

# SEPA 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.

## **A. Background** [\[HELP\]](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:  
Longview Weyerhaeuser Longview Sort Yard Debarker and bins replacement
2. Name of applicant:  
Weyerhaeuser NR Company Lonview Sort Yard
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:  
Nancy Wood Siglin, Environmental Manager  
Brian Hamilton Operations Manager
4. Date checklist prepared:  
September 27, 2018
5. Agency requesting checklist:  
Department of Ecology Kelsey Holbrook, Waste 2 Resources, Industrial Section
6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):  
Begin in October 2018 with debarker replacement and complete bin replacement by year end 2019.
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.  
No plans
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.  
Notice of Construction application with estimated emission change.
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.  
None
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.  
The facility operates under Air Operating Permit 0000125. A Notice of Construction was submitted for review along with this SEPA checklist to Ecology the lead agency.
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.)  
Weyerhaeuser intends to replace its existing debarker at the Longview sawmill facility with one that operates at a higher capacity, as well as replace its single-bay bark bin with a double-bay bark bin that is being repurposed from another facility.
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.  
1701 Industrial Way, Longview, Washington 98632

## **B. Environmental Elements** [\[HELP\]](#)

## 1. **Earth** [\[help\]](#)

a. General description of the site:

(circle one): **Flat**, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Site is flat and an existing paved industrial facility.

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.

Site is a paved industrial site.

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

No

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.

Not applicable

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable

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

100% before and after the project. Project is equipment replacement only.

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

Not applicable

## 2. **Air** [\[help\]](#)

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.

Though no changes are intended for the quantity of wood processed in a given year, the capacity of the new debarker ring is double that of the one currently installed, which will allow for the processing to occur at a faster rate.

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

The neighboring Nippon and NORPAC mill sites produce several emissions that are permitted under the Clean Air Act, however; none of these emissions are known to affect this project.

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

Any potential fugitive emissions will be control with sprinkling devices.

## 3. **Water** [\[help\]](#)

a. Surface Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

The Columbia River is south of the property.

- 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.

No

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give 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

b. Ground Water: [\[help\]](#)

- 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 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 (for example: 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.

Not applicable

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.

The project will not alter existing drainage. Facility operates under existing NPDES Waste Water Discharge permit WA0000124.

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

No

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

No

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

No change

#### 4. **Plants** [\[help\]](#)

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

- Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, other
- Shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- 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?

None

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

No threatened or endangered plants or other species have been found living on the site

Several species of listed salmonids are known to traverse the Columbia River adjacent to the site

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

None proposed

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

None known

#### 5. **Animals** [\[help\]](#)

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

Examples include:

birds: hawks, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: Eagles, Osprey & Songbirds

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: Nutria

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: Sturgeon, Pacific Eulachon, Pike Minnow are known to migrate or exist near the site.

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

*The following species use the Columbia River as a migratory corridor:*

*Upper Columbia River Spring Chinook (Endangered)*

*Snake River Fall Chinook (Threatened)*

*Snake River spring-summer Chinook (Threatened)*

*Snake River Sockeye (Endangered)*

*Snake River Steelhead (Threatened)*

*Middle Columbia River Steelhead (Threatened)*  
*Upper Columbia River Steelhead (Endangered)*  
*Lower Columbia River Steelhead (Threatened)*  
*Lower Columbia River Chinook (Threatened)*  
*Lower Columbia River Coho (Candidate for listing)*  
*Columbia River Bull Trout (Threatened)*  
*Columbia River Chum (Threatened)*  
*Searun Cutthroat Trout (Proposed as Threatened)*  
*Bald Eagles (Threatened)*  
*Steller Sea Lions (Threatened)*  
*Pacific Eulachon (Threatened)*

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.  
Yes. *The Columbia River is a migration route for fish.*

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:  
None proposed

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.  
None

## **6. Energy and Natural Resources** [\[help\]](#)

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 will continue to be utilized by the operation of the replacement equipment.

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:

None

## **7. Environmental Health** [\[help\]](#)

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

No

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

None

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.

None

- 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.

None

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

No change from existing practice.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None

**b. Noise**

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

The type and intensity of noise will be similar to existing conditions (heavy industrial manufacturing, including pulp and paper manufacture, steam and power production, lumber planing, log sort activity, and railroad switchyard operations).

- 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.

The type and intensity of noise will be similar to existing conditions (heavy industrial manufacturing, including pulp and paper manufacture, steam and power production, lumber planing, log sort activity, and railroad switchyard operations).

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

None

**8. Land and Shoreline Use [\[help\]](#)**

- 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.

Current use of the site is heavy industrial activity. The adjacent properties are used for heavy industrial activities including pulp and paper manufacture, steam and power production, lumber sawing and planing, log storage and shipping, and railroad switchyard operations.

Neighboring properties to east and west are also heavy industrial (bulk material handling and Port operations). To the north, across Industrial Way, is a mixture of residential and light industrial properties. The Columbia River is immediately south of the project location

- 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 as a result 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.

Existing structures include buildings that house the debarker units and equipment. Material bins and conveyors are co-located at the project site. Various other buildings on the property include equipment shops, office buildings and lunch rooms.

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

No

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

Heavy Manufacturing/Heavy Industrial (HM/HI)

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

Heavy Manufacturing/Heavy Industrial (HM/HI)

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

Urban

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?

100

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

None

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

None proposed

L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

None

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

None

**9. Housing** [\[help\]](#)

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

None

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

None

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

None

**10. Aesthetics** [\[help\]](#)

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

45 foot tall material bin. Exterior surface material is metal.

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

None

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

None

**11. Light and Glare** [\[help\]](#)

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

No change to existing light and glare

- 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:

None

**12. Recreation** [\[help\]](#)

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

The following recreational activities may occur on the Columbia River; fishing, water skiing, boating, and canoeing

- 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:

None

**13. Historic and cultural preservation** [\[help\]](#)

- 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

- 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 such landmarks are known to be on or next to 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.

The proposed project is a replacement for existing equipment and proposed no change to cultural and historic resources.

- 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.

None

**14. Transportation** [\[help\]](#)

- 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.

The primary site access point is the Weyerhaeuser Gate Four, located West of the intersection of Highway 432 (Industrial Way) and Oregon Way

- 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, the site is not served by public transit, however; the nearest public transit stop is at 32nd Street and Washington Way approximately 2.5 miles away

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

None

- d. 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

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

Existing rail line

f. 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?

No change in vehicular trips.

g. 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

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

None

**15. Public Services** [\[help\]](#)

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

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

None

**16. Utilities** [\[help\]](#)

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site:

electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other \_\_\_\_\_

All utilities are available on site

c. 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.

None

**C. Signature** [\[HELP\]](#)

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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of signee \_\_\_\_\_

Position and Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

## **D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions** [\[HELP\]](#)

(IT IS NOT NECESSARY to use this sheet 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:

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?

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

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