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City of Puyallup
Development Services Department
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Puyallup, WA 98371

Dear Chris Beale:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the optional determination of nonsignificance/notice of application for the South Hill & Technology Parking Expansion Project (P-21-0033) located at 1019 39th Avenue Southeast as proposed by Parametrix Engineering. The Department of Ecology (Ecology) reviewed the environmental checklist and has the following comment(s):

SHORELANDS & ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE:

Zachary Meyer, Wetlands/Shorelands Specialist
(360) 407-6167 | Zachary.Meyer@ecy.wa.gov

Placement of fill in wetlands may require an individual or general (nationwide) permit from the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers (Corps). The applicant should contact the Corps to determine if a permit is needed. If an individual Corps permit is required, a water quality certification will also be required from Ecology. If the wetland is determined to be not subject to the Corps jurisdiction, it may remain a jurisdictional wetland for Ecology, and will require permitting by this agency. We suggest coordinating with the local government, Ecology, and the Army Corps of Engineers for a pre-application discussion and site visit regarding the proposed wetland impacts. For questions or technical assistance, please contact Ecology Wetlands/Shorelands Specialist, Zachary Meyer, via email at Zachary.Meyer@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 407-6167.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT: Derek Rockett (360) 407-6287

All grading and filling of land must utilize only clean fill. All other materials may be considered solid waste and permit approval may be required from the local jurisdictional health department prior to filling. All removed debris resulting from this project must be disposed of at an approved site. Contact the local jurisdictional health department for proper management of these materials.

TOXICS CLEANUP: Sandy Smith (360) 407-7269

Please note the project location and description provided in response to SEPA Checklist Question 12 appears to be incorrect. The following response is for the facility located at 1019 39th Ave SE, and proposed parking lot construction east of the southernmost building.

The property addressed in this proposal is a contaminated site that is on Ecology's Confirmed and Suspected Contaminated Sites List, and is currently undergoing cleanup through the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The site is Microchip Technology Inc, Facility Site Identification (FSID) 56763887, VCP ID SW1273. Hazardous substances may be present at the site in amounts and/or concentrations likely to affect human health or the environment. Additional site cleanup may be required in the future by Ecology under the Model Toxics Control Act. If contamination is currently known or discovered during construction, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted.

In addition, this property is within a quarter mile of another known or suspected contaminated site. The site is PSE Transformer at Walmart South Hill, FSID 12126.

To search and access information concerning these sites see <https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Cleanup-sites>. If contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during the proposed parking lot construction, testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If contamination of soil or groundwater is readily visible, or is revealed by testing, the Department of Ecology must be notified. To notify Ecology, contact the Environmental Report Tracking System Coordinator at the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407 6300. For assistance and information about subsequent cleanup and to identify the type of testing that will be required, contact Sandy Smith with the Toxic Cleanup Program at the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407 7269.

**WATER QUALITY/WATERSHED RESOURCES UNIT:
Jessica Eakens (360) 407-0246**

Erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction. These control measures must be effective to prevent stormwater runoff from carrying soil and other pollutants into surface water or stormdrains that lead to waters of the state. Sand, silt, clay particles, and soil will damage aquatic habitat and are considered to be pollutants.

Any discharge of sediment-laden runoff or other pollutants to waters of the state is in violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control, and WAC 173-201A, Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington, and is subject to enforcement action.

Construction Stormwater General Permit:

The following construction activities require coverage under the Construction Stormwater General Permit:

1. Clearing, grading and/or excavation that results in the disturbance of one or more acres **and** discharges stormwater to surface waters of the State; and
2. Clearing, grading and/or excavation on sites smaller than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb one acre or more **and** discharge stormwater to surface waters of the State.
 - a) This includes forest practices (including, but not limited to, class IV conversions) that are part of a construction activity that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres, **and** discharge to surface waters of the State; and

3. Any size construction activity discharging stormwater to waters of the State that Ecology:
 - a) Determines to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the State of Washington.
 - b) Reasonably expects to cause a violation of any water quality standard.

If there are known soil/ground water contaminants present on-site, additional information (including, but not limited to: temporary erosion and sediment control plans; stormwater pollution prevention plan; list of known contaminants with concentrations and depths found; a site map depicting the sample location(s); and additional studies/reports regarding contaminant(s)) will be required to be submitted. For additional information on contaminated construction sites, please contact Carol Serdar at Carol.Serdar@ecy.wa.gov, or by phone at (360) 742-9751.

Additionally, sites that discharge to segments of waterbodies listed as impaired by the State of Washington under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorous, or to waterbodies covered by a TMDL may need to meet additional sampling and record keeping requirements. See condition S8 of the Construction Stormwater General Permit for a description of these requirements. To see if your site discharges to a TMDL or 303(d)-listed waterbody, use Ecology's Water Quality Atlas at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/waterqualityatlas/StartPage.aspx>.

The applicant may apply online or obtain an application from Ecology's website at: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/- Application](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/-Application). Construction site operators must apply for a permit at least 60 days prior to discharging stormwater from construction activities and must submit it on or before the date of the first public notice.

Ecology's comments are based upon information provided by the lead agency. As such, they may not constitute an exhaustive list of the various authorizations that must be obtained or legal requirements that must be fulfilled in order to carry out the proposed action.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact the appropriate reviewing staff listed above.

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office

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