



April 15, 2024

Notice of Final Determination
“Surface Mining Reclamation Permit #70-013289”
SEPA File No. 24-010301

The Department of Natural Resources issued a Determination of Non-significance (DNS), Mitigated Determination of Non-significance (MDNS), Modified DNS/MDNS on **January 3, 2024** for this proposal under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11-340(2).

This threshold determination is hereby:

Retained.

Modified. Modifications to this threshold determination include the following:

The SEPA checklist listed more trucks than the applicant will be running. Per the applicant, the answer to Question B. 14. e. should list 32 trucks per day.

Withdrawn. This threshold determination has been withdrawn due to the following:

Delayed. A final threshold determination has been delayed due to the following:

Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

- See attached sheet for comments and responses.

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Date: 4/15/2024

Signature: 

There is no DNR administrative SEPA appeal.



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Summary of Comments and Responses (if applicable):

- Comments were received regarding solid waste management – the information was forwarded to the applicant, however as described in the application documents, the proposal is only for use of clean fill for reclamation backfill.
- Comments were received regarding the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) Toxics Cleanup Program - the information was forwarded to the applicant, however as described in the application documents, the proposal is only for use of clean fill for reclamation backfill.
- Comments were received regarding the Ecology Sand and Gravel General Permit – this information was forwarded to the applicant.
- Comments were received regarding hours of operation – the site is currently operating under a Jefferson County Conditional Use Permit, which allows work to occur at the site 7am to 7pm, Monday to Friday. No change to the currently approved hours of operation is included in this proposal.
- Comments were received regarding mining land-use approval adjacent to nearby resources, including Discovery Bay, an area cemetery, and the Olympic Discovery Trail – local zoning and land-use regulations for this site are the sole jurisdiction of Jefferson County. The county verified that the proposed surface mine has been approved under local zoning and land-use regulations on DNR Form SM-6, County or Municipality Approval for Surface Mining.
- Comments were received regarding noise – as specified in the existing Jefferson County Conditional Use Permit, noise associated with mineral extraction and processing is allowed onsite during the approved hours of operations. No change to the noise levels is included in the proposal.
- Comments were received regarding dust – the proposed project will use water as needed to control dust onsite. The Olympic Region Clean Air Agency regulates dust pollution, if dust is observed, contact (360) 539-7610 to report a violation.
- Comments were received regarding impacts to Salmon Creek – this creek does not extend north of Highway 101 into the project area. Additionally, the proposed project will infiltrate all stormwater onsite, with no discharge proposed.
- Comments were received regarding additional truck traffic on Highway 101 – this proposal does not include an increase in the number of truck trips per day beyond what is currently approved.