

Notice of Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS)
Port of Vancouver Water System Improvements
CP0327

- Description of Proposal:** *The project will replace the Port's existing 75,000-gallon elevated water tank constructed in 1928 which is nearing the end of its design life and the Wellhouse No. 1 Booster Pump Station (BPS) located in the Port's Terminal 2 area with a new 250,000-gallon ground-level tank and BPS that will provide for increased storage and necessary modifications to pumping systems to accommodate the new ground-level tank. There are no changes to groundwater withdrawal rates or uses. To facilitate the conversion of the elevated tank to the ground-level tank, the project will also require modifications to the two existing Port production wells (i.e., Wells No. 1 and No. 2). Additional improvements associated with the project include modifications to the existing water system distribution and yard piping; construction of a BPS/chlorination/well pump building; conversion from gaseous chlorine to liquid sodium hypochlorite system; installation of a backup generator; improvements to site access and aesthetics; installation of telemetry and control systems to monitor and control the water system facilities; and communications improvements. The project will be constructed in three phases beginning late 2016 through 2018.*
- Location:** *1955 NW Harborside Drive, Vancouver, WA 98660
(NE Quarter of Section 28, Township 2N, Range 1E)*
- Proponent:** *Port of Vancouver USA
3103 NW Lower River Road
Vancouver, WA 98660*
- Lead Agency:** *Port of Vancouver USA*
- Property Owners:** *Port of Vancouver USA
3103 NW Lower River Road
Vancouver, WA 98660*
- Neighborhood Associations:** *Fruit Valley*

The Lead Agency has reviewed the completed Environmental Checklist for the above-described proposal (the “Project”) and other information on file with the Lead Agency, as required by WAC 197-11-310 – 197-11-330. The Lead Agency has determined that the Project is likely to have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, but any such impacts will be mitigated to a level of nonsignificance if the measures identified below are implemented by the Proponent. With the implementation of these mitigation measures, the Project will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and the preparation of an environmental impact statement under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) is not required.

The Project will be consistent with all federal, state, and local approvals, permits, and regulations.

Conditions of Approval for Mitigating Environmental Impacts:

- *Best management practices (BMPs) shall be implemented to control erosion, sediment transport, runoff, dust, and protect existing stormwater facilities consistent with the Washington Department of Ecology and City of Vancouver standards.*
- *The proposed emergency generator shall be operated only under emergency conditions where utility power has failed and backup power is required to maintain water system operation. Obtain necessary approval from the Southwest Clean Air Agency for operation of the proposed emergency generator.*
- *Appropriate measures shall be taken in order to protect human health and the environment from potential lead exposure during demolition of the existing high water tank. Measures shall include utilizing professionals trained to remove lead hazards safely, conducting appropriate environmental monitoring and disposal in accordance with local, state and federal laws.*
- *The project shall include provisions for secondary containment of the hazardous materials stored in the wellhead protection area.*
- *During construction, the contractor will be required to use non-hazardous hydraulic fluids within construction equipment, provide secondary containment for hazardous materials, store hazardous materials outside the wellhead protection area, and develop a spill control and response plan to reduce and control accidental discharges of materials that could pose an environmental health hazard.*
- *If archaeological or historical resources are inadvertently encountered during project activities, all ground-disturbing activity near the find should be halted and the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), Tribes and all other appropriate local, state and federal agencies should be promptly notified in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.*
- *If evidence of a burial or human remains are encountered, all ground-disturbing activity in the vicinity should be halted immediately, and the Clark County Medical Examiner’s Office and City of Vancouver law enforcement shall be contacted. If the medical examiner determines the remains are non-forensic, then the DAHP will be contacted and will take jurisdiction over the remains. If the remains are determined to be Native, consultation with affective Tribes shall take place.*
- *This project will be conducted in accordance with RCW 27.53.060 (Archaeological Sites and Resources) and RCW 27.44.020 (Indian Graves and Records) and all other applicable regulations and permits.*

The environmental checklist and related information, which are the basis of this determination, are available for review at the Port of Vancouver, 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA 98660 and available on the Port of Vancouver's website <http://www.portvanusa.com/environmental-services/sepa/>.

Comments regarding this determination should be made in writing within 14 calendar days after the date this decision is issued. **The issue date of this notice is 09/09/16.** The Port will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance. **Comments must be received by 5:00 pm, 09/23/16. No verbal comments will be accepted.**

Comments should be addressed to:

Responsible Official: Mary Mattix

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Mailing and Hand Delivery Address: 3103 NW Lower River Road, Vancouver, WA 98660


Responsible Official Name

9-6-16

Date