



**MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (MDNS)  
PORT OF EVERETT  
Mill A Interim Action No. 2: South Terminal Stormwater Retrofit  
SEPA File No. 2024-05**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** The proposed action is being conducted under the direction of the Washington Department of Ecology. There is an Agreed Order for the Model Toxics Control Act cleanup site known as the Weyerhaeuser Mill A Site (Ref No. 8979) and an Interim Action specific to this immediate project known as Interim Action No. 2.

Interim Action No. 2 will involve decommissioning existing Outfall 003, and installing new stormwater conveyance infrastructure and stormwater treatment at the South Terminal yard. New conveyance lines and an upsized catch basin (replacing an existing catch basin) from the existing oil/water separator adjacent to Outfall 003, will convey stormwater runoff to the existing central lift station. Force mains from each of the existing three lift stations will be intercepted near the discharge locations and new segments of force main will be extended to discharge to improved bioretention cells. Bioretention cells will be installed within the existing bioswale at the east side of the property. Portions of the existing swale will remain and will convey treated stormwater from the bioretention cells to two existing outfalls (outfall 001 and 004).

The footprint of the planned disturbed area for Interim Action No. 2 is approximately 0.35 acres. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards (CY) of material is anticipated to be excavated and sent off site for disposal. Excavated areas will be backfilled and restored using clean imported material (approximately 4,000 CY total), which will be tested for site contaminants prior to import. Existing paved surfaces disturbed because of this interim action will be restored in kind.

**PROPONENT AND LEAD AGENCY:** Port of Everett

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** The Site is located at the Port of Everett along the southwestern area of the City of Everett Shoreline adjacent to the South and Pacific Terminals (NW quarter of Section 30 in Township 29 North, Range 5 East, and NE quarter of Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 4 East. The IA Area for which this checklist is written is depicted in **Figure 2**. The approximate street address is 3500 Terminal Avenue, Everett, Washington. The Interim Action No. 2 activities are located on Snohomish County Parcel Numbers 29053000201800 and 29042500400200.

**DETERMINATION:** The Lead Agency for this proposal has determined that this proposal, in conjunction with Best Management Practices (BMPs) and conservation measures, will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21 and WAC 197-11. This determination assumes compliance with federal and State law as well as City of Everett ordinances related to general environmental protection. 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.

It is the policy of the Port that, when undertaking an action involving the exercise of substantive SEPA authority, the Port shall consider, as appropriate under the circumstances, the ramifications of such action as to one or more of the factors listed in Port of Everett Resolution 1046, Substantive Authority.

### Mitigation Measures

Several measures are included in the proposed project design to avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts. The Port will coordinate with local, state or federal agencies should they require additional mitigation measures. Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be employed during construction to avoid or minimize potential adverse impacts on the environment. Such BMPs include:

- a. Containing stockpiles, use of silt fencing and straw wattles to minimize material loss.
- b. All equipment will be inspected daily to ensure that it is in proper working condition.
- c. BMPs for controlling potential sources of erosion and stormwater runoff will be implemented during construction. Standard BMPs that are both in accordance with the Washington State Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW) and City of Everett requirements would be implemented by the contractors during the proposed Interim Action No. 2. The existing stormwater system will be temporarily re-routed to facilitate construction within the IA Area.
- d. The contractor will be responsible for the preparation and implementation of a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) plan. The SPCC plan will be submitted to the project engineer prior to the commencement of any construction activities. A copy of the plan with any updates will be maintained at the work site by the contractor. The contractor will also maintain at the job site the applicable equipment and materials designated in the SPCC plan.
- e. The contractor will have a spill containment kit, including oil-absorbent materials, on-site to be used in the event of a spill if any oil product is observed.
- f. Excess or waste materials, petroleum products, chemicals, or other toxic or deleterious materials will not be allowed to enter waters of the state.
- g. Using only equipment and trucks that are maintained in good operational condition.
- h. Requiring off-road equipment to have emission reduction equipment (e.g., requiring participation in Puget Sound Region Diesel Solutions, a program designed to reduce air pollution from diesel, by project sponsors and contractors).
- i. Implementing restrictions on construction truck and other vehicle idling (e.g., limiting idling to a maximum of 5 minutes).
- j. If necessary, spraying exposed soil with water or other suppressant to reduce windborne emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and deposition of particulate matter.
- k. Covering all trucks transporting materials, wetting materials in trucks, or providing adequate freeboard (space from the top of the material to the top of the truck bed sides), to reduce particulate matter emissions (dust) and deposition during transport.
- l. Providing wheel washes, if necessary, to remove particulate matter that would otherwise be carried off site by vehicles to decrease deposition of particulate matter on area roadways.
- m. Covering dirt, gravel, and debris piles, as needed, to reduce dust and wind-blown debris.
- n. If necessary, staging transport of construction materials and contaminated soil to minimize overall transportation system congestion and delays to reduce regional emissions of pollutants.

Note: Issuance of this threshold determination does not constitute approval of local, state, and federal permits. Construction contractors shall comply with all applicable permit conditions.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and WAC 197-11-350.

**PUBLIC AND AGENCY COMMENT:** The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the published date below. Comments must be submitted in writing by **5:00 P.M. May 21, 2024** to the Responsible Official as named below. Comments will not otherwise be accepted by telephone or personal conversation. For general project related questions or additional information, please contact Laura M. Gurley, Planner, at 425-388-0720 or e-mail [laurag@portofeverett.com](mailto:laurag@portofeverett.com).

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**APPEALS:** There is no administrative appeal for this determination per Port of Everett SEPA Resolution 1046.

Procedures for appeal of this SEPA threshold determination are set forth in Chapter 43.21C RCW including, without limitation, RCW 43.21C.060, 43.21C.075, and RCW 43.21C.080 and Chapter 197-11 WAC including, without limitation, WAC 197-11-680.

