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

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)  
Tyee Pond Pipe Replacement

The Port of Seattle (Port) has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist for the Tyee Pond Pipe Replacement project.

Description of Proposed Project Action: Tyee Pond is a Regional Detention Facility (RDF) owned and operated by the Port of Seattle (Port) that serves the East Fork of Des Moines Creek from Bow Lake. The RDF and its flow control structure controls flows at the headwaters of Des Moines Creek and contains a 60- to 72-inch-diameter corrugated metal outfall pipe.

In December 2021, an assessment on a section of the corrugated metal outfall pipe that extends underground from the pond to East Fork Des Moines Creek was completed. The Pipe Assessment Report noted joint separation, deformation, and corrosion in the downstream pipe.

The Port proposes to follow the Pipe Assessment Report recommendation to replace the entire outfall pipe (414 linear feet) with a 72-inch-diameter precast reinforced concrete pipe. The pipe will be replaced within its existing footprint. After construction is complete, the project site will be restored to its original conditions.

Location of Proposed Action: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 2022-02)

Determination: The Port of Seattle completed an environmental evaluation including review of pertinent environmental information, 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 Port of Seattle Commission Resolution No. 3650, and Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. The Port of Seattle’s SEPA determination concludes that environmental impacts of the proposal are not significant.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle polices, regulations, and procedures are available for public review at the Port of Seattle, Pier 69, Environment and Sustainability Department, Third Floor, 2711 Alaskan Way, Seattle or Sea-Tac Airport, Environment and Sustainability Department, Fifth Floor, 17801 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98158. The document is also available for review online at https://www.portseattle.org/environment/sepa-nepa. Please contact Steve Rybolt to confirm access to these documents. See contact information below.

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Public and Agency Comment: The DNS and Environmental Checklist for this project was published on November 28, 2022. The Port’s Final DNS is now being issued based on the final determination of no significant environmental impacts. Please refer any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed actions to Steve Rybolt, Port of Seattle, Aviation Environment and Sustainability Department, P.O. Box 68727, Seattle, Washington 98168. Telephone 206.787.5527. Email SEPA@portseattle.org. Include your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic Internet address.

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 of issuance pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3650. Any appeal of the SEPA DNS must also satisfy the requirements of RCW 43.21C.075.

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Port of Seattle, Seattle – Tacoma International Airport
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