



STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL
PO Box 43172 • Olympia, Washington 98504-3172

WAC 197-11-970
DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Description of proposal: The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is undertaking rulemaking to adopt environmental and socioeconomic standards for energy facilities under its jurisdiction. These standards require energy facilities to meet air and water quality discharge and emission levels that are equal to other state and federal limits. Fish and wildlife rules are intended to have no net loss of habitat by avoidance or restoration. A socioeconomic rule will provide detailed information so impacts to communities may be mitigated. Other rules including seismicity, noise, water resources, site certification agreement expiration, impact and mitigation standards for wetlands, site restoration, and environmental, esthetic and other benefits, and CO₂ mitigation will provide standards to protect the environment, human health, and safety. Also EFSEC will be updating and amending procedural rules to bring them up to current requirements for public meetings, requests for public documents. Other rules regarding applications for site certification requirements, compliance monitoring, and others will be updated to cover current practices and procedures.

Proponent: The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

Location of proposal: 925 Plum Street, Building 4, 3rd Floor, PO Box 43172,
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Lead agency: The Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council has determined that adoption of the proposed siting standards and amendments to current procedural rules 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 the attached completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

EFSEC does not believe there are other agencies with jurisdiction. This DNS is nonetheless issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for at least 30 days from the end of the comment date below.

Comments: All comments must be submitted by January 16, 2004.

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There is no agency appeal.

Date: December 22, 2003

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Attachment: Environmental Checklist