

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: [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)

Chip Thickness Screening Project (the “Project”)

2. Name of applicant: [\[help\]](#)

WestRock CP, LLC – Tacoma Mill

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [\[help\]](#)

801 Portland Avenue, Tacoma, Washington 98421

Contact Person: Karl Schumacher – (253) 596-0296

4. Date checklist prepared: [\[help\]](#)

2/7/2018

5. Agency requesting checklist: [\[help\]](#)

Washington Department of Ecology

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [\[help\]](#)

The construction would occur during the mill's annual outage in January 2019.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [\[help\]](#)

None.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [\[help\]](#)

A Notification of Construction Permit Application has been prepared for submittal to the Washington Department of Ecology. In addition, a Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application is being submitted to the City of Tacoma for a shoreline permit maintenance exemption determination.

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. [\[help\]](#)

A Title V Operating Permit renewal application for the Tacoma Mill has been submitted to the Department of Ecology and the renewed permit is pending issuance.

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

[\[help\]](#)

A Notice of Construction Permit must be issued by the Department of Ecology prior to commencement of construction of the Project.

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.) [\[help\]](#)

WestRock is proposing to update the chip thickness screening system. The project will include improving current conveyers and installing new equipment such as screens, separator, cracker, bin, and conveyors. The facility is also proposing to install a dust collection system. Due to this project, chip processing in the screening system is predicted to increase from 2,278 bone dry tons (BDT) per day to 2,369 BDT per day.

The proposed project will reduce knots introduced to the digesters, increase pins and fines removal, and improve digester yield. The Kamyr digesters, pulp dryers, and Paper Machine #14 are included as affected sources. Additionally, no increase in black liquor production and firing, bleached pulp production, or steam utilization is expected due to this project.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Project is proposed to be located on existing property owned by WestRock CP, LLC at 801 Portland Avenue, Tacoma, Washington 98421. The project elements will exist at the northeast corner of the chip piles.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [\[help\]](#)

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

a. General description of the site: [\[help\]](#)

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

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? [\[help\]](#)

The Tacoma Mill property location is comprised of generally flat ground (<1% grade). There is a bulkhead wall along a portion of the eastern side of the property.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The property is situated on a 15 to 20 foot depth of historically placed fill above Commencement Bay. The installation of the Project will involve excavation of 1,000 to 1,500 cubic yards of soil, but the Project is not in an agricultural area. There will be no impacts to vegetation.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No, there is no indication or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity of the Tacoma Mill property.

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. [\[help\]](#)

About 1,000 to 1,500 cubic yards of soil will be excavated. Equivalent amounts of fill and hard surface will be installed.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No. The Project is taking place within the mill site with surface drains and grading directing stormwater towards mill process sewers.

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

The current location is 100% impervious surface and this project will not change that.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None. The Project is taking place within the mill site with surface drains and grading directing stormwater towards mill process sewers.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Project will result in air emissions of VOC emissions above the de minimis levels described in WAC 173-400-110 Table 5. PM/PM10/PM2.5 and TRS emissions increases will be below de minimis levels. There will be increases of some toxic pollutants; of those, acetaldehyde, benzene, chloroform, formaldehyde, methylene chloride, naphthalene, tetrachloroethylene, and trichloroethylene will be above de minimis levels.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

None. There are no off-site sources of emissions or odor that will result from or may affect the proposed Project.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any: [\[help\]](#)

A dust collection system will be installed for the chip screening system. During the construction phase of the project, best management practices will be employed to minimize adverse impacts to the air.

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

a. Surface Water:

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Tacoma Mill is surrounded by water on three sides. The Puyallup River is to the east, Commencement Bay is to the north, and the Saint Paul Waterway is to the west. Run-off from the site is protected from entering the river by a berm along the river bank, which directs all site drains to the mill's NPDES permitted treatment facility before being discharged to Commencement Bay.

Construction for the Project will take place in an area along the east side of the mill in vicinity of the Puyallup river. The impervious surface and the berm will keep surface drainage within the mill process sewer system.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No; the chip screening building is over 200 feet from the bodies of water.

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. [\[help\]](#)

None.

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [\[help\]](#)

No.

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. [\[help\]](#)

The site does not fall within a 100-year floodplain under the City's sensitive areas, which are based on the FEMA floodplain maps.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No.

b. Ground Water:

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. [\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

None.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Process water and stormwater are collected for treatment in the Tacoma Mill's NPDES permitted treatment facility before being routed to the Inner Commencement Bay, as is current practice.

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)

No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

WestRock and its contractors will employ best management practices to minimize surface water and ground water impacts. Construction for the Project will take place within the mill property on existing impervious surface where runoff will be collected within the mill process sewer system. There will be no impacts to surface water from the construction of the Project.

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

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [\[help\]](#)

___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

The Project site is inside the mill in an area with no vegetation.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [\[help\]](#)

None.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

There are no known listed threatened or endangered plant species at or near the Tacoma Mill. Listed plant species identified by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to be present in Pierce County include golden paintbrush (*Castilleja levisecta*), water howellia (*Howellia aquatilis*), and marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*). These species are not likely to be present at the site due to lack of suitable habitat within and adjacent to the Project area.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No landscaping or vegetation enhancement is proposed as part of this Project.

- e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
Himalayan blackberry, goat’s rue, ehite sweet clover, poison hemlock, common groundsell and hedge mustard are invasive species observed on the Mill property during the mill entrance Year 1 monitoring of the marine shoreline buffer mitigation (Sept 2017). In addition, Tansy ragwort is listed by Pierce County as a site infestation at the Mill property.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Examples include:

- birds: **hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds**
- mammals: **harbor seal**
- fish: **salmon, trout, shellfish**

- b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)
The table below presents federally listed threatened or endangered species and their habitat with the potential to occur near the site.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Jurisdiction	ESA Status	Critical Habitat
Chinook salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>) Puget Sound ESU	NMFS	Threatened	Designated
Steelhead (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>) Puget Sound DPS	NMFS	Threatened	Proposed
Bocaccio (<i>Sebastes paucispinis</i>) Puget Sound/Georgia Basin DPS	NMFS	Endangered	Proposed
Bull trout (<i>Salvelinus confluentus</i>) Coastal-Puget Sound DPS	USFWS	Threatened	Designated
Marbled murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>)	USFWS	Threatened	None in Project area

Marbled murrelets are not expected in the Puyallup Waterway at any time of the year based on rare observations in Commencement Bay and no known/confirmed breeding locations nearby (Tirhi pers. comm. 2013). The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitats and Species database records no species occurrence for marbled murrelets in or near the project area (WDFW 2014). The nearest marbled murrelet critical habitat areas to Commencement Bay are located approximately 40 miles northwest on the Olympic Peninsula, 40 miles southwest in the Capitol State Forest, and 30 miles southeast near Mount Rainier National Park (61 FR 26257).

USFWS identifies the additional species of Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), gray wolf (*Canis lupus*), grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*), and northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) as present in Pierce County (USFWS 2014); however, these terrestrial species are likely not present due to lack of suitable habitat within and adjacent to the Project area. National Marine Fisheries Service listed species yelloweye rockfish (*Sebastes ruberrimus*) and canary rockfish (*S. pinniger*) would not be present due to lack of suitable habitat in south Puget Sound.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [\[help\]](#)
The Project site is within the Pacific Flyway for waterfowl. The nearby Puyallup River is a migratory route for juvenile and adult salmonids.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No wildlife is expected to be disturbed due to the construction and operation of this Project. Therefore, no measures are proposed to preserve or enhance wildlife.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site. [\[help\]](#)

There are no known invasive animal species on or near the site.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The modified chip thickness screening system will operate similarly to the current system. There will be the addition of electrical demand for the dust collection system.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe. [\[help\]](#)

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: [\[help\]](#)

None. Minimal increase in power consumption for the additional equipment.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No. The Project is not expected to result in exposures to health hazards and there are no known sources of contamination at the proposed Project location.

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

[\[help\]](#)

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. [\[help\]](#)

There are no known hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect the Project.

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. [\[help\]](#)

No hazardous chemicals are proposed to be stored, used, or produced as part of the Project.

4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. [\[help\]](#)

No special emergency services will be required upon Project completion and during the operating life of the Project.

5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No environmental hazards are anticipated due to the construction and operation of this Project and as such, no control measures are proposed beyond the installation of the dust collection system.

b. Noise [\[help\]](#)

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

Regular industrial noise associated with the existing equipment/operations at the Tacoma Mill exists at the Project site. Other sources of noise include truck and train traffic adjacent to the site. However, these existing sources of noise are not expected to affect the Project.

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. [\[help\]](#)

Noise is expected to be generated for the duration of the construction of the Project. However, the Tacoma Mill (and therefore the Project) is located within a heavy industrial area with existing sources of noise and construction and operation of the chip screening system.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Minimal noise impacts are expected from the construction and operation of the Project. Therefore, no reduction or control measures are proposed.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Tacoma Mill is an existing industrial site (pulp and paper mill) owned by WestRock on which pulp and paper production activities occur. The Project will not affect the current land use on or adjacent to the Mill.

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? [\[help\]](#)

No, the Project site has not been used as working farmlands or forest lands.

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: [\[help\]](#)

There are no known agricultural uses of the surrounding land that could affect the Project.

- c. Describe any structures on the site. [\[help\]](#)
The Mill consists of a pulping area, pulp washing area, pulp bleaching plant, chlorine dioxide generation plant, chemical recovery area, paper machines, old corrugated container (OCC) pulping area, wastewater treatment area, and power generation area. The Mill also contains large diameter concrete clarifier tanks, warehouses for finishing, storage, and shipping, wood chip loading conveyors, effluent pipes, and office buildings.
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [\[help\]](#)
The old woodroom electrical building, existing cat pad covered service area, north truck dump/north incline conveyor, and S1C MCC building will be demolished.
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [\[help\]](#)
The Tacoma Mill (including the Project site) has a zoning classification of Port Maritime and Industrial.
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)
The Tacoma Mill (including the Project site) has a comprehensive plan designation of Port Maritime and Industrial.
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [\[help\]](#)
The Project exists within or closely adjacent to the S10 (Port Industrial, High Intensity) shoreline environmental designation.
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. [\[help\]](#)
The Project exists within or closely adjacent to the S10 (Port Industrial, High Intensity) shoreline environmental designation.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [\[help\]](#)
The Project is not expected to change the current workforce at the Mill.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [\[help\]](#)
The completed Project is not expected to displace anyone in the current workforce at the Mill.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable because the completed Project is not expected to displace anyone in the current workforce at the Mill.
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: [\[help\]](#)
Since the Project will not change the existing use of the site, no measures are being proposed to ensure compatibility with projected land uses.
- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any: [\[help\]](#)
There are no nearby agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance. Therefore, no measures are proposed to ensure compatibility.

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

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

The Project will not create new housing.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [\[help\]](#)

The Project will not eliminate existing housing.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

No housing impacts are expected. Therefore, no measures to reduce or control impacts are proposed.

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? [\[help\]](#)

The tallest height of the proposed structure will be the top of an unscreened chip conveyor at about 87 feet above sea level, 64 feet above grade.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [\[help\]](#)

None. The Project will not significantly change the visual appearance of the chip screening area.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

None. The Project will not significantly change the visual appearance of the chip screening area.

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

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [\[help\]](#)

The Project will add exterior periphery lighting around the new Chip Screen building, lighting along exterior belt conveyor walkways, and exterior periphery lighting around the new Transfer Tower.

The additional lighting should not significantly alter the existing appearance of the light coming from the mill site.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [\[help\]](#)

No. The lighting is being added to improve safe access to equipment and the operating area.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [\[help\]](#)

No offsite sources of light or glare are expected to affect the Project.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. The Project lighting will not create an offsite impact.

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

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [\[help\]](#)

The Project is located at the Tacoma Mill, which is adjacent to Commencement Bay. The bay offers fishing and boating opportunities. The uplands in the vicinity of the Mill are generally used for industrial purposes and provide no recreational opportunities.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [\[help\]](#)
No, the Project will not displace any existing recreational uses.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [\[help\]](#)
The Project will not displace existing recreational uses. Therefore, no measures are proposed to reduce or control impacts on recreation.

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 located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. [\[help\]](#)
There are no known places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation.

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. [\[help\]](#)
The land on which Tacoma Mill is situated has been in industrial use since the creation of the Commencement Bay waterways starting in 1918. (Professional Study - Historic Inventory Report for David W. Lyle Plywood Company Building, April 14, 2014.) The site is located within the historical boundaries of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. Construction for the Project will take place within the existing footprint of the chip screening system.

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. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable. Construction for the Project will take place within the existing footprint of the chip screening building.

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. [\[help\]](#)
Not applicable. Since there will be no impacts to historic or cultural properties, no mitigation measures are proposed.

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. [\[help\]](#)
The Tacoma Mill (and the Project site) can be accessed via several gates from Portland Avenue.

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? [\[help\]](#)

The Tacoma Mill is not served by public transit. The nearest stop is approximately 1.5 miles south on Puyallup Avenue.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? [\[help\]](#)

The Project is not expected to result in a change in the number of parking spaces at the Mill.

- 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). [\[help\]](#)

No.

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

The Project will not use or occur in the immediate vicinity of water, rail, or air transportation.

- 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? [\[help\]](#)

The Project is not expected to alter the current number of vehicular trips per day to the site.

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

No.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [\[help\]](#)

Not applicable. There will be no transportation impacts. Therefore, no measures are proposed to reduce or control transportation impacts.

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. [\[help\]](#)

The Project will not result in an increased need for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [\[help\]](#)

This Project will not impact public services. Therefore, no measures are proposed to reduce or control impacts on public services.

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

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: [\[help\]](#)

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

- 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. [\[help\]](#)

Regarding general construction activities, the Project will utilize existing electrical power to operate, and potentially diesel or gas operated non-road engines to power construction equipment. Once the Project is completed, the equipment will be powered by the existing electrical power system.

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: Stephen J. Devlin

Position and Agency/Organization: General Manager – Tacoma Mill

Date Submitted: 2/28/18