

**FINAL 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. 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 (POS SEPA No. 06-08)

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. Refer any questions relating to this determination or the proposed action to David McCraney, at Port of Seattle, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111, and Telephone: 206-728-3193.

Public & Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project circulated on June 6, 2006, and the comment period ended on June 20, 2006. The Port did not receive any comments. The Port has concluded that no significant negative environmental effects will result from this installation. The Port's Final DNS is now being issued, as of the date below, based on the final determination of no significant

environmental impacts. Please refer questions and comments about this determination or the proposal to David McCraney 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.

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