



Determination of Non-significance (DNS)

Puyallup School District Underground Storage Tank Removal and Restoration Capital Project #82-01-26

Proposal: Remove two 12,000-gallon double-wall fiberglass underground storage tanks ("UST"), fuel islands, dispensers, card readers, small generator shed, and all electrical back to panels. Site restoration plans include returning the project site area as part of the site's asphalt parking lot.

Location: PSD Downtown Transportation and Operations
323 12th St NW
Puyallup, WA 98371
Pierce County Parcel No. 0420282096

Proponent: Puyallup School District #3

The Puyallup School District hereby makes the following Findings and Determination based upon review of the Expanded SEPA Checklist and attachments, and other information on file with the Puyallup School District.

Findings:

General:

1. A SEPA checklist with attachments related to this project was prepared on May 8, 2026.
2. The following reports were prepared and reviewed in conjunction with the environmental review of and in conjunction with comments received on this project. They are on file with the lead agency and will be made available on request.
 - a. Project Removal and Restoration plan set – Tetra Tech, March 27, 2026.
3. A Notice of Expanded SEPA Environmental Checklist with a 15-day comment period was issued May 18, 2026, following public notice requirements consistent with Board Policy 6890. Publishing of said notice included the following:
 - a. Publication in the Tacoma News Tribune.
 - b. Public notice sign posted at the site.
 - c. Electronic notification to the Dept. of Ecology SEPA Register.
 - d. Email notification to State and local governmental agencies.
 - e. Posting on the Puyallup School District website.
4. The following comments were received within the 15-day comment period of the Notice of Expanded SEPA Checklist:
 - a. Letter from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department dated May 28, 2026.
 - b. Email from Squaxin Island Tribe dated June 1, 2026.
 - c. Letter from Washington State Department of Ecology dated June 1, 2026.
5. All grading and filling of land shall utilize clean fill as defined by Environmental Health Code, Chapter 12, Solid Waste Handling Standards. All other materials, including waste concrete and asphalt, are defined to be solid waste and approval shall be obtained through

the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department prior to filing. All removed debris will be disposed of at an approved site.

6. A notice of intent to close tanks will be filed with Ecology at least 30 days prior to decommissioning once a qualified contractor has been selected for the work. The on-site supervisor providing tank closing services will be licensed by passing an exam administered by the International Code Council (ICC). Within 30 days after closing, a permanent closure checklist form will be provided to Ecology by the owner. The checklist will be signed by the certified supervisor.
7. A site assessment to determine whether contamination has occurred will be completed by a professionally qualified person certified by the International Code Council (ICC). Within 30 days after completion, the person that performed the site assessment will provide Ecology a site assessment checklist and results of the environmental soil and ground water testing.
8. If contamination of soil or ground water is readily visible, or is revealed by sampling, Ecology will be notified within 24 hours by the owner and within 72 hours by the service-providing supervisor. Results of the site assessment will be maintained for five years after completion of permanent closure.
9. The proposed underground storage tank removal project is located at a toxics cleanup site where hazardous substances have been previously released to the environment. The cleanup of this site is regulated under the Washington Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and implementing regulations contained in Chapter 173-340 WAC. Two cleanup sites are designated within the facility that has a Facility Site Identification (FSID) of 1443875. The sites are Puyallup School District 003 Trans Dept, contaminated site identification (CSID) 7039 and Puyallup School District 3 Motor Pool, CSID 16567. Available electronic copies of cleanup documents are at: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/16567>
<https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/cleanupsearch/site/7039>
10. Ecology recommends that pollution in the environment be cleaned up in compliance with WAC 173-340, during demolition of the fuel islands, dispensers, card readers, small generator shed, and electrical back to panels; removal of the tanks; and site restoration to an asphalt parking lot. Worker health and safety for this contaminated site shall follow WAC 173-340-810 and WAC 296-843.
11. If unanticipated contamination is suspected, discovered, or occurs during aboveground facility demolition; underground storage tank removal; or backfilling, grading, and paving; testing of the potentially contaminated media must be conducted. If water or soil contamination is readily apparent, or is revealed by testing, the Department of Ecology must be notified.
12. The removal of all Underground Storage Tanks (UST) in Pierce County must meet state and TPCHD requirements. Prior to the removal of UST's a permit shall be obtained from TPCHD. Once a qualified UST contractor has been selected, a permit will be applied for from TPCHD.

Threshold Determination: The Responsible Official has concluded that a Determination of Nonsignificance applies to this proposal, that the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after a review of a completed environmental checklist, the environmental and engineering studies, reports, plans, and other information and comments on file with the Puyallup School District and the above noted findings. This information is available to the public on request. This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340.

This Determination of Non-significance, including attachments, are available on the Puyallup School District website at <https://puyallupsd.org/sepa> or by visiting the Puyallup School District Capital Projects Department office located at 319 12th St NW, Portable 2, Puyallup, WA, 98371 during business hours.

Comments: Comments relating to this DNS must be submitted within 15 days, by 4:00 p.m. on June 12, 2026. Comments may be sent to the address below or sent by email at: sepa@puyallupsd.org.

Responsible Official: Brian Devereux, Director of Facilities Planning
Lead Agency: Puyallup School District #3
319 12th Street NW
Portable #2
Puyallup, WA. 98371
Office: (253) 841-8772

Date of Issue: June 12, 2026
Comment Deadline: June 27, 2026

Signature: _____

NOTE: Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.075, the final determination of the Responsible Official may be appealed. In accordance with Puyallup School District SEPA Policy #6890, the Responsible Official will issue a Notice of Action. Any action to set aside, enjoin, review, or otherwise challenge such action on the grounds of noncompliance with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW (State Environmental Policy Act) shall be commenced in Pierce County Superior Court.

NOTE: The issuance of this DNS does not constitute project approval. The proposal must comply with the applicable requirements of the City of Puyallup prior to receiving construction permits.