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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

**Withdrawal Notice**  
**Determination of Nonsignificance**

January 15, 2021

**Lead agency:** Washington State Department of Ecology

**Agency Contact:**

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**Agency File Number:** 202004521

**Description of proposal:**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) conducted a SEPA review on the environmental impacts associated with the collection of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance-containing firefighting foam, and its transport and final disposal. Ecology accepted public comment on the SEPA checklist and determination for 30 days during the month of September 2020. Ecology's chosen disposal method was to incinerate the foam, however, public comments raised several issues that led Ecology to believe the current project involves unique and unknown risks to the environment, as well as downwind communities.

**Location of Proposal:** Statewide

**Applicant Contact:** Department of Ecology, Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction  
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Ecology is withdrawing the SEPA threshold determination of nonsignificance issued on September 1, 2020. If Ecology issues a new threshold determination, a new notice and comment period will be provided.

Signature

Date January 14, 2021