

SEPA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
Bell Hill Water Treatment Plant

The City of DuPont is issuing a SEPA Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance (MDNS) for the Bell Hill Water Treatment Plant.

City File Number: SEPA 2022-033

Related File Numbers: PLNG 2022-025 (Type II Site Plan Review)

Description of proposal: The proposal is for the approval of the Bell Hill PFAS Treatment Facility to be located on a 2.85-acre site in the Manufacturing and Research Park (MRP) district. The existing site includes Bell Hill Reservoir, Wells 1 and 2, a booster station and wireless communication facilities. The proposal is to add a 1,753 square foot foundation concrete pad and three sets of two, 12-foot-tall carbon treatment vessels (six total), expand the wellhouse building and modify extensive site piping.

Project Location: 1101 Bell Hill Place, DuPont, WA. Tax Parcel 0119252010, in Section 25 Township 19 Range 01.

Proponent: City of Dupont | 1700 Civic Drive, DuPont, WA 98327

Lead Agency: City of DuPont

Responsible Official: Barb Kincaid, AICP, Director of Public Services
City of DuPont

Contact Information: Janet Howald, City of DuPont | 1700 Civic Drive, DuPont, WA 98327 | 253-964-8121

SEPA Environmental Review Process: The City issued a Notice of Application and Optional DNS on March 8, 2023, with a comment period ending on March 22, 2023. Due to a delay in posting the site, the comment period was extended to April 5, 2023. No comments were received on the proposal. The applicant has also filed for a Type II Site Plan Review approval (PLNG 2022-025).

The Responsible Official hereby makes the following findings and conclusions based on a review of the environmental checklist and attachments; comments received from City Departments; other information on file with the City and the policies, plans and regulations designated by the City of DuPont as a basis for the exercise of substantive authority under RCW 43.21C.060. The Optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency has determined that, as mitigated, the 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). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. This information and a full copy of the SEPA MDNS is available to the public on request.

CONCLUSIONS OF THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: The Responsible Official has determined, with the mitigation measures listed above, that the proposal will not have a probable significant impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2).

APPEAL PERIOD: This MDNS is issued using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355.

There is no further comment period. Consistent with DMC 25.175.060(4) and WAC 197-11-680, this Determination may be appealed to the city hearing examiner. Pursuant to DMC 25.175.060(3), only parties of record may file an administrative appeal. Appeals must be filed within 14 days after issuance of this MDNS (no later than 5:00 pm on May 5, 2023). Instructions for filing an appeal are found in DMC 25.175.060(4). Appeals shall be in writing, be accompanied by the required appeal fee and contain the information detailed in DMC 25.175.060(4)(d). You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

Issue Date: April 21, 2023

End of Appeal Period: May 5, 2023