

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](#)

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Order No. DE02AQIS-3588 Modification – Reduction in Stack Testing Frequency and Revision to Hog Fuel Boiler SO₂ Emissions Calculation When Combusting Non-Condensable Gases.

2. Name of applicant:

Packaging Corporation of America (PCA)

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

31833 W Hwy 12, Wallula, WA 99363

Paul Butkus (office phone: 509-545-3241)

4. Date checklist prepared:

August 30, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington Department of Ecology

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

The proposed project is an administrative action to modify the referenced Order and does not include construction of new equipment nor modification of existing equipment nor change in a method of operation. The project will be completed in accordance with the Ecology timeline.

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

There are currently no plans for future activity related to this proposal.

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

A history of applicable stack test results will be compiled and provided to Ecology to support the proposed reduction in stack testing frequency. In addition, a history of actual Hog Fuel Boiler SO₂ emissions when combusting non-condensable gases (NCGs) will be provided to support the proposed change from a time-based NCG combustion limit to a SO₂ emission mass-based NCG combustion limit.

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.

A Title V Air Operating Permit (AOP) renewal application was submitted to Ecology in 2022 and is pending.

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

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

The proposed project is a modification to an existing Order and no other approvals are required. Affected conditions within the Order will be incorporated into the Title V AOP.

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 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 proposed project is an administrative action to modify the referenced Order and does not include construction of new equipment nor modification of existing equipment nor change in a method of operation.

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 proposed project is an administrative action to modify the referenced Order which applies to the existing property and facility owned by the Packaging Corporation of America.

Legal Description: Township 7 North, Range 31 East, Section 10
Address: 31831 West Highway 12, Wallula, Washington 99363

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

[Find help answering earth questions³](#)

a. General description of the site:

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

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

The facility site is flat.

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

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

agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Site soils consist of sandy soils overlaid with fill material. Most of the facility site is paved. Proposal is an administrative change and no soils will be removed.

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

No.

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.

Proposal is an administrative change and no areas will be affected.

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

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no impact to erosion.

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no change to impervious surfaces.

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no impacts to the earth.

2. Air

[Find help answering air questions⁴](#)

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.

There are no changes in emissions. The proposed project is an administrative action to modify the referenced Order and does not include construction of new equipment nor modification of existing equipment nor change in a method of operation.

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no impacts from off-site sources.

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

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no change in emissions.

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.**

Yes. The shoreline of the Columbia River at River Mile 316 is near the site and the existing barge slip (250-feet wide and 600-feet long) enters the industrial site.

- 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.**

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no construction activity.

- 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.**

Proposal is an administrative change with no construction activity.

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

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no change to surface water withdrawals.

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

The facility does lie within a 100-year floodplain, however, the proposal is an administrative change with no construction activity or change to existing structures.

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>

- 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.**

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no discharge of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground:

[Find help answering ground water questions⁷](#)

- 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.**

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no changes to water use.

- 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 is an administrative change with no discharge to groundwater.

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 is an administrative change with no changes to stormwater runoff or the wastewater treatment facility.

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

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no changes to stormwater runoff or the wastewater treatment facility.

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

No. The proposal is an administrative change with no changes to drainage patterns.

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no impacts to water systems or drainage patterns.

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>

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?

None. The proposal is an administrative change with no changes to vegetation.

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

None.

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

None. The proposal is an administrative change with no changes to vegetation.

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

Russian olive, false indigobush, reed canarygrass, cheatgrass, and various thistles are present on the site.

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.

Examples include:

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>

- Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: waterfowl, pigeons
- Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: coyote
- Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

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

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists the following endangered and threatened species for Walla Walla County:

- Columbia River distinct population segment (DPS) bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*)
- Contiguous U.S. DPS Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)
- Western U.S. DPS yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*)
- Ute ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes diluvialis*)

The National Marine Fisheries Service lists the following species as occurring in the project vicinity:

- Snake River fall-run, Snake River spring/summer-run, and Upper Columbia River spring-run salmon evolutionary significant unit Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)
- Snake River Basin, Upper Columbia River, and Middle Columbia River DPS steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
 - Snake River Basin DPS sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)

The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to threatened and endangered species.

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

The facility lies within the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to migratory birds.

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

The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to wildlife.

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

Asian clam (*Corbicula fluminea*) is present in the Columbia River. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to invasive species.

6. Energy and natural resources

[Find help answering energy and natural resource questions⁹](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)

- 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.**

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>

The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to energy demand.

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

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to energy demand.

- 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.**

The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to energy demand.

7. Environmental health

[Health Find help with answering environmental health questions¹⁰](#)

- 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.**

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to environmental health.

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

Ongoing site groundwater monitoring is occurring at the facility related to past site uses. No significant remedial actions have occurred at the site.

- 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.**

Proposal is an administrative change with no impacts from hazardous chemicals/conditions.

- 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.**

Proposal is an administrative change with no use of toxic or hazardous chemicals.

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no special emergency services required.

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>

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no new environmental health hazards.

b. Noise

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no impacts from noise.

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)?

Proposal is an administrative change with no additional noise created.

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

Proposal is an administrative change with no noise impacts.

8. Land and shoreline use

[Find help answering land and shoreline use questions¹¹](#)

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 is a pulp and paper mill and there are no residential neighbors within 1 mile. Washington State Department /Highway 12, Union Pacific Railroad, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, the Port of Walla Walla-Wallula Gap Business Park, and a truck transportation facility are the closest adjacent properties. The proposal is an administrative change and will not affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties.

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 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 proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on land use.

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>

c. Describe any structures on the site.

The mill site is composed of buildings and structures typical in a pulp and paper mill.

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

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no changes to structures.

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

Heavy industrial.

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

Industrial.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on the shoreline.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on the land.

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

The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on current facility employment.

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

The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on current facility employment.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on current facility employment.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on the land.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on the land.

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.**

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on housing.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on housing.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on 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?**

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no new structures.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no new structures.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no new structures.

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?**

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on

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>

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>

light and glare.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on light and glare.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on light and glare.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on light and glare.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

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

The Columbia River is used for boating and fishing.

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

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on recreational uses in the immediate vicinity.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on recreational uses in the immediate vicinity.

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.**

Industrial buildings at the site are older than 45 years and are not eligible for listing on the national, state, or local preservation registers.

- 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.**

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>

A cultural resources desktop review was conducted by AP archaeologist Stephanie O'Brien, RPA on September 21, 2017. The review indicated seven surveys have been conducted within 1 mile of the area of potential effect (APE). One archaeological site (45WW126) has been recorded within 1 mile of the APE, but is located approximately 0.5 mile from the current APE.

No other known landmarks, features, or other evidence of tribal or historic use or occupation are located within the project area. Resources consulted include historic General Land Office maps and ethnographic resources.

No other professional archaeological studies have been conducted at the mill site. The entire industrial mill site has been previously disturbed during development. There are no records of previous discoveries during past construction activities.

- 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.**

The Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data was accessed on September 21, 2017, to determine the presence of previously recorded historic properties or archaeological sites within or near the project vicinity, as well as to determine the potential for cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. The review indicated seven surveys have been conducted within 1 mile of the APE. One archaeological site (45WW126) has been recorded within 1 mile of the APE, but is located approximately 0.5 mile from the current APE. No cultural resources were observed in the immediate project area.

- 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.**

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts on historic and cultural preservation.

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 mill is located on the west side of Highway 12 and has direct access to the highway heading either west to Pasco, Kennewick, and Richland or east to Walla Walla. The

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>

proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to transportation.

- 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?**

No, the closest public transit stop is approximately 20 miles away.

- 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).**

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to transportation.

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

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to 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 the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to transportation.

- 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.**

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to transportation.

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

None. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to transportation.

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.**

No. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to public services.

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

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>

None. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to public services.

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.

Not applicable. The proposed project is an administrative change with no impacts to existing utilities.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign¹⁹](#)

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: Brian Wilhelm

Position and agency/organization: Mill Manager; Packaging Corporation of America – Wallula Mill

Date submitted: 9-12-24

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

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

Do not use this section for project actions.

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>

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

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

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

- **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?

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

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?

- **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?

- **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?

- **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.