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**STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

Date of Issuance: February 26, 2018

Lead agency: Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, Northwest Regional Office, Uplands Unit

Agency Contact: Jerome Cruz, jerome.cruz@ecy.wa.gov, 425-649-7094

Permit Number: NA

Description of proposal:

The proposed project will implement the final cleanup action plan for the CHS Auburn MTCA site. Remedial activities at the Site began in 1994 and have continued through the present. Previous cleanup actions included installation and operation of three air sparging and soil vapor extraction systems. Extraction of light nonaqueous-phase liquid and impacted groundwater also was conducted for several years, initially with off-Site disposal, and subsequently using on-Site treatment and re-infiltration of groundwater. More than 8,100 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil was excavated by CHS from the bulk fuel storage area on the CHS Property in 1998, and 14 underground storage tanks and 12 aboveground storage tanks were removed in 1997 and 1998. The area of groundwater contamination has been reduced from the historical extent by over 90 percent, and is present only in a limited area down-gradient of the existing air sparging system, which is operating in the central portion of the Site.

The proposal is the expansion of the existing soil and groundwater remediation system by installing up to nine additional air sparging and two soil vapor extraction wells in an approximately 6,500 square foot area adjacent to Auburn Way South in Auburn, Washington. The proposal includes the operation of the system for the duration of the project. The proposed project is a major component of the final cleanup action plan to remediate the CHS Auburn site under consent decree in accordance with the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Other remedial components include groundwater monitoring, institutional controls, and monitored natural attenuation.

Location of proposal:

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Latitude: 47.300 Longitude: -122.225

West-adjacent to Auburn Way South between 8th Street Southeast and 7th Street Southeast in Auburn, Washington. The project area includes portion of King County parcel Nos. 083500003, 3141600800, and 3141600810. The site is in Sections 18 and 19, Township 21 North, Range 5 East of the Willamette Meridian in King County, Washington.

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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 Environmental Checklist (attached), Remedial Investigation, Feasibility Study, and Draft Cleanup Action Plan. This is available at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/gsp/Sitepage.aspx?csid=5119>

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

No adverse impacts to the environment identified in the SEPA review checklist and the cleanup action plan.

The comment period for this DNS corresponds with the comment period on the CHS Auburn Consent Decree which ends on May 7, 2018.

Responsible official:

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Signature



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