



State Environmental Policy Act
DETERMINATION OF SEPA EXEMPT - SWCAA 25-024

Description of proposal:

ADP Application CO-1114: The proponent has applied for a permit to remove Stage II vapor recovery equipment at an existing gas station. Stage II vapor recovery equipment collects displaced vapors from vehicle gas tanks during refueling and returns the vapors to the gas station storage tank. Stage II vapor recovery is becoming increasingly redundant with the increased fleet penetration of on-board carbon canisters in individual vehicles. This permitting action may result in increased gasoline vapor emissions in the short term but will reduce gasoline vapor emissions in the long term as the percentage of vehicles equipped with on-board carbon canisters increases. This permitting action is not expected to have any impact on any other element of the environment including traffic, noise, glare, housing, or recreation opportunities.

Proponent:

Safeway No. 2637

Location of proposal, including street address if any:

411 Three Rivers Drive, Kelso, WA 98626

Lead agency: Southwest Clean Air Agency

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed project is exempt from SEPA under WAC 197-11-800(3) as follows: "The repair, remodeling, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment, including utilities, recreation, and transportation facilities involving no material expansions or changes in use beyond that previously existing;" The proposed project is identified as maintenance of existing equipment and as such it does not have a probable significant impact on the environment. Neither an environmental checklist nor an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made by the lead agency after review of the proponent's proposal and the information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☒ This project/permitting action by SWCAA is SEPA exempt.

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