

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

WAIT – You may not need to fill out the attached checklist.

Please read and check the following:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires that the SEPA process be completed for every project which requires an Air Discharge Permit unless the project is specifically exempted under WAC 197-11-800 Categorical Exemptions. The SEPA process needs to be completed only once per project. The SEPA process/determination is to be completed by the Lead Agency for the project. If a SEPA determination has been made by an Agency other than the Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA) for this project, respond to the following questions.

If you can answer "yes" to either of the following questions with respect to the action being proposed, the attached checklist need not be completed.

1.	I have obtained a State, C	ity or County Permit	and filled out an e	environmental o	checklist.
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	State,	City or County Departm	nent		Date
2.	An environmental checklis	st or assessment has	previously been t	filled out for an	other agency.
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Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B — Environmental Elements —that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.



SEPA Environmental Checklist

A. BACKGROUND

1.	Name of proposed project, if applicable:
	Environmental Generator Project
2.	Name of applicant:
	BNSF Railway Contact: Ryan Hibbs, Senior Manager Environmental Operations
3.	Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:
	Address: 605 Puyallup Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98421 Phone: 253-591-3072 (office) 206-552-5812 (cell)
4.	Date checklist prepared:
	May 10, 2021
5.	Agency requesting checklist:
	Southwest Clean Air Agency (SWCAA)
6.	Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):
	Project construction and installation will commence upon receipt of applicable agency approvals (Summer/Fall 2021).
7.	Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
	The BNSF Vancouver Yard ("Facility") does not have any plans for further activities, expansions or additions related to this Project.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

SWCAA permit modification application for Air Discharge Permit, associated documentation and emissions calculations.

 Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

There are no other applications for proposals within the Project site that are pending government approval.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

SWCAA approval of permit modification application for Air Discharge Permit (ADP 20-3426).

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The Project will install a new diesel engine driven 750 kW emergency generator and associated concrete pad.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range,if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The Facility is located at 1310 West 11th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 and is situated in Section 21, Township 2, Range 1 East, W.M.. The Project site is located directly adjacent to the Facility's existing onsite wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), on the west side.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. Gen	eral description of the site
⊠F	Flat □ Rolling □ Hilly □ Steep slopes □ Mountainous □ Other (specify below)
b. Wha	t is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?
The ste	epest slope within the Project site is approximately two percent.
If you	It general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? It know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural landing-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these.
indicate which is classific overall	S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey es the soil within the Project site is <i>Hillsboro silt loam</i> (soil unit HoA), 0 to 3 percent slopes, is typically a deep, well-drained soil. It should be noted that the NRCS soil survey cation for this area was likely assigned before Facility construction was completed. The Project area has previously been graded and developed for the existing Facility, which we included import of non-native soil materials/gravel.
desc	there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, cribe. are no known surface indications or history of unstable soils in the vicinity of the Project
	cribe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.
require	imated that site excavation activities for the 326 square-foot concrete generator pad will approximately 400 square feet of excavation (approximately 22 cubic yards based on a typical equipment pad depth).
f. Coul	d erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.
	ninor erosion of the excavated area could occur during construction and concurrent heavy rms. Use of the completed Project site will not result in erosion.
	ut what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project struction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?
square	sting Project site surface consists of gravel. Project work will replace approximately 326 feet of the existing gravel surface with concrete. The site will remain impervious upon completion.

Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

As discussed above, construction related erosion potential will be minimized due to the limited size and flat topography of the Project site. The Project site also ultimately drains to the Facility's onsite WWTP. Therefore, it is not anticipated that any potential construction-related erosion or sedimentation would discharge from the Facility.

2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Refer to the emissions calculations attached to the enclosed application for permit modification.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

There are no off-site sources of emissions or odor that would affect the Project.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

The new generator will have an EPA Tier 2 certified engine that will comply with the federal New Source Performance Standards for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. Additionally, the diesel engine will use ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel (≤15 ppmw), limitation of visible emissions to 15% opacity or less, and limitation of engine operation to less than 100 hr/yr for maintenance checks and readiness testing has been determined to meet the requirements of BACT for the types of emissions from this engine.

3. Water

a. Surface Water:

(1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Not applicable. There are no surface water bodies on or in the immediate vicinity of the Project site. The Project site is located over one mile north of the Columbia River.

(2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not applicable.

(3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Not applicable.

(4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable. The Project does not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.

(5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Not applicable. The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map for the subject area indicates the Project site is located outside of the Columbia River floodplain.

(6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not applicable. The Project does not include discharge of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground Water:

(1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable. The Project does not include withdrawal of ground water.

(2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not applicable. The Project does not include discharges into the ground.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

(1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flowinto other waters? If so, describe.

Surface water runoff at the Facility drains to the onsite WWTP. Surface water runoff from the completed Project site will continue to be conveyed to the WWTP.

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

It is not anticipated that waste materials would enter ground or surface waters as a result of the Project.

(3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

The Project will not alter or affect existing runoff drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site or the overall Facility.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

Project construction and operation will comply with local, state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the environment, including water quality. As previously stated, potential surface water runoff that may leave the Project site would be routed to the onsite WWTP. Therefore, existing surface water runoff flow paths and discharge points will remain unchanged.

4. Plants

a. Check the types of vegetation found on th	a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:				
 □ Deciduous trees: alder, maple, aspen, other □ Evergreen trees: fir, cedar, pine, other □ Shrubs ⋈ Grass □ Pasture □ Crop or grain 	skunk cabbage, other				
b. What kind and amount of vegetation will b	e removed or altered?				
A small area (< 400 square feet) of grass and weeds will be removed from the gravel work area during Project construction.					
c. List threatened and endangered species k	nown to be on or near the site.				
No threatened or endangered plant species are known to be located within or near the Project site.					
d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plan vegetation on the site, if any:	ts, or other measures to preserve or enhance				
Not applicable.					
e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species	s known to be on or near the site.				
No noxious weeds or invasive plant species a	re known to be located on or near the Project site.				

5. Animals

	a. List any birds and other animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:
	birds: □ hawk □ heron □ eagle ⊠ songbirds □ other:
	mammals: ☐ deer ☐ bear ☐ elk ☐ beaver ☐ other:
	fish: □ bass □ salmon □ trout □ herring □ shellfish, other
	b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.
	The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species web data does not identify any state or federally listed threatened or endangered animal species in the vicinity of the Project site.
	c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.
	The Facility is located within the greater Pacific Migratory Flyway, which is a flight corridor for waterfowl and other avian fauna migration. The flyway extends from Alaska to Mexico and South America. This migration route would not be altered or impacted by the Project.
	d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:
	No wildlife or associated habitats are known to occur within the Project site. Therefore, no measures are proposed.
	e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.
	No invasive animal species are known to be on or near the Project site.
6.	Energy and Natural Resources
	a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.
	The proposed generator is a 750kW commercial diesel generator set. The installed generator will require connection to the Facility's existing electrical service.
	 Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.
	The Project site is located within the existing developed perimeter of the Facility and would not affect potential solar energy use on nearby properties.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None proposed.

7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

It is not anticipated that the Project would increase existing risk potential or hazards at the Facility.

(1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

There is no known contamination within the Project site.

(2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

There are no known hazardous conditions within the Project site that would affect generator installation or operation.

(3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

The proposed generator includes a 1,500 gallon diesel fuel tank. The Project will not otherwise store, use or produce toxic or hazardous chemicals.

(4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Existing emergency services will continue to serve the overall Facility. No additional services are required.

(5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

The selected Project site avoids critical Facility infrastructure and operational areas. The proposed generator features include a dual walled fuel tank, high fuel fill alarm, and an integrated leak detection system. The provisions of the existing Facility-wide Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan will continue to be implemented within the Project site during construction and operation to prevent and minimize the occurrence and consequences of potential oil spills. Spill response materials are available in the immediate vicinity of the Project site.

b. Noise

(1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

None. No existing noise sources would affect generator installation or operation.

(2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Project construction and installation activities will take approximately one month to complete. Upon completion, the new emergency generator will operate 30 minutes per week for maintenance and testing. Noise associated with generator operation is not expected to increase existing noise levels associated with ongoing operations at the Facility.

(3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

The proposed generator set includes a steel level 2 sound attenuated enclosure and mounted exhaust muffler.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

 a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The Project site is within the existing developed perimeter of the BNSF Vancouver Yard. BNSF conducts railcar servicing and fueling at this Facility. Nearby property uses include industrial facilities and operations to the north, south and west, and residential development to the east. The completed Project would not affect current land use within the Facility or on adjacent properties.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to non-farm or non-forest use?

The Project will not convert any agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance, nor will it convert any resource lands to non-farm or non-forest use.

Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, andharvesting? If so, how:

No, the Facility is located in an existing industrial zone within the City of Vancouver. This industrial area does not include working farms or forest lands.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The overall Facility contains multiple existing structures, including rail car and rail equipment repair facilities, a WWTP, offices, and other associated infrastructure.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No, the Project does not include demolition of any existing structures.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Light Industrial (IL)

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Industrial

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable. The Facility is not located within City of Vancouver shoreline master program jurisdiction.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

The Clark County Maps Online database does not identify any designated critical areas within the Facility.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

None.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

 Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Installation and use of equipment necessary to maintain the operational reliability of existing Facility infrastructure is consistent with the overall purposes and intent of the City of Vancouver's industrial zoning and comprehensive land use plan designations for the area.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not applicable.

9. Housing

 Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or lowincome housing.

None.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

The generator is approximately 7 feet tall at the highest point. The manufactured generator enclosure will be green steel.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No views will be altered or obstructed by the Project.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

11. Light and Glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None. The Project will not generate light or glare.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not applicable.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Not applicable. The Project will not generate light or glare.

12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

There are no designated recreational opportunities within the Facility or in the immediate vicinity. The closest recreational opportunities outside the overall Facility perimeter consist of two neighborhood parks – Brickyard Park to the east and Fruit Valley Park to the west.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No, the Project would not displace any existing recreational uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

The Project will not impact or displace existing recreational resources. Therefore, no measures are proposed.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

The overall Facility contains buildings that are more than 45 years old, but none are known to be listed or eligible for listing on historic preservation registers. No modification of existing buildings is proposed.

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

No historic or cultural landmarks, features or other resources are known to have been identified within the Project site.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) online public access Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) was reviewed for recorded resources on the subject property. None were identified.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbanceto resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

The Project will include limited ground disturbance work that is expected to be confined within areas previously disturbed during original construction of the Facility and existing imported gravel/fill materials. In the event that artifacts of historical or archaeological significance are encountered during Project construction, work shall be temporarily discontinued while BNSF contacts archaeological authorities to determine the disposition thereof.

14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Access to the Facility is currently available from multiple public roads. No change to existing roads or site accesses is proposed.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The nearest C-Tran public transit stop is located within one-half mile west of the Facility perimeter.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

The Project will not create any new parking spaces or eliminate any existing parking spaces.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

The Project does not include any new transportation facilities or improvements to existing transportation infrastructure.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

The Project will occur within the existing BNSF Vancouver Yard. However, no change is proposed to the Facility configuration, use or accessibility.

		e completed Project vices are anticipated		cal service available at th	ne Facility. No new utility
	b.			ne project, the utility prov n the immediate vicinity	iding the service, and the which might be needed.
	а.	Utilities currently av ⊠ electricity ⊠ natural gas	ailable at the site: ⊠ water ⊠ refuse service	⊠ telephone ⊠ sanitary sewer □	☐ septic system ☐ other (list below)
			ailable at the site.		
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	No	measures are propo	sed. The Project does no	ot increase demand for p	public services.
	b.	Proposed measures	to reduce or control dire	ect impacts on public sen	vices, if any.
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	describe. No changes are proposed to the Facility configuration, employment or accessibility. Therefore, the second configuration is a second configuration.			ccessibility. Therefore, the	
	a.	protection, police pro		ed for public services (for ealth care, schools, other	
15	. Pu	blic Services			
		neasures are propo Insportation infrastruc		alter or affect existing tra	affic volumes or
h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:			<i>y</i> :		
	No	ot applicable. There a	re no agricultural or fore	stry land uses in the Faci	ility area.
	g.			affected by the movemer ea? If so, generally descr	
		ot applicable. The corncility.	npleted Project will not g	enerate any new daily ve	ehicle trips to or from the
	f.	If known, indicate w betrucks (such as	hen peak volumes would	d occur and what percen assenger vehicles). Wha	eted project or proposal? tage of the volume would at data or transportation

C. Signature

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature:	Rym Harris
Name of signee:	Ryan Hibbs
Position and Agency Organization:	Senior Manager of Environmental Operations
Date Signed:	06/15/2021