritime Air Emissions Inventory](#), which will serve as the baseline for the *Strategy*. The initial emphasis of the *Strategy* is on the three major ports in the region, taking into account each port’s unique development plans and emissions reduction opportunities with a focus on continuous improvement. The performance measures and menus of actions identified in the *Strategy* are meant to address three primary emissions reduction objectives:

- 1) Reduce maritime and port-related air quality impacts on human health, the environment, and the economy,
- 2) Reduce contribution to climate change through co-benefits associated with reducing air quality impacts, and
- 3) Help the Georgia Basin – Puget Sound Airshed continue to meet air quality standards and objectives.

Location of Proposed Action: The geographic area covered by the Strategy includes shoreline, marine, and upland areas within the Georgia Basin/Puget Sound Airshed. In general, the marine areas include the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the greater Puget Sound area, the Strait of Georgia, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, Rosario Strait, and other relevant regional waterways. The uplands include rail yards, railways, and freight corridors within the Georgia Basin/Puget Sound Airshed that are used for the transportation of port-related cargo.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA No. 07-12)

Determination: This environmental evaluation has been prepared following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Resolutions 3028, 3211 and 3539, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies & Procedures. As lead agency, the Port has

determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c).

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination, and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations and procedures, are available for public review at the Port of Seattle Engineering Department, Second Floor Bid Counter, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle. Any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed action should be referred to Barbara Cole at Port of Seattle, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111, Telephone: 206-728-3326.

Public & Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project circulated on November 30, 2007 and the comment period ended on December 14, 2007. The Port's Final DNS is now being issued based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts. Please refer questions and comments about this determination or the proposal to Barbara Cole at the address or telephone above.

Appeals: The Port's decision on the proposal described above and the Port's issuance of a Final DNS on this proposal constitute the Port's Final SEPA decision. This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date below pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3028, 3211 and 3539.

Signature on File

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