

**South Spoils Yard  
SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)**

Description of Proposal

SPU owns and maintains nearly 1,700 miles of pipes in the City of Seattle’s drinking water distribution system and service area, supplying about 1.5 million people with drinking water. SPU’s in-City field crews operate and maintain the utility’s water distribution system of pipelines, valves, meters, hydrants, and pump stations. In that capacity, crews excavate pipelines to make repairs and alter water services—activities that disrupt roadways and impact customers. To guarantee emergency response actions can occur at any time and to minimize the duration of such disruptions, backfill material must be readily available without restriction. For this reason, SPU maintains North and South Seattle service area material stockpile yards. These yards also serve a role for trucks to dispose of contaminated and excess soil and pavement rubble removed from work sites.

SPU proposes to construct its South Spoils Yard Project, which includes site redevelopment to accommodate a new spoils yard for present and future emergency repairs and public safety. This critical infrastructure facility in the City of Seattle’s Industrial District would operate 24 hours per day, every day of the year. The project would be constructed on a 1.73-acre site comprising four parcels owned by SPU. Redevelopment would construct tensile fabric structures (pre-manufactured “hoop” fabric-covered roof structures) for material and site operation storage. Site improvements would meet all requirements for SIP, stormwater management, and SPU security.

Proponent

Seattle Public Utilities  
Seattle Municipal Tower Suite 4900  
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Location of Proposal

The project site address is 3626 Airport Way S, Seattle, WA 98134 and comprises four contiguous tax parcels: 788610-0917; 788610-1010; 788610-0916; and 788610-0918. Legal descriptions are provided below.

788610-0916: SOUTH SEATTLE ADD E OF R/W & POR VAC ST LESS ST HWY

788610-0917: SOUTH SEATTLE ADD ALL OF LOTS 10 THRU 12 & POR OF LOTS 1 THRU 3 LY WLY OF A LN PLW & DISTANT 8.5 FT WLY (MEASURED AT R/A) FROM C/L OF THE MOST WLY SPUR TRACK AS NOW CONSTRUCTED TGW ALLEY ADJOINING SD LOTS AS VACATED BY ORDINANCE NO 45130 & TGW ALL THAT POR OF 80 FT VACATED COURT ST LY BETWEEN BLKS 25 & 26 & LY BETWEEN E LN OF AIRPORT WAY & A LN PLW & DISTANT 8.5 FT WLY (MEASURED AT R/A AND/OR RADially) FROM C/L OF SD SPUR TRACK EXC THAT POR THOF CONVEYED TO STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR PRIMARY STATE HWY NO 1 BY DEED RECORDED UNDER AUDITORS FILE #5035982

788610-0918: SOUTH SEATTLE ADD RR R/W OVER BLKS 25 & 26 TGW R/W OVER POR VAC ST ADJ

788610-1010: SOUTH SEATTLE ADD E OF R/W & POR VAC STS ADD LESS ST HWY

Lead Agency

Seattle Public Utilities, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that it does 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 lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days from the issuance date below. A copy of the environmental checklist is available online at

<http://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/construction-impacts>

Public and Agency Comments

Comments on this DNS must be submitted by July 22, 2024 and must be sent by email to:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nathan Hart

Issue Date: July 8, 2024

Appeals

Appeals of this DNS must be accompanied by an \$85 filing fee and must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2024. Please see the Office of the Hearing Examiner web site for Temporary Operating Rules During COVID-19: <http://www.seattle.gov/hearing-examiner>