

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Facilities North Site Cleanup Actions

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On November 25th, 1998, King County Metro Transit Division issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on the Facilities North Site Cleanup Actions. The site was historically a petroleum handling facility operated by Chevron, formerly Standard Oil of California, and was purchased by King County in 1982. The tanks and pipelines were cleaned, ventilated and secured in 1992. The site is now a transit maintenance facility.

The purpose of this project is to demolish and remove aboveground storage tanks and associated foundations and piping, remediate shallow soils contaminated with metals resulting from tank sandblasting, painting operations and related activities; and remediate contaminated soils and groundwater resulting from oil storage associated with former bulk fueling terminal activities during Standard Oil (1925-1982) and Metro (1983-92) operations.

Shallow soils contaminated with metals in the tank farm area at the North Yard will be excavated followed by surface water controls or capping. Deeper soils and groundwater contaminated with petroleum substances at the lower area of the North Yard and at the South Yard will be remediated using hydrogen peroxide injection followed by monitoring. Additional sampling will occur in areas where soils were found to contain petroleum substances exceeding proposed cleanup levels. Any additional contamination that is found will be remediated using hydrogen peroxide injection followed by monitoring. Further details are discussed in the Draft Cleanup Action Plan.

Site protection after work is completed will consist of institutional controls including restrictive covenants on the use of the site for only commercial or industrial purposes, on extraction or use of groundwater beneath the site, and on excavation activities. Engineering controls proposed include maintenance of the existing fencing and containment wall to restrict site access, and possible paving of the tank farm area with asphalt (capping of soils).

PROPONENT: King County Metro Transit Division

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL, INCLUDING STREET ADDRESS, IF ANY: The project is at King County Metro Transit's Facilities North, located at the north end of Lake Union at 1602 North Northlake Place, in Seattle, Washington, in Section 18, Township 25 N, Range 4 E.

LEAD AGENCY: King County Metro Transit Division

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340 (2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for over 30 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by January 5th, 1999.

DATE: November 25th, 1998

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