



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

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***STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT*  
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: June 18, 2025

Lead Agency: Department of Ecology, Solid Waste Management Program, Industrial Section, Smelter-Refinery-Chemical Unit

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Permit Number: N/A

**Description of proposal:**

The Alcoa Vancouver/Port of Vancouver Terminal 5 project proposal includes conducting a cleanup interim action under the Model Toxics Control Action (MTCA) in accordance with Ecology-approved work plans. The Port of Vancouver plans to remove and safely dispose of contaminated sediment from the Columbia River. This sediment contains harmful chemicals, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAHs), left behind from when Alcoa, Inc. operated an aluminum smelter at the site.

During phase 1 an estimated volume of 20,000 cubic yards of Columbia River sediment will be removed. During phase 2 another approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed. Before cleanup starts, a detailed study will help plan where and how much sediment to remove. After each phase, the remaining sediment will be tested to make sure cleanup goals are met. The removed sediment will be safely disposed of at a permitted landfill, following all local, state, and federal laws.

**Location of proposal:**

The Alcoa Vancouver/Port of Vancouver Terminal 5 property is located along the Columbia River at 5701 NW Old Lower River Road, River Mile 103, approximately 3 miles northwest of Vancouver, Washington.

The Port owns the Terminal 5 property which includes the Berth 17 pier and the adjacent 208-acre upland parcels (Parcel Numbers 152799000, 152798000, and 152905000). The in-water portion of Terminal 5 that is subject to the Interim Action consists of multiple parcels owned by

the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and are managed under a Port Management Agreement (PMA; Parcel Numbers 500501000, 503000000, 503001000, 500504000, and 503020000). One in-water parcel is owned by the Port (Parcel Number 503010000).

Terminal 5 is situated in the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 19, Township 2N, Range 1E.

Applicant/Proponent:

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Determination:

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 the Agreed Order Docket No. DE 23653 with supporting Exhibit B Interim Action Work Plan (IAWP, AO Exhibit B). These documents are available at:

Online at:

[Alcoa Vancouver - \(2867\)](#)

In person at:

Vancouver Community Library  
901 C Street  
Vancouver, WA 98660

Ecology Headquarters Building  
300 Desmond Dr SE  
Lacey, WA 98503

Ecology made this decision following review of the Environmental Checklist and Agreed Order Docket No. 23653. The proposal will result in an interim action cleanup conducted under MTCA. This plan will result in the removal of contaminated sediment left behind from prior aluminum smelter facility operations.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340. The comment period for this DNS corresponds with the comment period on the Agreed Order Docket No. 23653 and Public Participation Plan. All comments received prior to 8/6/2025 will be considered.

Please submit written comments:

Online (preferred):


<https://swm.ecology.commentinput.com?id=e9hD5tSfi>

Or by mail:

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Date June 13, 2025