

SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) OF PROPOSED ACTION*FAA Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) Facility
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport*

The Port of Seattle has completed an environmental analysis, including review of pertinent and available environmental information and preparation of an Environmental Checklist for the following proposal:

Description of the Proposed Action: The Port of Seattle plans to lease a 19-acre site to the FAA for the development of a terminal radar approach control (TRACON) facility. The FAA will construct, own and operate the facility. The existing TRACON is located in the Sea-Tac Airport main terminal. The TRACON will be expanded and modernized at the new location. Air traffic controllers working at the TRACON track all aircraft within 60 miles of Sea-Tac Airport.

The proposed TRACON consists of a 2-story 50,000 square foot building, parking for about 150 cars, internal access roads, emergency generator, guard house, and landscaped grounds. These uses will occupy about 9 acres of the 19-acre site. The remaining 10 acres of the site consist of wetlands and a proposed and a 100-foot wide buffer adjacent to the wetland that will remain undeveloped.

Project Location: The proposed TRACON location is a 19-acre site on the east side of Des Moines Memorial Way between South 160th Street and South 164th Street. Access to the site is from South 160th Street off of Des Moines Memorial Way.

Lead Agency: Port of Seattle (POS SEPA No. 01-19)

Determination: This environmental evaluation has been prepared following the provisions of the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) under Chapter 43.21C, Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and Resolution 3028, Port of Seattle SEPA Policies & Procedures. As lead agency, the Port has determined that the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

Supporting Information: Information used to reach this determination, and applicable State laws and Port of Seattle policies, regulations and procedures, are available for public review at the Port of Seattle office at: (1) Engineering Services Department, Second Floor Bid Counter, Pier 69, 2711 Alaskan Way in Seattle or (2) Port of Seattle office, 17900 International Blvd., Suite 301 in the City of SeaTac. Any questions relating to this determination or to the proposed action should be referred to David McCraney, Environmental Program Manager, Port of Seattle, P.O. Box 1209, Seattle, WA 98111, Tel: 206-728-3193.

Public & Agency Comment: No action will be taken on this proposal until 5:00 PM on October 31, 2001, 2001 during which time public and agency comments will be received by the Port. Following the fourteen day review period, the Port will (1) formally adopt this Determination of Non-Significance; or (2) clarify or revise the proposal; or (3) complete additional environmental analyses, as appropriate. Public and agency comments will be received by the Port until October 31, 2001. Comments are also received on the Port of Seattle electronic mail Internet address at SEPA.p@portseattle.org. Provide your mailing address when submitting comments to the electronic mail Internet address. The Port will work with citizens and organizations who have submitted comments to attempt to resolve environmental issues or questions. Please refer questions and comments about this determination or the proposal to David McCraney at the telephone and address above.



Appeals: This SEPA DNS determination may be appealed by filing a writ of review in King County Superior Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date the Port formally adopts this determination pursuant to Port of Seattle Resolution No. 3211.

Checked for MAF

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