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## State Environmental Policy Act Determination of NonSignificance

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**Lead Agency:** Department of Ecology, Air Quality Program

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**Description of Proposal:** Ecology is proposing to revise the existing Ecology General Order for hot mix asphalt plants. The intent of General Orders is to provide a streamlined permitting process for applicants who qualify and can satisfy the limits within the General Order. Ecology has had a hot mix asphalt General Order since January 25, 2011, and has revised it only one time (April 18, 2011). Ecology is proposing to revise it again as allowed in WAC 173-400-560 (General Order of approval). The hot mix asphalt process is described in EPA document EPA AP-42 11.1 for "Hot Mix Asphalt Plants" as follows: "hot mix asphalt (HMA) paving materials are a mixture of size-graded, high quality aggregate (which can include reclaimed asphalt pavement [RAP]), and liquid asphalt cement, which is heated and mixed in measured quantities to produce HMA." The revisions proposed for the General Order include limits on annual and daily production of air pollution producing materials; requirements to limit air pollution; requirements to keep air pollution equipment at certain distances from the property boundary and from any residence, occupied commercial building, school, hospital, nursing home or other sensitive receptor.

**Applicant:** Same as Lead Agency

**Location of Proposal:** The revision of this General Order is limited to an Ecology action of making the General Order available as an option. But it is not known when or if a facility will apply to use the revised General Order. Therefore there is no specific property or site to evaluate at this time. However, the revised General Order for hot mix asphalt plants will be available for use by applicants in the following counties regulated by Ecology's Air Quality Program (Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Whitman) or any other source regulated by Ecology]

Ecology has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement is not required under RCW [43.21C.030\(2\)\(c\)](#). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency.

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- There is no comment period for this DNS.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional process in WAC [197-11-355](#). There is no further comment period on the DNS.
- This DNS is issued under WAC [197-11-340\(2\)](#); and will be available for comment jointly with the comment period for the general order revision.

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