

SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

[Find help answering background questions²](https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Newport Water Tank

2. Name of applicant:

City of Newport

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

City of Newport
200 S. Washington Avenue
Newport, WA 99156

Contact: Abby Gribi, City Administrator: (509) 447-6496

4. Date checklist prepared:

10/30/25

5. Agency requesting checklist:

City of Newport, Washington

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Construction will begin after approval from Washington State DOH Drinking Water. Anticipated to be late winter 2026 or spring of 2026. Construction would then be completed during the 2026 construction season.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

The current SEPA process is evaluating the general impacts associated with the project.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

There are no known pending applications for government approval for proposals that would directly affect the City of Newport's property covered under this proposal.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Washington State Department of Health, Drinking Water approval.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

The City of Newport was forced to make an emergency declaration due to a water leak, the source of which was the 900,000-gallon water tank and the 8" water mains downstream of the leaking tank. The water system was reportedly losing approximately 120,000 gallons per day. The water main repair is part of a separate project and not included in this SEPA checklist, only the tank repair is included. This project seeks to restore the reservoir's function for another 20 years, without altering its functionality, while a more permanent solution and associated funding is pursued by the city.

To this end, several repairs to the tank will be made including applying an elastomeric urethane coating called CIM 1061 to seal construction joints and structural cracks and extend the life of the reservoir tank. The tank also requires other repairs such as a new access hatch, sealing of the screens, minor roofing repairs and sealing, and adding another air vent.

- 12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.**

The legal description of the parcel the site is located on is NEWPORT 56 WATER TANK ON W QUAIL ST (VOL 81 PAGE 1476 & 1477) 13-31-45. It has a geographic ID of 453113420003 and a property ID of 27799. The site address is 1021 W Quail St, Newport, Wa, 99156.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](#)

a. General description of the site:

The proposed improvements would occur on the tank itself, including patching and lining the inside. Little to no ground excavation or land disturbance is expected to occur around the tank or surrounding land, which is largely characterized by light grass and trees past the site limits.

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

<10%

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

- c. **What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.**

According to NCRS web soil survey, there is one soil type at the site that is categorized as Bonner silt loam. They are classified as prime farmland if irrigated. The proposal does not result in disturbance of any soils.

- d. **Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.**

There are no known indications of unstable soils.

- e. **Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.**

There is no proposed filling, excavation, or grading.

- f. **Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.**

There is no anticipated erosion that could occur because of the proposed improvements.

- g. **About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?**

No impervious surfaces will be added as a result of this project.

- h. **Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.**

There is no anticipated significant erosion that could occur because of the proposed improvements.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions](#)⁴

- a. **What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.**

Some localized emissions from internal combustion engines or fumes from the application of CIM 1061 are expected.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.**

There are no known off-site sources of emissions or odors that may affect the proposal.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:**

If it proves necessary, dust will be controlled by water. Air circulation devices are planned and expected to be used by the contractor during the application of CIM 1061.

3. Water

[Find help answering water questions⁵](#)

- a. Surface:**

[Find help answering surface water questions⁶](#)

- 1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

Pend Oreille River is over 3,700 ft east of the site and is the nearest surface water body. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) identified lacustrine habitat associated with the Pend Oreille River approximately 1,320 feet to the west of the affected geographic area.

- 2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

The proposed improvements do not occur within 200 ft of the described waters.

- 3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

There will be no fill or dredge material placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands.

- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

The proposal does not require surface water withdrawals or diversions.

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

- 5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.**

The proposal does not lie within a 100-year floodplain.

- 6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.**

The proposal does not involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions](#)⁷

- 1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

The proposal does not include any use of groundwater. Currently, the water tank is leaking reservoir water into the ground and the proposal seeks to fix that by repairing the tank.

- 2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.**

The proposal does not include any discharging of waste material into the ground.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

- 1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

The proposal does not anticipate altering any drainage patterns on the site. The existing drainage pattern has stormwater generally flowing south.

- 2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

Fuel, oil, or CIM 1061 from construction could spill and enter the ground. Standard BMPs will be applied to control and clean up any spills. The contractor will follow the instruction provided by the CIM 1061 manufacturer.

- 3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

The proposal does not anticipate altering any drainage patterns on the site. The existing drainage pattern has stormwater generally flowing south.

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

During construction, the contractor will be required to have and follow the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan identifying all fueling and equipment storage locations, as applicable. These designated locations would be situated in such a way that any spill or contamination could be readily identified and cleaned up.

4. Plants

[Find help answering plants questions](#)

a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- ☒ **deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other**
- ☒ **evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other**
- ☒ **shrubs**
- ☒ **grass**
- ☐ **pasture**
- ☐ **crop or grain**
- ☐ **orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.**
- ☐ **wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other**
- ☐ **water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other**
- ☐ **other types of vegetation**

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

The proposed improvements do not anticipate altering any existing vegetation.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

According to the USFWS Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) System, no threatened or endangered plant species have the potential to occur within the affected geographic area. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) database did not identify any records of occurrence of threatened or endangered plant species in the affected geographic area.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

The proposed improvements do not include any landscaping or alterations to existing vegetation.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

The Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board identified 36 noxious weeds that exist in Pend Oreille County and are designated for mandatory control: bighead

knapweed (*Centaurea macrocephala*), clary sage (*Salvia sclarea*), flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*), vochin knapweed (*Centaurea nigrescens*), annual bugloss (*Lycopsis arvensis*), black knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*), butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*), common bugloss (*Anchusa officianalis*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), eurasian watermilfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), herb Robert (*Geranium robertianum*), knotweeds (*Fallopia* spp.), kochia (*Bassia scoparia*), leafy spurge (*Eusphorbia virgata*), garden loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*), loosestrife (*Lythrum* spp.), meadow knapweed (*Centaurea gerslaueri*), musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*), myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*), perennial pepperweed (*Lepodium latifolium*), plumeless thistle (*Carduus acanthoides*), policeman's helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*), rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), saltcedar (*Tamrix ramossissima*), scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), scotch thistle (*Onopordum anacantium*), spruce laurel (*Daphne laureola*), tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*), viper's bugloss (*Echium vulgare*), yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), babysbreath (*Gypsophila paniculata*), buffalobur (*Solanum rostratum*), common catsear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), English ivy (*Hedera* spp.), wild carrot (*Caucus carota*), and yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*).

The City of Newport generally attempts to control noxious weeds when noted at their facilities.

5. Animals

[Find help answering animal questions](#)⁸

a. List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.

- Birds: Songbirds
- Mammals: Deer

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

According to the USFWS IPaC System, yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), and Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee (*Bombus suckleyi*) have potential to exist within the affected geographic area. The WDFW PHS database did not identify records of occurrence for any federally-listed threatened or endangered species; however, a record of occurrence for Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*), a Washington State candidate species, or its habitat was identified at the township level.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

The WDFW PHS database identified the Pend Oreille River as part of waterfowl concentration priority area, which includes a migratory waterfowl resting area and a waterfowl nesting area along the shorelines.

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

No measures are proposed and no significant impacts are anticipated since the work is generally limited to the existing concrete tank.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

No invasive animal species are known to be on or near the site.

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions](#)⁹

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

It is expected that electrical energy will be used for construction. It is possible that an on-site generator such as a diesel generator will be required for provide energy for air circulators or heating units for the application of CIM 1061.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

The proposed project would not affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.

No energy conservation features are included in the proposed improvements.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions](#)¹⁰

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.

Exposure to the CIM 1061 by construction workers is possible. No other significant environmental health hazards are anticipated as a result of the proposed improvements.

1. Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

The Department of Ecology (DOE) "What's In My Neighborhood?" application identified no cleanup sites within the affected geographic area.

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

- 2. Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

Before being applied and treated, CIM 1061 is a flammable liquid and can be fatal if digested, and may be harmful through prolonged or repeated exposure.

- 3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.**

Before being applied and treated, CIM 1061 is a flammable liquid, can be fatal if digested, and may be harmful through prolonged or repeated exposure. These hazards go away during the application process.

- 4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.**

No special emergency services would be required.

- 5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.**

Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards include the implementation of standard BMPs, following manufacturers recommendations, and the implementation of a SPCC Plan during construction, as appropriate.

b. Noise

- 1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?**

Current noise in the area is related to traffic noise and the pump related to the tank; the current noise in the area would not affect the proposed improvements.

- 2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?**

Construction may produce some short-term noise from air circulators, dehumidifiers or a diesel power generator. Typical construction activities would be limited to work hours, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. However, the dehumidifiers will require 24 hour operation to dry out the concrete and may extend into the application and curing process of CIM as well. The dehumidifier will operate inside of the tank and below grade which will dampen and mitigate the level of noise. Dehumidifying may be required for most of the project's construction.

Public works projects have a municipal noise exemption in code NMC 8.34.020(A)(9), which states, "A. The following shall not constitute public disturbance noises:... 9. Sounds created in conjunction with public work projects or public work maintenance operations executed at the cost of the federal government, state, or municipality". Since this is a public works project, normal construction noise limitations in the local code are not applicable.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Construction activities besides dehumidifying will be limited to work hours, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions](#)¹¹

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.**

The site's current use is water storage, the site houses one of the town's water storage tanks. To the north of the site is roadway ROW with residential properties bordering the rest of the site's parcel.

- b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?**

No, the project site has not been used as working farmlands or working forest lands.

- 1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?**

No, the proposal will not affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land operations.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.**

The site has the existing water storage tank and a shed that houses a water pump station. The site is also surrounded by a fence.

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?**

No structures will be demolished.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?**

The site is zoned as Public Facilities.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?**

The current comprehensive plan designation of the site is Public Uses.

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

The affected geographic area is not designated under a shoreline master program.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

The City has designated the entire City of Newport as a critical aquifer recharge area, which includes the proposed site (Newport municipal code 17.10.030(A)).

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Typically, zero people would reside or work in the completed project, though occasional maintenance performed by one or two people on the tank and pump system is expected.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

No people would be displaced by the completed project.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

No measures are proposed to avoid or reduce displacement impacts.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

The site is already compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans. This proposal does not alter the site significantly in this way.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

No measures are proposed to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

The proposed project would not provide any housing units.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

The proposed project would not eliminate any housing units.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

No measures are proposed to reduce or control housing impacts.

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

The water tank is generally located below grade with just the top portion of the structure exposed. The proposed project would replace the existing venting of the water tank, potentially increasing the highest point of the tank by a few inches to a total height of approximately 4 feet above the ground. The exterior walls of the tank are concrete with corrugated metal roofing.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

No views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

No measures are proposed to reduce or control aesthetic impacts.

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

No light or glare would be produced from the proposed project.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?**

Light or glare from the finished project is not anticipated to be a safety hazard or interfere with views.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?**

No off-site sources of light or glare would affect the proposal.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:**

No measures are proposed to reduce or control light and glare impacts.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?**

No designated or informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity of the site.

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.**

The proposed project would not displace any existing recreational uses.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:**

No measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation are proposed.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

The Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's WISAARD database was investigated for any listed or eligible structures or site. WISAARD listed none within the site area. Furthermore, the National Register of Historic Places was consulted and no historic building or site was found to be on the proposed site.

Although the majority of the City of Newport contains areas that are Very High Risk and High Risk of discovering cultural resources, there is no indication that the site is an area of concern since this has previously been disturbed during construction of the tank.

Furthermore, a basic cultural resources review is being conducted by the DOH with the tribes and DAHP. The process is underway and is anticipated to be complete by early December.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

The Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's WISAARD database was investigated for any listed features or areas of concern. WISAARD listed none within the site area. Although the majority of the City of Newport contains areas that are Very High Risk and High Risk of discovering cultural resources, there is no indication that the site is an area of concern.

Furthermore, a basic cultural resources review is being conducted by the DOH with the tribes and DAHP. The process is underway and is anticipated to be complete by early December.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

The Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation's WISAARD database was investigated for any listed or eligible architectural or archaeological resources. Furthermore, the National Register of Historic Places was consulted, and no historic building or site was found to be on the proposed site.

Furthermore, a basic cultural resources review is being conducted by the DOH with the tribes and DAHP. The process is underway and is anticipated to be complete by early December.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

No measures are proposed to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources.

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

The site is immediately serviced to the north by West Quail St.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

The affected geographic area is not served by public transit. The nearest public transport service is the Kalispel Tribal Transit, which is managed by the Kalispel Tribe and provides public transportation from Kalispel Park, located in Cusick, Washington (approximately 16 miles northwest of Newport) to the Pend Oreille Skill Center, located at Newport High School, approximately 1.05 miles from the closest portion of the proposed improvements. The Kalispel Tribal Transit service is available to all residents of Newport.

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

The proposal would not require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities.

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

The proposed project would not use water, rail, or air transportation.

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of**

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

No additional vehicular trips per day will be generated by the completion of this project. Existing vehicular trips are a product of routine maintenance and inspection by public works, and will continue after the project is completed.

- f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

The proposal would not interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

No measures are proposed to reduce or control transportation impacts.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

The project would not result in an increased need for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

No measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services are proposed.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: **electricity**, natural gas, **water**, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.**

No additional utilities are proposed for the site.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

X

Type name of signee: Abby Gribi

Position and agency/organization: Newport City Administrator

Date submitted: _____

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet²⁰](#)

Do not use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

N/A

- Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

N/A

- Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

N/A

- Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

- 4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?**

N/A

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

- 5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?**

N/A

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

- 6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?**

N/A

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

- 7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.**

N/A