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SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance

Associated Permit #18-04-2576

Project Name: PNW Metal Recycling Relocation Project

Description of proposal:

NWM Properties (NWM) has applied for planning clearance and a fill and grade permit to develop a metals and automobile recycling center on an undeveloped industrial property in Longview, WA. The proposed recycling center will replace NWM's existing recycling facility located 2.7 miles northwest of the proposed site in Longview. The project will involve developing the 25-acre parcel to include a paved entrance road, an automobile/metal salvage yard, a 90,000 square foot processing warehouse, the addition of one new rail spur line and associated utilities and stormwater collection and treatment facilities. Based on geotechnical recommendations, subsurface ground improvements are proposed to avoid ground settling in the paved yard. Subsurface ground improvements will involve amending the soil with concrete to a depth of 36-inches.

Operations:

Recyclable materials will be received via rail and/or truck from scrap yards located in Oregon. Two separate recycling and salvage operations are proposed at the new facility: salvaging automobile vehicles, and sorting and packaging scrap metals for recycling. Loading and unloading of scrap and motor vehicles will be conducted by cranes, front-end loaders, and forklifts. Automotive vehicles to be dismantled and scrapped will be staged outside on the asphalt-paved yard area prior to being dismantled inside the warehouse. Other metals will be unloaded and stockpiled either in the yard (ferrous metals) or in the warehouse (non-ferrous metals) prior to processing. The process of salvaging motor vehicles will be conducted indoors and consists primarily of draining fluids from vehicles and recycling remaining metal parts. Outdoor processing at the facility will be limited to baling, shearing, and torching. Indoor processing activities will include cutting, crushing and baling or other packaging of metals for transport. Processed materials will leave the yard via rail and/or truck.

No critical areas have been identified.

Proponent: Hank Doane, NWM Properties, LLC (503) 347-0094

Location of proposal:

The new facility will be located at 100 Paper Way, Longview, WA, within 9-7N-2W, W.M. Parcel #616140106.

The old facility is located 3500 Hoehne Ave., Longview, WA, within 30-8N-2W, W.M. Parcel # 101930307.

Lead Agency:

Cowlitz County, as the SEPA lead agency for the proposal, has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required

under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by May 1, 2018.

Staff Contact: Ron Melin, Deputy Director

Responsible official:



E. Elaine Placido, DPA - Director

Date: April 17, 2018

- You may appeal this determination to the Cowlitz County Hearing Examiner. All appeals must be perfected by delivering written notice thereof to the responsible official within 20 calendar days of the decision being appealed. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. Please refer to Cowlitz County Code Title 19, Chapter 19.11.120, to read about the procedures for SEPA appeals.
- There is no agency appeal.

Attachments:

Environmental Checklist
Vicinity Map and Site Plans

Cc:

Washington State Department of Ecology, SEPA Center
DHAP SEPA Review
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