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***State Environmental Policy Act
Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)***

Date of Issuance: July 7, 2025

Lead Agency: Department of Ecology

Agency Contact: David Finley, (509) 342-5917, david.finley@ecy.wa.gov

Permit Number: Draft Air Quality Notice of Construction Approval Order No. 25AQ-E037

Description of proposal:

International Paper Company (IPC) owns and operates a corrugated cardboard box manufacturing plant. IPC plans to add two folder gluer units and increase its maximum potential production of boxes on an annual basis. This will lead to an increase in potential emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and toxic air pollutants at the site.

Location of proposal: Located at 13594 Wheeler Road NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Applicant/Proponent: Brian Johnson, (509) 855-3309, brian.johnson@ipaper.com

Department of Ecology (Ecology) has determined that this proposal will 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). We have reviewed the attached Environmental Checklist and Air Quality Notice of Construction application. This is available at:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Events/Search/Listing>

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The increase in potential criteria pollutant emissions does not lead to an exceedance of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by the Environmental Protection Agency. The increase in potential toxic air pollutant emissions does not lead to an exceedance of any Acceptable Source Impact Level (ASIL) listed in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-460-150. To minimize emissions, IPC will use low-VOC inks, glues, and other additives in its processes, thereby meeting Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requirements.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340. All comments received prior to July 22, 2025 will be considered.

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SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words “project,” “applicant,” and “property or site” should be read as “proposal,” “proponent,” and “affected geographic area,” respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

Find help answering background questions²

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Moses Lake Equipment Replacement and Production Increase

2. Name of applicant:

International Paper Company – Moses Lake

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

13594 Wheeler Road NE

Moses Lake, WA 98837

Facility Contact: Brian Johnson

Telephone Number: (509) 855-3309

4. Date checklist prepared:

Updated April 2025

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington Department of Ecology

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

IP Moses Lake facility is projecting a construction start date of September 2025.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

This project involves the replacement of existing units with new units. No future additions or expansions are planned related to this project.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

A Notice of Construction (NOC) for air emissions associated with this project has been prepared in conjunction with this SEPA checklist. No modifications to other environmental documents are anticipated.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No applications for governmental approvals of other proposals for the property are currently pending.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Notice of Construction (NOC).

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)**

International Paper plans to replace two of its existing Flexo Folder Gluers (FFG) with two newer units.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

The replacement FFGs will be located within the existing building on the International Paper Moses Lake property. The property is located at 13594 Wheeler Road NE, in Moses Lake, Grant County.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

Find help answering earth questions³

- a. General description of the site:**

See the response to A.12 above.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

Flat.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?**

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Web Soil lists fine sandy loam with 0 to 2 percent slopes on the site.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.**

According to The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Web Soil site, the general types of soils present on the site are fine, very fine and gravelly fine sandy loam and

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

cemented material; in addition, the soil rating is Farmland of Statewide importance. Proposal would not remove any of the soils listed previously.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

According to The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Web Soil site, there are no historical indications of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

The project does not involve filling, excavation, or grading of soils.

- f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

N/A

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

The project will not result in any change to the amount of impervious surfaces.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**

N/A

2. Air

Find help answering air questions⁴

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

No Construction emissions.

Operating emissions include

- Volatile Organic Compounds: 2.94 TPY
- Toxic Air Pollutants (TAP): 0.56 TPY

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

As noted above, the replacement FFG units will be located within the existing building on the existing property of International Paper's Moses Lake facility.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Continued use of low VOC inks, glues, and other additives.

3. Water

Find help answering water questions⁵

a. Surface:

Find help answering surface water questions⁶

- 1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

No.

- 2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

No.

- 3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

The project will not involve any dredging or filling and there are no wetlands located in the project area.

- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No.

- 5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

No.

- 6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

No.

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

b. Ground:

Find help answering ground water questions⁷

- 1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

No.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

None. No change to the existing disposal of sanitary wastewater to the municipal sewer system.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- 1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

Stormwater does not discharge off-site currently. Stormwater from the east side of the Main Building flows to three catch basins that discharge to a depression located between the two rail spurs, where it infiltrates into the ground. Stormwater from the northwest side of the Facility flows north or west towards pervious zones, where it infiltrates into the ground. Stormwater from the south side of the Facility predominantly flows south toward Wheeler Road, or landscaped areas, where it infiltrates into the ground. Stormwater from the southwest portion of the Facility flows toward pervious zones, where it infiltrates into the ground.

- 2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

Waste materials produced by facility operations are stored inside the manufacturing building. All solids are handled by our Waste Management Collection system. Any dumpsters located outside the building are properly covered to prevent waste materials from coming in contact with rain or other weather elements.

- 3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

No

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

- d. **Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:**

None beyond current measures in place.

4. Plants

Find help answering plants questions

- a. **Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

- ☒ **deciduous tree:** alder, maple, aspen, other
- ☐ **evergreen tree:** fir, cedar, pine, other
- ☒ **shrubs**
- ☒ **grass**
- ☐ **pasture**
- ☐ **crop or grain**
- ☐ **orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.**
- ☐ **wet soil plants:** cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- ☐ **water plants:** water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- ☐ **other types of vegetation**

- b. **What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?**

No vegetation will be removed or altered.

- c. **List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

No known listed plant species are present within the site.

- d. **Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.**

Project does not involve modification of landscaped areas.

- e. **List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.**

None.

5. Animals

Find help answering animal questions⁸

- a. **List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

The Facility site is located in an industrial /commercial area and is fully fenced but several birds and animal species have been observed.

Examples include:

- **Birds:** hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
- **Mammals:** deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
- **Fish:** bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

Ferruginous Hawk

- b. **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

Ferruginous Hawk

- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

The Facility is in Pacific Flyway migration route that extends from Alaska to Patagonia and is used by waterfowl, eagles, hawks, falcons, songbirds, sandhill cranes, and shorebirds. The site has not historically been a known landing site.

- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.**

N/A

- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

None

6. Energy and natural resources

Find help answering energy and natural resource questions⁹

- a. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

Electricity is used to power the replacement FFG, consistent with the existing operation.

- b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

No.

- c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

No changes to existing conservation features.

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

7. Environmental health

Health Find help with answering environmental health questions¹⁰

- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

No. replacement FFGs will be well maintained with proper safety provisions, consistent with current operations.

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

There is no known contamination within the project site.

2. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

There are no known hazardous chemicals or conditions that might affect the replacement of the two units.

3. **Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

- Flexographic (water-based) ink
- Adhesives

4. **Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

No emergency services are anticipated to be required; however spill response and emergency medical services are available.

5. **Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

Use low-VOC and water-based inks and coatings.

b. **Noise**

1. **What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

The project area is within a mixed use/rural area within the property boundaries of the existing Moses Lake facility. As there will be no construction associated with this project, noise is not expected to be a factor.

2. **What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

The project will not create or increase any noise associated with facility operations. There will not be any construction, increased traffic, or changes to operation practices.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/A.

8. Land and shoreline use

Find help answering land and shoreline use questions¹¹

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

The site is currently used as a corrugated packaging facility. No changes site use or adjacent properties is proposed.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No.

1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?

No.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The Facility consists of a L-shaped building (Main Building) that provides space for administrative offices, manufacturing operations, paper rollstock storage, wastepaper baling, and finished product Warehousing.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The site is currently zoned HI-HEAVY INDUSTRIAL

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

The site is designated INDUSTRIAL in the City of Moses Lake Comprehensive Plan.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.**

No

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?**

110

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?**

None.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.**

N/A

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.**

The proposed project is compatible with the current zoning plan designation. Land use will not change as a result of the proposed equipment replacement.

- m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:**

The proposed project is not expected to impact agricultural or forestlands of long-term commercial significance.

9. Housing

Find help answering housing questions¹²

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

The project involves the replacement of existing equipment within an existing industrial building. No housing will be provided.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

Not applicable.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

Not applicable.

10. Aesthetics

Find help answering aesthetics questions¹³

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

No changes to existing structures, or construction of new structures are proposed.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

11. Light and glare

Find help answering light and glare questions¹⁴

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

No changes to existing operations.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

No.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

No mitigation measures are necessary.

12. Recreation

Find help answering recreation questions

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

The project will be located within the facility boundaries of the existing industrial facility where no recreational opportunities are present.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Not applicable.

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

13. Historic and cultural preservation

Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions¹⁵

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.

No cultural or historic resources are known to be present on or near the project site.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

No cultural or historic resources are known to be present on or near the project site.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

No cultural or historic resources are known to be present on or near the project site.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Project does not propose to change or otherwise disturb any resources.

14. Transportation

Find help with answering transportation questions¹⁶

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Access to the site is via E Wheeler Road. See site location map provided in Attachment A.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

No.

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No.

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No.

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

15-17 Trips per day would be generated. Peak volumes would occur during the summer months. 100% of the volume would be commercial trucks.

- f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

No.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

No transportation impacts anticipated.

15. Public services

Find help answering public service questions¹⁷

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No. The purpose of the project is to replace two pieces of existing equipment with two new pieces of equipment within the existing manufacturing facility. Grant County already provides fire and rescue services to the existing facility.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None required.

16. Utilities

Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:

Electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, and sanitary sewer utilities are currently available at the site.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

No construction of new utilities, or modifications to existing utilities are required.

C. Signature

Find help about who should sign¹⁹

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

X Steve Abernethy

Type name of signee: Steve Abernethy

Position and agency/organization: Region General manager / International Paper

Date submitted: 4/28/2025

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet²⁰

Do not use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

- Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

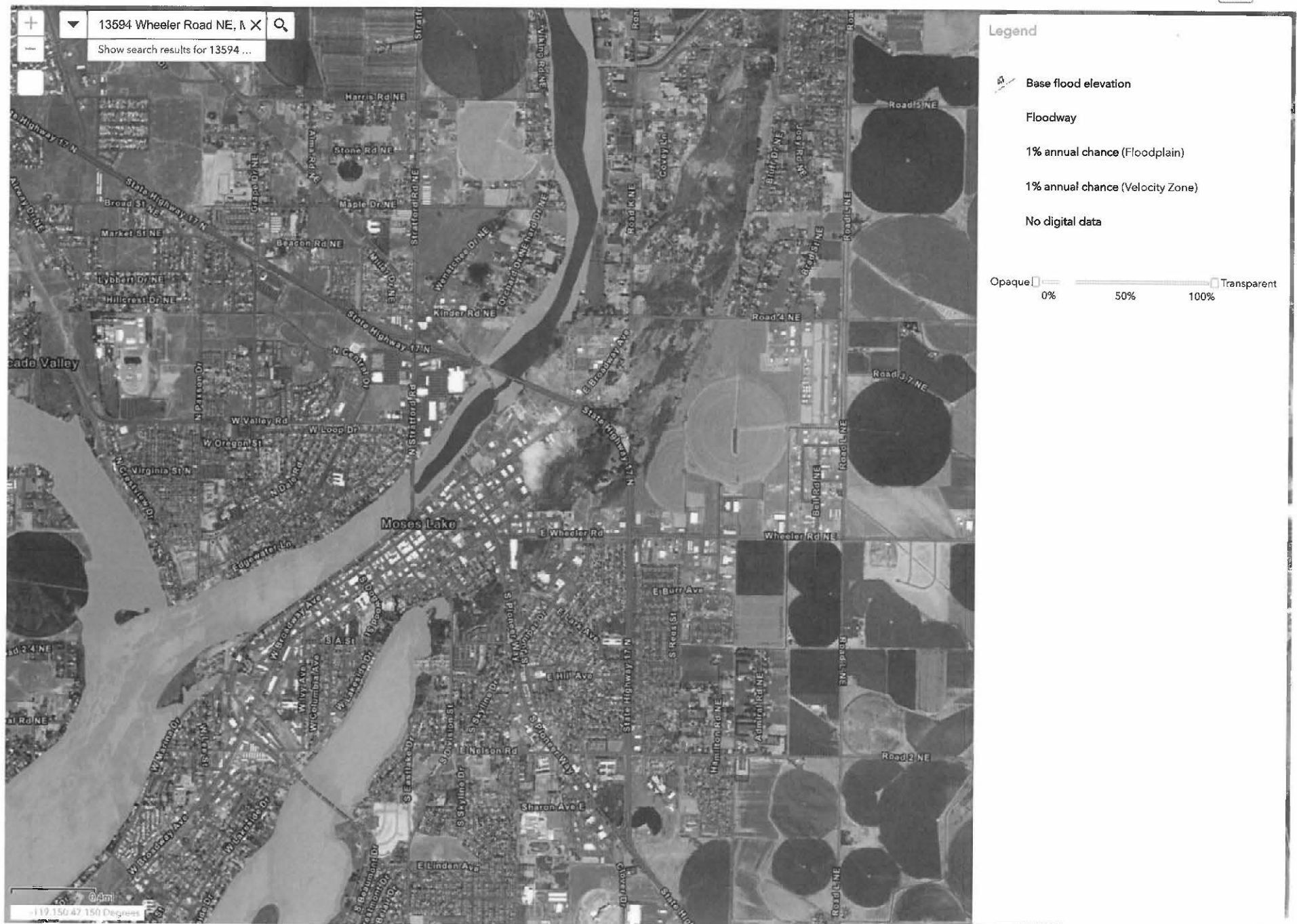
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7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.



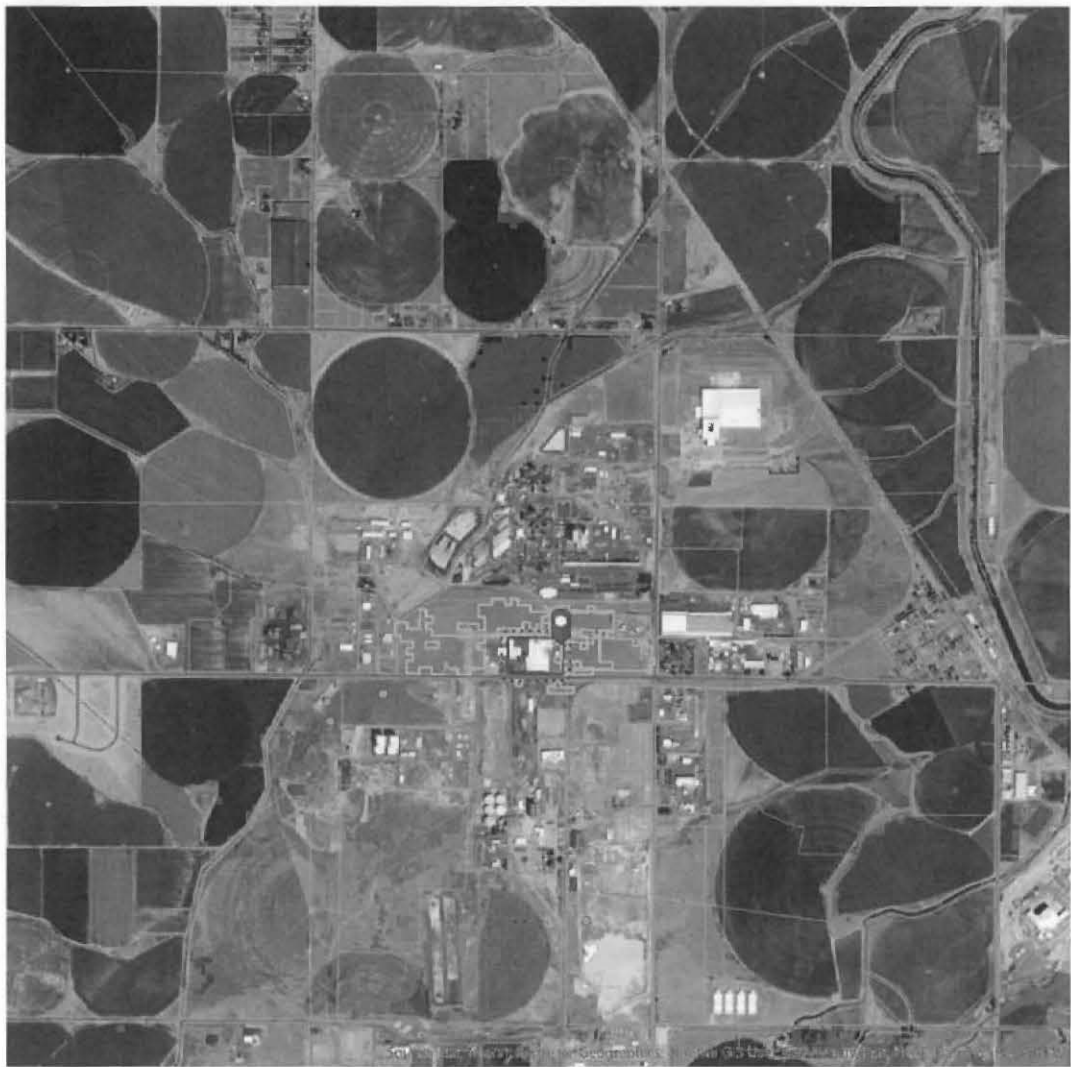
Flood Hazard Areas

Washington State Coastal Atlas





Priority Habitats and Species on the Web



Buffer radius: 1000 Feet
Report Date: 04/07/2025, Parcel ID: [110069488](#)

PHS Species/Habitats Overview:

Occurence Name	Federal Status	State Status	Sensitive Location
Shrubsteppe	N/A	N/A	No
Ferruginous Hawk	N/A	Endangered	No

PHS Species/Habitats Details:

Shrubsteppe	
Priority Area	Habitat Feature
Site Name	Grant County Presumptive Shrubsteppe
Accuracy	NA
Notes	General location of Shrubsteppe. Confirm or refute with site-scale info. WDFW recommends using site-scale info to inform site-scale land use decisions. Expect that on-the-ground conditions (e.g., boundaries) will vary from the map.
Source Record	920868
Source Name	Keith Folkerts, WDFW
Source Entity	WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Federal Status	N/A
State Status	N/A
PHS Listing Status	PHS LISTED OCCURRENCE
Sensitive	N
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Display Resolution	AS MAPPED
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Ferruginous Hawk	
Scientific Name	<i>Buteo regalis</i>
Priority Area	Breeding Area
Site Name	Outer priority management zone (10 to 20 Km)
Accuracy	NA
Notes	Ferruginous Hawk breeding habitat are lands that provide the space and prey needed for ferruginous hawks to successfully reproduce. See the ferruginous hawk management recommendations.
Source Record	920953
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