

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)
Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) Enhancement Project

The Port of Seattle 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 Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant (IWTP) Enhancement Project.

Description of Proposed Project Action: SEA operates an Industrial Wastewater System (IWS) to collect and treat stormwater that has been affected by industrial activities. The IWTP is part of the IWS and was originally built in the early 1960s to treat fuel spills. Over time, it's been improved to increase detention capacity, improve operations, and allow segregation of wastewater into separate storage lagoons. To protect water quality, SEA sends pre-treated, segregated high-BOD wastewater (a byproduct of deicing airplanes) to the sanitary sewer system for further processing by the King County Industrial Waste Division (KCIW), under Industrial Waste Discharge (IWD) Permit #7810-05. The Project is now required because KCIW has reduced the amount of BOD it can accept from SEA. To ensure treatment capacity is available to continue protecting local waterways, the Port is planning to upgrade and enhance the IWTP so it can handle high-BOD water directly onsite. The Project includes upgrades within the existing IWTP facility, a new high-BOD aerated gravel bed (AGB) treatment system facility that will treat high BOD and tie into the existing facility, and associated piping and utilities to accommodate the system enhancements. The IWTP's three storage lagoons will retain their purpose and overall configuration, although some utility and pipe upgrades will be necessary.

Location of Proposed Action: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd S SeaTac, WA 98158*

* The Project will be located on Port-owned property at the south end of SEA, to the north and south of South 188th Street and east of Des Moines Memorial Drive.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (SEPA File Number 2025-04)

Determination: The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental evaluation including review of the proposed SCE Project, including review of pertinent and available 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 Commission Resolution 3650, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies and Procedures. On August 05, 2025, as lead agency, the Port of Seattle determined the proposed project would 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). Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of Chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced within 21 days from the date of last newspaper publication of the

notice or be barred. Port Commission Resolution 3650 contains the procedures for appealing a SEPA decision of the Port of Seattle.

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination is available upon request. IWTP Enhancement Project Determination of Non-significance (POS SEPA File No. 2025-04), Environmental Checklist, and supporting documents are available online.

Public and Agency Comment: No action will be taken on the proposed project until after the 14-day public comment period expires on 4:00 PM on August 26, 2025, after which the Port will (1) formally adopt this Determination of Non-Significance; (2) clarify or review the proposal; or (3) complete additional environmental analyses, as appropriate. The Port will accept public and agency comments until 4:00 PM on August 26, 2025. 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 Rybolt.S@portseattle.org or the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA@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. 3650 and RCW 43.21C.080.

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