

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION

Terminal 5 BNSF West Seattle Communications Tower

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of an Environmental Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of the Proposed Action: BNSF Railway proposes to install an 80' steel tripod-style communications tower between its existing yard tracks on Port of Seattle Terminal 5 (see attached elevation drawing and location map). The tower will relay low wattage (1 watt) signals for a remote control locomotive system, which will improve the safety and efficiency of on-terminal rail operations. The location has been chosen to optimize radio transmission within the rail yard and marine terminal. The wire frame tower will be placed on a concrete base approximately 10' by 10'. The tower will be 3.5' wide at the base and 1.5' wide at the top. No changes in land use or terminal operations are proposed.

Location of Proposed Action: Terminal 5 is located on the west side of the West Duwamish Waterway. The proposed tower will be located in the southwest corner of the terminal, within the container cargo terminal, intermodal railyard and northeast of the intersection of SW Spokane Street and Harbor Avenue Southwest in West Seattle. The street address at Terminal 5 is 2850 SW Spokane Street, Seattle, Washington 98126.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA No. 06-06)

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 office, Engineering Department, Second Floor Bid Counter, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA. Any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed action should be referred to David McCraney, Port of Seattle, Environmental Review & Permitting, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, Washington, 98111, Telephone: 206-728-3193.

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 Resolution 3028, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and 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).

Public and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on this proposal until 4:30 P.M. on June 20, 2006, during which time public and agency comments will be received by the Port. Following the fourteen (14) day review period, the Port will (1) formally adopt this Determination of Non-Significance; or (2) clarify or review the proposal; or (3) complete additional environmental analyses, as appropriate. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:30 P.M. June 20, 2006. Please refer questions and comments about this determination or the proposal to David McCraney, Port of Seattle, Environmental Review & Permitting, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, Washington, 98111, or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA.p@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

Appeals: 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 the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3211.

Signature on File

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