

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

Applicant

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N/A

Location

Just west of Quail Valley Road, north of Lambert Road and east of SR 970; east of Cle Elum along the east bank of the Teanaway River, Kittitas County, WRIA 39; Section 34/Township 20/Range 16.

Work

Set back, grade, replace rock surface and establish a new toe for an existing breached levee. Work will take place in the water and along the new eroded bank surface to repair approximately 1200 feet of breached levee. Construction equipment will include a bulldozer, excavator and dump trucks.

**Project Name: Teanaway Levee
Setback and Repair**

**Public Notice Date:
April 9, 2009**

**Comment Period Ends:
April 21, 2009**

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Federal Project Coordinator
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504

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Purpose

Repair and set back approximately 1200 feet of breached levee to protect existing residences from flooding

Additional Information

The new levee prism (2:1 side slopes with a 12-foot top width) will be placed along the new existing cut-bank **at the same elevation as the old levee**, creating additional floodplain capacity (about 1 acre) from what existed before. Approximately 18,000 square feet (0.43 acres) of river channel will be impacted with the new setback levee construction as opposed to approximately 78,000 square feet (1.77 acres) of impact if the levee were re-constructed in the old existing alignment. Shaping and grading the new levee alignment will include removal of 700 feet of deciduous dominated shoreline vegetation and 500 feet of conifer dominated (Ponderosa pine) shoreline vegetation.

The placement of the levee will impact (fill) approximately 1,000 square feet of wetland. Mitigation measures will include planting lifts of willow and red osier dogwood along the levee face near the water line. Removal of existing vegetation adjacent to the levee will be avoided as much as possible. All riparian vegetation removed will be placed in the river.

Turbidity monitoring will be done three times per day, immediately upstream and downstream of the project and at the compliance point (300 feet downstream). Work will immediately stop in the event of an exceedance until turbidity returns to an acceptable level. A Corps biologist will be on site at least once per day to monitor use of BMPs.

Comment and Review Period

Ecology is requesting comments from the public, state and local agencies, tribes, and other interested parties to evaluate the impacts of each proposed activity.

Anyone wanting to present their views about this project may do so by providing written comments within five [5] days of the publication date of this notice. Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record.

Ecology will evaluate all the comments received to determine whether to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a certification for the proposed work.