

Legislation Text

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PACIFIC COAST FERTILIZER SEPA APPLICATION

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ADDRESSED:

Council Initiative: Provide sustainable water quality & environmental infrastructure, Strengthen economic conditions & create new opportunities, Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Pacific Coast Fertilizer, LLC has started the permitting process to construct and operate a facility to process natural gas in the manufacture of anhydrous ammonia. The facility would store the product on-site and transfer and load the product for shipping via tanker trucks and via marine vessels. The proposed site is within the Mint Farm Industrial park and is approximately 61 acres in size. The site is bounded by Prudential Boulevard, Crocker Avenue, Hoehne Avenue and Weber Avenue. The marine loading facility would be constructed at the existing Nippon Dynawave salt dock. The dock is within Cowlitz County jurisdiction.

The project is subject to State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review. The applicant has asked the City to make a "determination of significance" which means an environmental impact statement (EIS) would need to be prepared. City staff is reviewing the materials submitted by Pacific Coast Fertilizer and intends to make a SEPA threshold determination this month.

Although the City Council is not directly involved in the SEPA review process, city staff will periodically update the council on the environmental review/application process including public information and outreach. This purpose of this agenda item is to provide the council with the initial update.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No action needed

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