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SEPA Determination of Non-Significance

Associated Permit #0000097-003

Project Name: Drax Wood Pellet Facility

Description of proposal:

The applicant, George Anglada on behalf of Pinnacle Renewable Holdings (USA) Inc., (a part of Drax), proposes construction of a wood pellet production, storage, and shipping facility at 175 E Mill Rd, Longview, WA, Parcel #604210100 and #604210200. The site is in an industrial area, adjacent to the Port of Longview facility, and was previously utilized as onsite log storage and shipping by a previous owner. Proposed development will include new facilities taking up 15 acres of the 49-acre site, with the remaining 30 acres utilized for material as an exterior lay-down yard. The site contains existing impervious surface across the entirety, with no expansion of impervious surface proposed. Applicant has applied for a Stormwater Permit with the Department of Ecology, to continue utilizing existing stormwater infrastructure. The project will not encroach on the 200' shoreline environment designation and will utilize existing facilities at the Port of Longview's Berth 8 for export. The site abuts the Port of Longview stormwater facilities. No critical areas are present or adjacent to the site. Multiple supporting documents have been submitted, including a Geotechnical Report and Preliminary Traffic Review, which are included with the SEPA Environmental Checklist.

Owner:

Pinnacle Renewable Holdings (USA), Inc., a part of Drax.

Location of proposal:

175 E Mill Rd, Longview, WA, Parcel #604210100 and #604210200. Within Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 2 West, Willamette Meridian.

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 December 19, 2022.

Staff Contact: Peyton Murphy, Associate Environmental Planner (murphyp@co.cowlitz.wa.us; 360-577-3052 x6658)

Responsible official:



Greta Holmstrom, Planning Manager

Date: 12/05/2022

- ☒ 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 14 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 with Geotechnical Report and Traffic Review

Cc:

Washington State Department of Ecology – SEPA Center
Washington State Department of Natural Resources – SEPA Center
Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Castle Rock
Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation – SEPA Center
Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife – SEPA Desk
Cowlitz County Environmental Health Unit – Season Long
Cowlitz County Building Official – Mike Wilson
Cowlitz County Historic Preservation Commission – Adam Trimble
Cowlitz County Public Works – Susan Eugenis; Patrick Harbison
Cowlitz County Noxious Weeds – Jennifer Mendoza
Cowlitz County Assessor’s Office-
City of Longview
Cowlitz 2 Fire
Cowlitz Indian Tribe
Yakama Indian Tribe
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Squaxin Island Tribe

Application File

Address File

Postcards to neighbors within 300’ of project