



Washington State

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council



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History

- EFSEC formed in 1970 for thermal power plants
- “One stop permitting”
 - Issuing agency for permits otherwise issued by a variety of agencies within the state (e.g., water quality, air quality, etc.)
- State agency and local government members
- EFSEC recommendation to Governor for final decision
- Final decision preempts all other state and local governments



Council Membership (RCW 80.50.030)

- Chair – Governor Appointee
 - Kathleen Drew
- Dept. of Ecology
 - Robert Dengel
- Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
 - Mike Livingston
- Dept. of Commerce
 - Kate Kelly
- Dept. of Natural Resources
 - Lenny Young
- Utilities & Transportation Commission
 - Stacey Brewster
- Local Government (City and County)
 - Ed Brost (Horse Heaven project)
- Port District – nonvoting
 - for application review
- Optional application review members:
 - Dept. of Agriculture
 - Derek Sandison (Horse Heaven project)
 - Dept. of Transportation
 - Bill Sauriol (Goose Prairie project)
 - Dept. of Health
 - Military Dept.

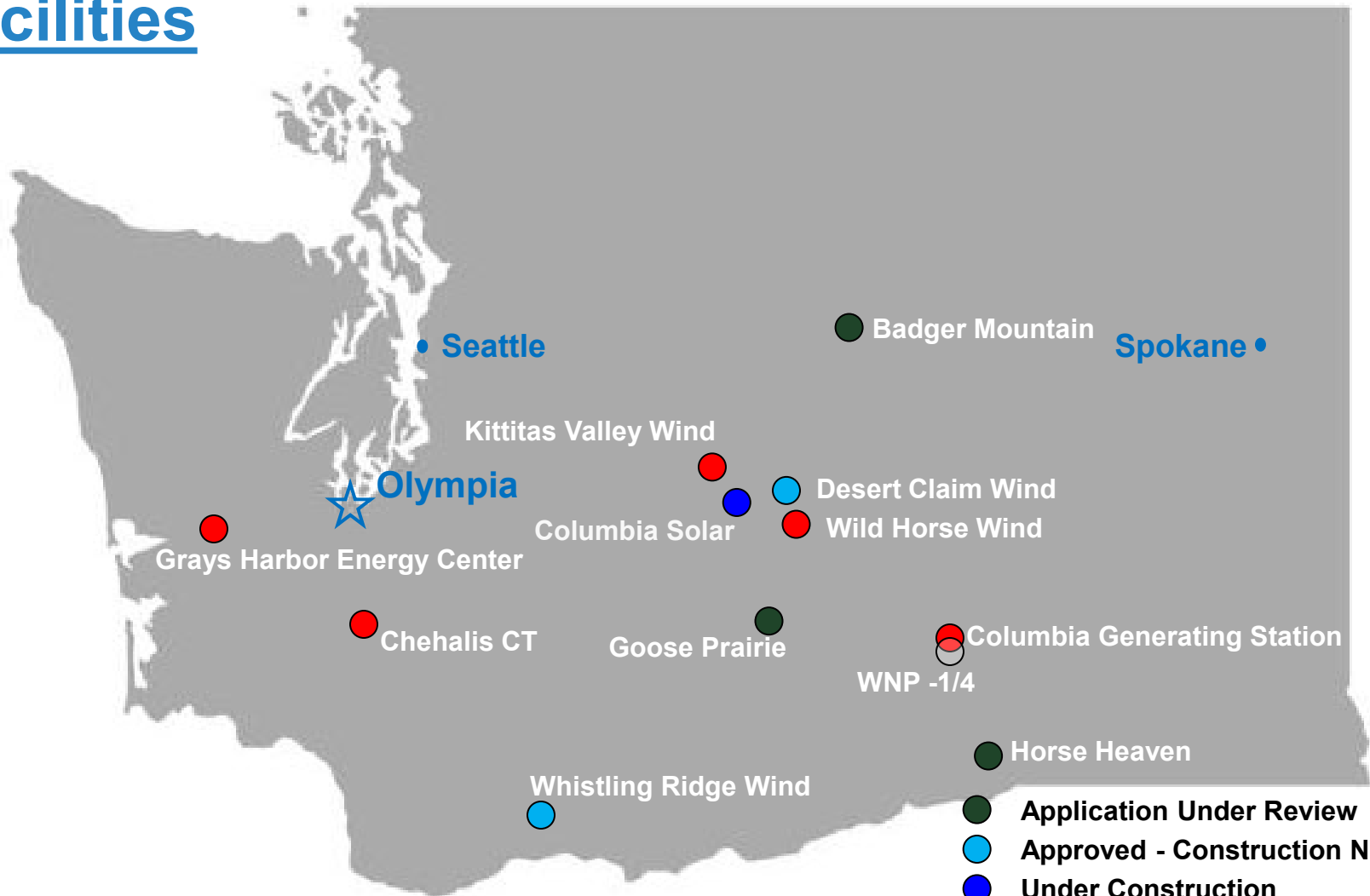


Facilities (RCW 80.50.060)

- Energy plants:
 - Any nuclear power facility where the primary purpose is to produce and sell electricity
 - Non hydro, nonnuclear thermal power plants 350+ MW
 - Alternative energy resources (wind, solar, geothermal, wave/tidal, landfill gas, biomass, etc.) “any size may opt-in”
 - Transmission Lines 115+ kV may “opt-in”
- Pipelines
- Refineries and Storage Facilities



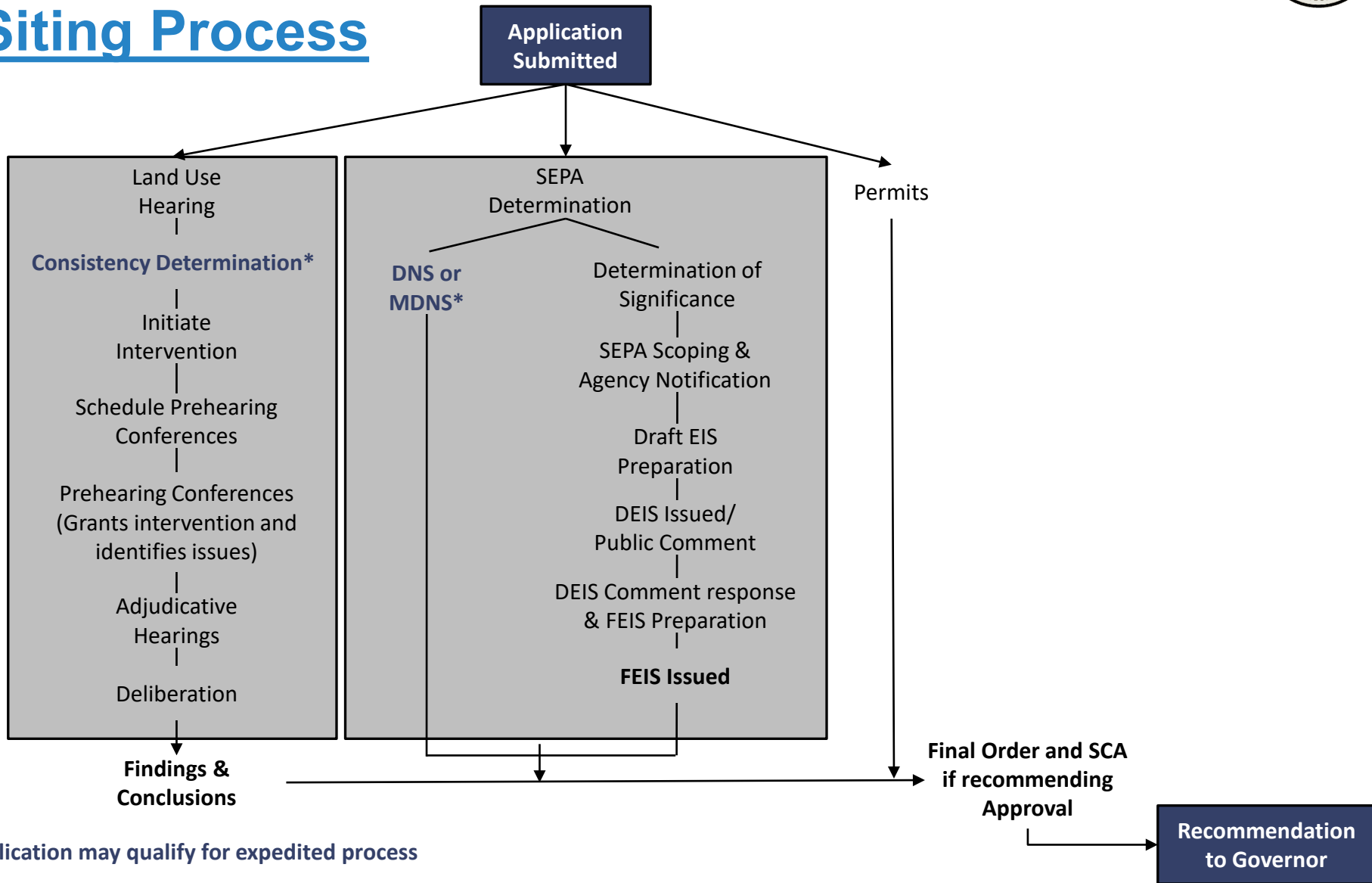
Facilities



- Horse Heaven
- Application Under Review
- Approved - Construction Not Started
- Under Construction
- Operating
- Decommissioning



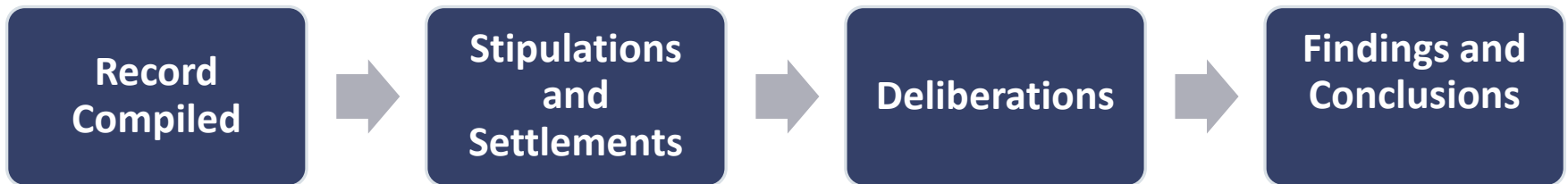
Siting Process



*Application may qualify for expedited process



Adjudicative Proceedings (WAC 463-30)





SEPA Threshold Determination (WAC 463-47)

Determination of Significance

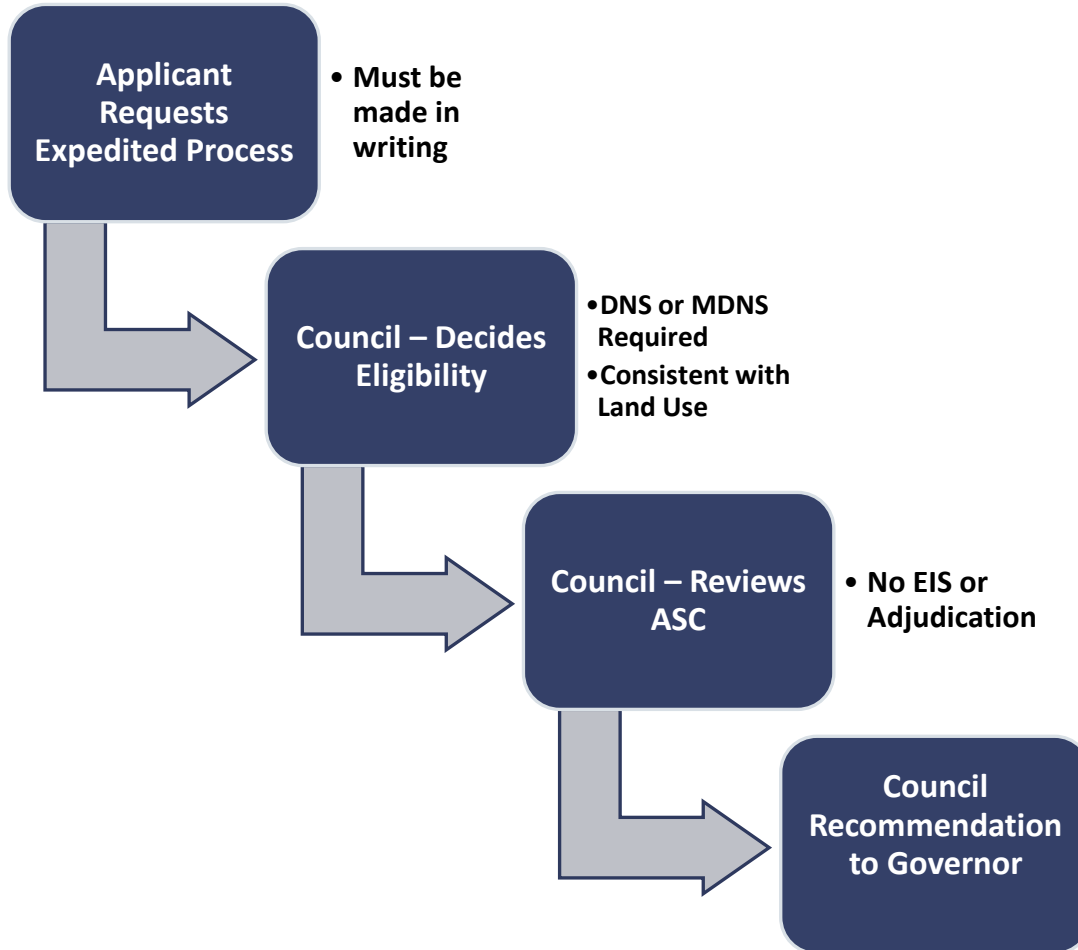
- Scoping – Public Comment
- Issue DEIS – Public Comment
- Issue Final EIS

Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) or Mitigated DNS (MDNS)

- EIS Not Required
- Determination noticed to public
- Determination issued



Siting Process – Expedited (WAC 463-43)





Permit Issuance (WAC 463-76, Water; WAC 463-78, Air)

- EFSEC issues and monitors compliance with
 - Water Quality Permits
 - Air Quality Permits
 - Any other applicable permits that would typically be issued by a state agency



Recommendation to the Governor (RCW 80.50.100)

- The Council makes a recommendation to approve or reject an application
- Within 60 days of receipt of the Council's recommendation, the Governor must:
 1. Approve the application and execute the draft certification agreement;
 2. Reject the application; or
 3. Remand the recommendation to the council for reconsideration.
- Any application rejected by the Governor is FINAL as to that application



Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement

(RCW 80.50.150; WAC 463-70)

- State and Local agencies contracted to assist EFSEC Staff in monitoring compliance with:
 - Site Certification Agreement Requirements
 - Permits
 - EIS or MDNS stipulated mitigation
- EFSEC has enforcement authority, including the issuance of penalties, for all facilities issued site certification agreements and associated permits.



Public Input

- Verbal comment sign up

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