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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: June 6, 2022

Lead Agency: Department of Ecology, Northwest Regional Office, Toxics Cleanup
Program

Agency Contact: Sunny Becker, (425) 457-3842, sunny.becker@ecy.wa.gov

Description of proposal:

The proposal associated with this SEPA Environmental Checklist is for performing a cleanup action in accordance with Chapter 70A.305 RCW and WAC 173-340 at the Seattle Times site.

Seattle Times operated at this location from 1931-2011. Petroleum fuels (gasoline and diesel), inks, and cleaning solvents were used and released into the soil and shallow groundwater on the Site. In 2013, Onni purchased the facility from Seattle Times.

The proposed interim remedial action involves excavating and removing contaminated soil and shallow groundwater within an area covering approximately 20,000 square feet to a maximum depth of approximately 55 feet. The interim action is expected to result in the removal of all contaminated soil and shallow groundwater associated with the historical Seattle Times activities from the Site. The effectiveness of the remedial action will be documented through performance soil sampling of the sidewalls and bottom of the final excavation limits. All impacted soils both under the Model Toxics Control Act and the Hazardous Waste Management Act will be properly handled, transported and disposed.

Location of proposal: 1120 John Street, Seattle, WA

Applicant/Proponent: Stephen Porter, Onni John Street (Land) LLC, (206) 691-8998

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. This is available at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/14495>

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This determination is based on a review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request or at the Site web page <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/14495>.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340. The comment period for this DNS corresponds with the comment period on the revised Remedial Investigation report and Interim Action Work Plan. All comments received prior to July 5, 2022 will be considered.

Please send written comments to: <https://bit.ly/Ecology-SeattleTimes Comment>

Responsible Official:

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Date May 17, 2022

This SEPA decision may be appealed in conjunction with an appeal on the underlying agency action. In this case, the Agreed Order may be appealed by the applicable citation and summary of timeline.