



DATE: September 9, 2019

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Rob Whitlam, State Archaeologist, Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), Washington State
Nakia Williamson, Cultural Resources Program Director, Nez Perce Tribe

FROM: John Mefford, Department of Ecology, Toxics Cleanup Program, Central Region Office

SUBJECT: Final Determination of Potential Cultural Resource Impact

DAHP Project Tracking Code: 2019-08-06135

Washington State Governor's Executive Order 05-05
Kennewick City of Maintenance Dept project
414 10th Avenue, Kennewick, 99336, Benton County
Kennewick City of Maintenance Dept Site (FSID #98555585, CSID #11314)

Area of Potential Effects and Project Activities

The project name and address is as follows:

Kennewick City of Maintenance Dept, FSID #98555585, CSID #11314
414 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Benton County, 99336

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is funding an environmental investigation at the Kennewick City of Maintenance Dept Site in the City of Kennewick in Benton County. The purpose of the proposed action is to conduct a Phase 2 environmental site assessment.

The fieldwork will consist of the collection of samples from a number of soil-boring locations. The location is parcel no. 1078020000001000, which in total covers approximately 9.7 acres. However, the area of actual ground disturbance is limited to the former underground storage tank (UST) basin.

Preliminary Determination

Ecology made a Preliminary Determination of Potential Cultural Resource Impact and provided an opportunity for comments. Ecology sent the preliminary determinations and requests for consultation on August 7, 2019 by email. I consulted the following parties:

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- Teara Farrow Ferman, Director, Cultural Resources Program, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
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- Nakia Williamson, Cultural Resources Program Director, Nez Perce Tribe

Ecology received the following comments:

1. Email dated August 8, 2019 from Jon Shellenberger on behalf of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation – discussion of possible shovel test
2. Email dated August 14, 2019 from Holly Borth (DAHP) – concurrence with Ecology's preliminary determination
3. Email dated September 6, 2019 from Ashley Morton on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation – concurrence with Ecology's preliminary determination

Conclusion and Final Determination

The 30-day comment period ended on September 7, 2019. Additional information narrowed down the APE to a former underground storage tank (UST) basin. The comments from DAHP and CTUIR are in concurrence with the actions recommended in the preliminary determination. On this basis, Ecology maintained its preliminary determination.

Based on our review and comments received, Ecology establishes a final determination of **No Cultural Resource Impact** with the requirement to proceed with an IDP during fieldwork.

Ecology requires that an Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) will be available for field personnel. The environmental consultant funded by state monies will either use the Ecology IDP template available at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070560.html> or an IDP developed by the cultural resource management consulting company. The field personnel must follow the IDP protocol in the event that archaeological deposits are discovered during sampling.

Upon encountering cultural materials in the soil during drilling activities, onsite personnel will immediately stop ground disturbing activities in an area large enough to maintain integrity of the deposits. The field personnel will notify and communicate with the contacts listed in the IDP and including DAHP, the tribes with interests in the project area, and Ecology. Appropriate treatment of the archaeological resources and/or human remains will be determined in consultation among these parties.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact John Mefford, at john.mefford@ecy.wa.gov or (509) 454-7836.