



STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Energy Northwest (EN) is proposing to construct and operate a wastewater treatment system at its Columbia Generating Station (CGS) facility. The treatment system will consist of (4) shallow ponds totaling approximately 13 acres that will be used to collect and evaporate stormwater that falls on the CGS plant buildings as well as various other wastewater streams that are presently directed to Outfall 002 via the storm drainage system. The proposed treatment system will result in elimination of several existing stormwater and process wastewater discharges to ground water. The state Departments of Ecology and Health have reviewed the engineering report and SEPA checklist prepared for the proposal and recommend EFSEC approval of the proposed project. The proposed treatment system is not required by the current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA-002515-1, however, the draft permit will incorporate applicable monitoring and operations and maintenance requirements.

**Proponent:** Energy Northwest

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** CGS is located in Benton County, Washington, 12 miles northwest of Richland, Washington. The CGS site is located in Section 5 of Township 11 north, Range 28 east, Willamette Meridian, on land leased from the DOE within the Hanford Site. Physical Address: 76 North Power Plant Loop, Richland, WA 99354.

**Lead agency:** Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). 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 on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS. This proposal is not applicable to any of the criteria in RCW 197-11-340(2)(a) that triggers the requirement for public comment.

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by .....

Responsible official: Stephen Posner

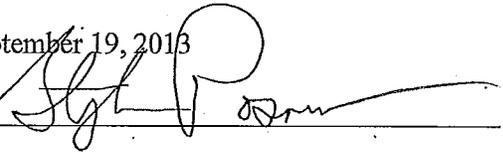
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## ADDENDUM



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January 8, 2015

**ADDENDUM TO  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE  
Dated September 19, 2013**

**ENERGY NORTHWEST  
COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION**

Energy Northwest provided a SEPA checklist to EFSEC on September 10, 2013 for a wastewater treatment system (Project) at the Columbia Generating Station. EFSEC issued a determination of nonsignificance (DNS) on September 19, 2013. The 2013 checklist did not address the need for a fugitive radionuclides emissions license. The Project has the potential to emit fugitive radionuclide emissions, and therefore, is required to obtain a Radioactive Air Emissions License in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 246-247. EFSEC is issuing this addendum to address the issuance of the license and to supplement the DNS issued on September 19, 2013.

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