



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC and WAC 197-11-340
For the

ENERGY NORTHWEST WNP-1/4 POWER PROJECT

REQUEST TO AMEND THE SITE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT

Description of current proposal: On July 13, 2009, Energy Northwest (ENW) requested that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) approve an amendment to the Site Certification Agreement (SCA) for the ENW facilities, known as Washington Nuclear Projects No. 1 and No. 4 (WNP-1/4). If approved, the amendment would update the terms and conditions of the SCA to accurately reflect the ENW plan for site restoration. The plan provides that restoration will occur in two phases (near term restoration and final restoration). The near-term site restoration has been completed. Final restoration is deferred to the future to allow for possible reuse and to accumulate sufficient funds to complete the final restoration activities. The utility infrastructure, warehouses, office buildings, and potentially some of the plant buildings still have a significant useful life for reuse. Additionally, many of these buildings and other site resources are currently being used to support Columbia Generating Station activities.

The SCA has not been amended since its original inception in 1975 wherein WNP-1/4 is described as the construction and operation of two nuclear generating units. Construction of these two units was terminated in 1994 and initial site restoration activities were completed in 2005.

Proponent:

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Location of proposal: The site is located entirely within the federally-owned Hanford Operation Area, managed by United States Department of Energy and is adjacent to the Columbia River, in Section 4 of Township 11 North, Range 28 East, Willamette Meridian within Benton County.

Titles of documents that have been previously adopted: The lead agency issued the WNP 1/4 Final Environmental Impact Statement and SCA and hereby incorporates them by reference for consideration of this proposal.

Previously Adopted documents are available for inspection at: All SEPA documents being considered with respect to this proposal are available at the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, 905 Plum Street NE, Olympia, Washington, 98504-3172, Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays), from 8 am to 5 pm, and on the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov.

Determination of Nonsignificance: This threshold determination is based on the information contained in the following documents and other information on file with the lead agency:

- Request for an Amendment to the Site Certification Agreement, filed by Energy Northwest on July 13, 2009 (available for inspection at www.efsec.wa.gov/wnp1-4.html or the EFSEC office);
- Environmental Checklist submitted by Energy Northwest on July 13, 2009 (available for inspection at www.efsec.wa.gov/wnp1-4.html or the EFSEC office).

Lead agency action: Action on this proposal will be consistent with Chapter 463-66 WAC. The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council may take action to approve or deny this request at its monthly meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. on November 10, 2009, at 905 Plum Street, Olympia, WA 98504-3172. .

Public Comment: This DNS is issued pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC and WAC 197-11-340. Comments on this DNS and the request to amend the SCA will be taken at the hearing noted below. Written comments must be submitted to the EFSEC Responsible Official and received in the EFSEC office by 5:00 p.m., October 12, 2009.

Public Hearing: **7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009**
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There is no agency appeal.

Date: September 14, 2009

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