

Public Notice of Application for Permit

US Army Corps of Engineers

Regulatory Branch 4735 E. Marginal Way S., Bldg 1202 Seattle, WA 98134-2388

Telephone: (360) 393-2867 ATTN: Randel Perry, Project Manager Public Notice Date: June 13, 2025 Expiration Date: July 13, 2025

Reference No.: NWS-2020-296 Name: Puget Sound Energy

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has received an application to perform work in waters of the U.S. as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings dated May 2025. The Corps will review the work in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

APPLICANT: Puget Sound Energy (PSE)

Attention: Ms. Emily Hagin, PSE Municipal Liaison Manager

1110 Kentucky Street

Bellingham, Washington 98225 Telephone: (360) 319-6424

LOCATION: In Lake Shannon near Concrete, Skagit County, Washington.

WORK: Excavate and place fill to improve and expand an existing boat ramp.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: Provide recreational facilities required by a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license.

<u>NOTE</u>: A Standard (Individual) Department of the Army permit was issued for the project on July 31, 2020, and expired on July 31, 2023. The applicant stated no boat ramp work was performed; only the upland park facilities described below were constructed. No changes to the previously authorized boat ramp project are proposed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The proposed work is required by FERC under the provisions of license number 2150 (Article 17). The applicant proposes to enlarge and improve an existing boat ramp. The existing boat ramp is a single-lane, at-grade, gravel boat launch ramp that is approximately 55 feet wide at the top and approximately 40 feet wide at the bottom of the launch. The launch is approximately 400 feet long. The proposed project includes re-grading the existing boat launch ramp, shifting the ramp to the west, and construction of a modified boat ramp that will contain a mix of concrete and gravel surfaces. The new launch ramp will be a total of 60 feet wide and consist of the installation of a new 16-foot-wide by 400-foot-long concrete portion along the west side of the ramp with a 5-foot gravel shoulder along the western edge and rip rap at the toe. Most of the concrete ramp will be cast in place and will be done in

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the dry. The portion of the concrete ramp near the toe of the launch ramp will be constructed with pre-cast concrete panels to minimize use of cast-in-place concrete near the lake-water-level elevation. A 40-foot-wide by 300-foot-long gravel ramp would be constructed along the east side. A portion of the existing gravel spit will be re-graded to provide material for the new launch ramp. New shoreline protection riprap is proposed for the new cut-and-fill slope areas around the new ramp. To facilitate work "in the dry", the lake level would be lowered to at least 400 feet elevation (NAVD 88) that is the elevation of the toe end of the concrete portion of the launch ramp. There will be a portion of the ramp north and west of the concrete launch ramp that will have fill placed below the water level. This fill will be placed using upland-based equipment. A silt curtain, debris boom, and other best management practices (BMPs), as appropriate. will be in place for the duration of this work.

NOTE: Ancillary to the work requiring Corps authorization, the applicant has completed installation of upland gravel parking areas for cars and boat trailers, new paved sidewalks, gravel trails, picnic tables, a picnic shelter, vault-toilet restrooms, information kiosks, signage, and new landscaping. As part of the upland portion of the work, PSE completed installation of native riparian and wetland buffer plantings.

This public notice features project drawings in color that we think more accurately communicate the scope of project impacts. To access the electronic version of this public notice, go to the Seattle District's web page at http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/ and under the heading Open Public Comment Periods select Regulatory Public Notices. Recently-issued public notices are listed in chronological order by the date of issuance. Select and view the listing for this project.

MITIGATION: No mitigation proposed.

<u>ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The FERC, as the lead agency for ESA consultation, will consult with the NMFS and/or the USFWS as required under Section 7 of the ESA.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact EFH in the project area. The FERC, as the lead agency for a determination regarding EFH, will consult with the National Marine Fisheries Services, if necessary.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The FERC, as the lead agency for determining compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and Native American Tribes, as appropriate.

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<u>PUBLIC HEARING:</u> Any person may request, in writing within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits that may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Washington Department of Ecology has or will evaluate the proposed project in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and for consistency with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations and tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments concerning this public notice will be accepted, made part of the record, and will be considered in determining whether authorizing the work would not be contrary to the public interest. To be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to randel.j.perry@usace.army.mil. Either conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commenter's name, address, and phone number. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public release under the Freedom of Information Act, including any personally identifiable information such as names, phone numbers, and addresses. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration.

You may also now submit project-specific comments to the Corps through the new Regulatory Request System (RRS) using this link: https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs. Once in the

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RRS, click Public Notices and filter to Washington State to see all current Seattle District Public Notices, including this notice. You may submit your comments directly through this portal.

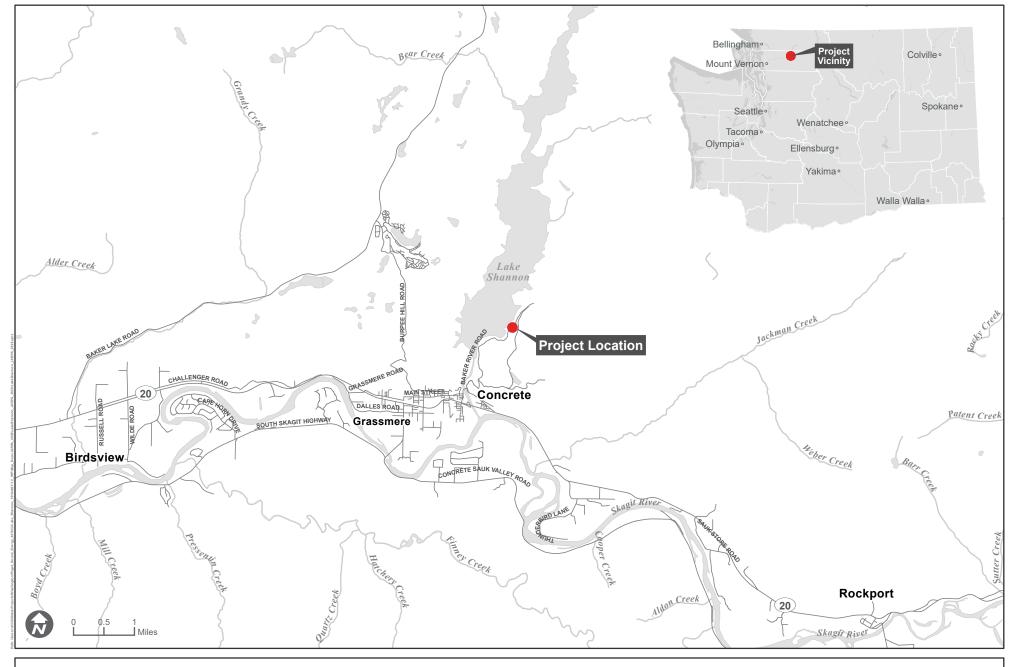
Conventional mail comments should be sent to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch,

Attention: Randel Perry, 4735 E. Marginal Way S, Bldg 1202, Seattle, Washington, 98134-2388.

To ensure proper consideration of all comments, responders must include the following name and reference number in the text of their comments: Puget Sound Energy, NWS-2019-241

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REFERENCE: NWS-2019-241

LOCATION: 6323 BAKER RIVER ROAD

TITLE: VICINITY MAP

APPLICANT: PUGET SOUND ENERGY

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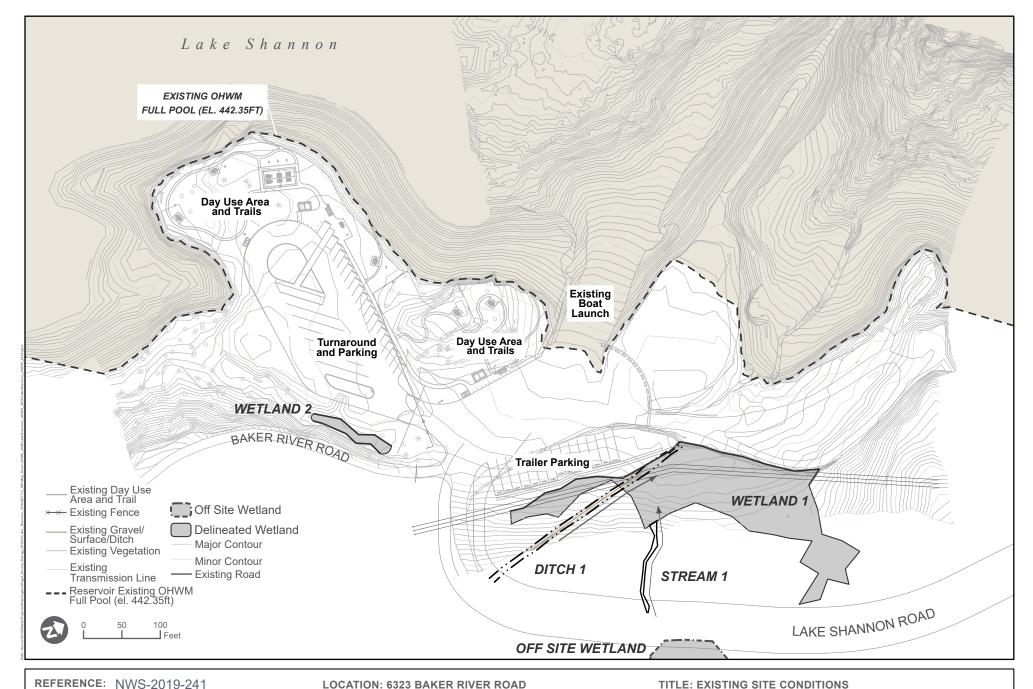
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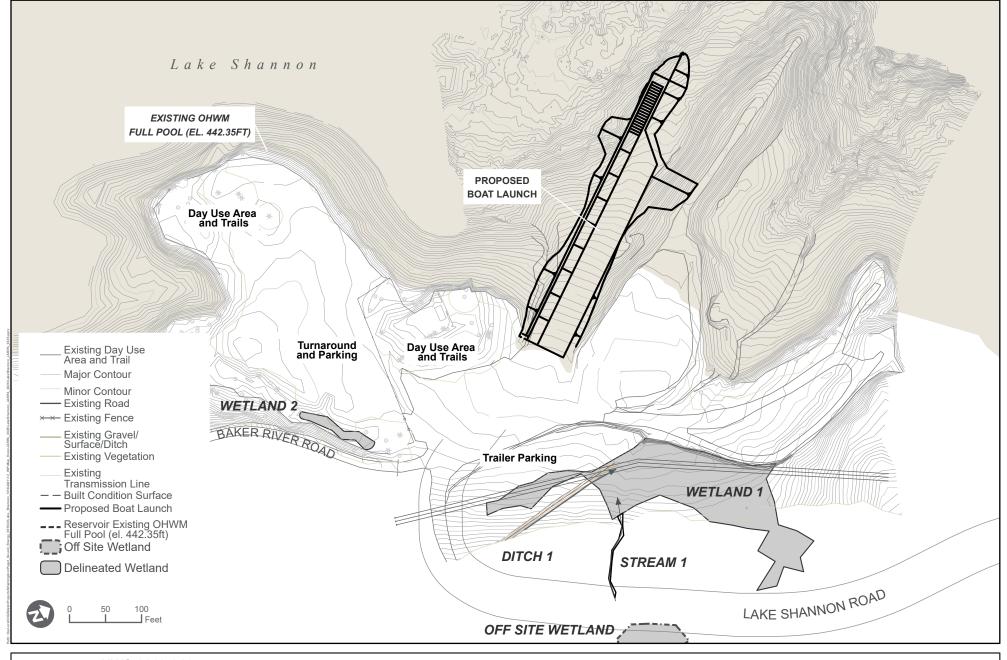


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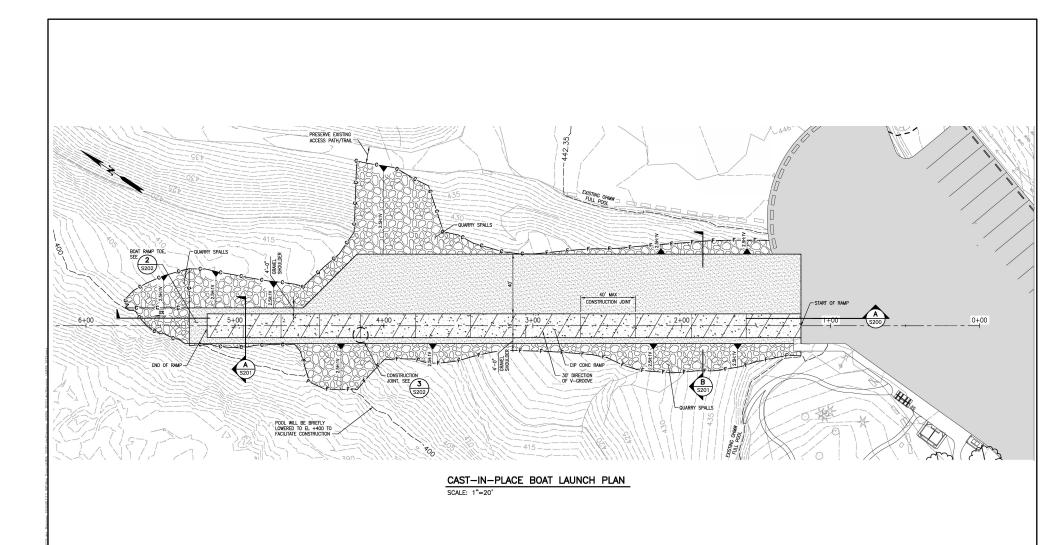
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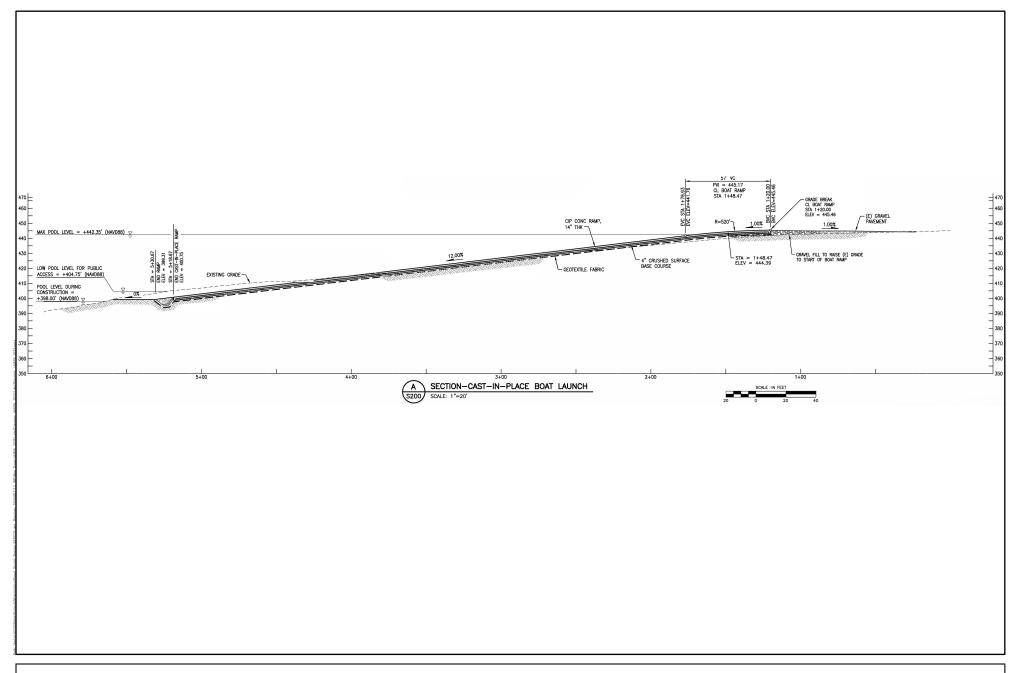
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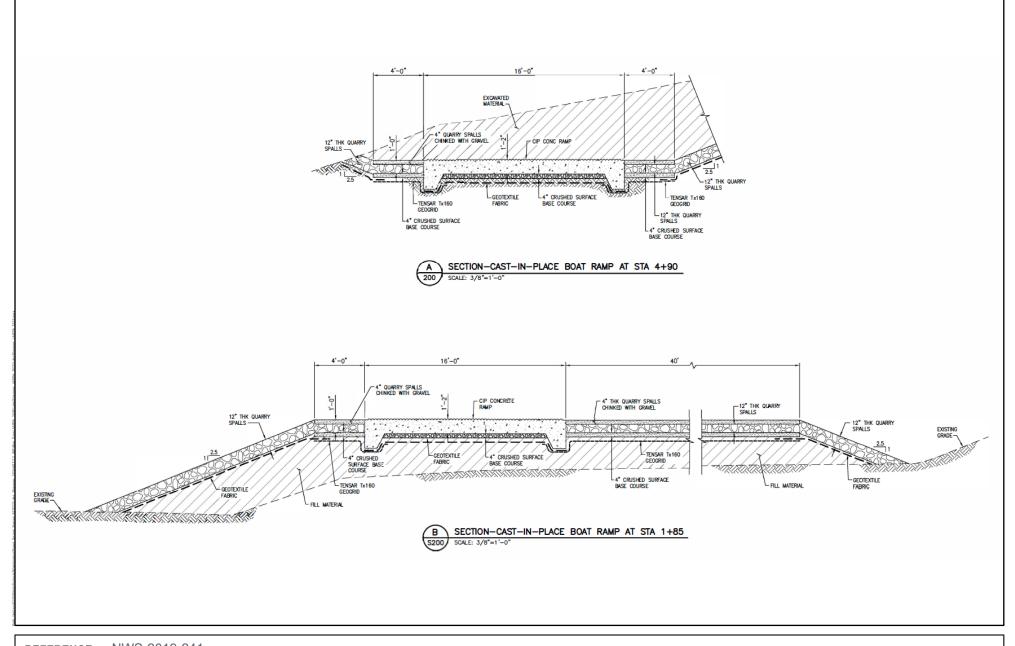
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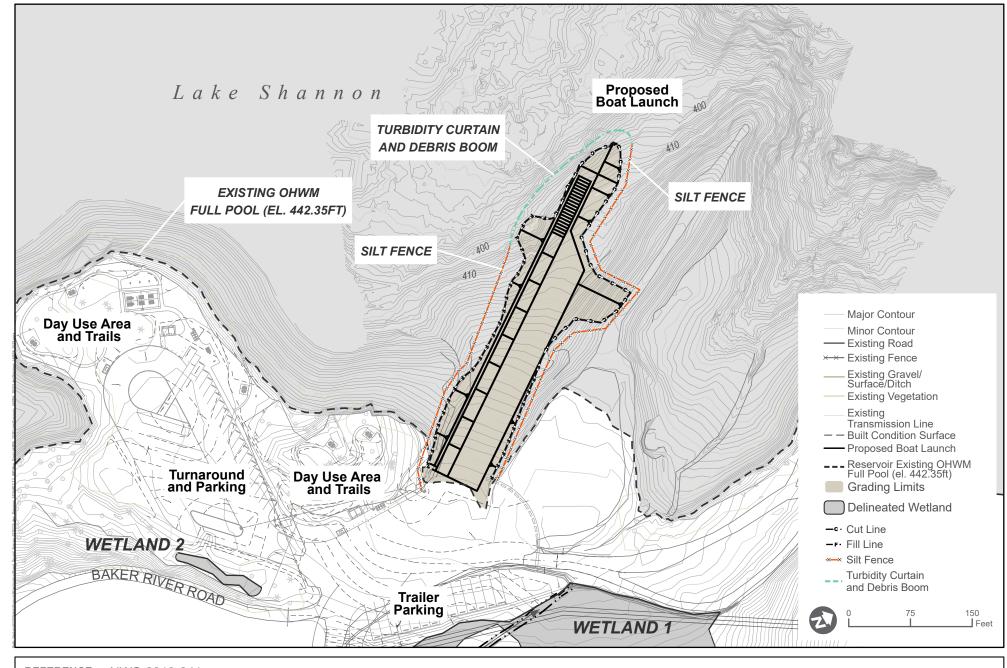
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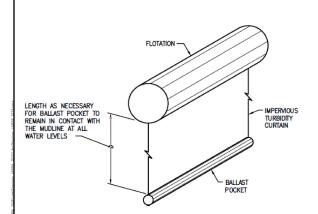
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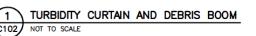
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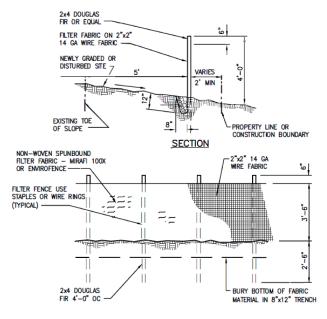
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ELEVATION



TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL NOTES

1. TAKE CARE TO PREVENT DEBRIS FROM ENTERING THE WAITER DURING CONSTRUCTION AND REMOVE DEBRIS PROMPTLY IF IT DOES ENTER THE WAITER, MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS SHALL BE USED WHICH PREVENT TOXIC MATERIALS, PETROCHEMICALS AND OTHER POLLUTANTS FROM ENTER SURFACE WAITER DURING AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION. APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CLEANUP MUST BE KEPT ONSTRUCTION.

A. ABSORBENT MATERIALS MUST BE EMPLOYED IF A

PETROCHEMICAL SHEEN IS OBSERVED. MATERIALS SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL ALL POLLUTANTS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND SHEENS DISSIPATE. USED ABSORBENT MATERIALS SHALL BE DISPOSED OF IN AN APPROPRIATE UPLAND FACILITY.

- B. CONTRACTOR MUST NOTIFY ALL REQUIRED REGULATORY AGENCIES AND COMPLY WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
- 2. COMPLY WITH ALL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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- IN-WATER DEBRIS BOOM AND TURBIDITY CURTAIN AND SILT FENCE SHALL BE DEPLOYED AROUND ALL ACTIVE WORK AREAS AND EQUIPMENT DURING CONSTRUCTION AS NECESSARY TO CONTROL DEBRIS AND MEET WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS.
- CONSTRUCTION EROSION CONTROL MEASURES MUST BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO ANY DISTURBANCE.
- 5. SEE SHEET C102 FOR LAYOUT OF DEBRIS BOOM/TURBIDITY CURTAIN AND SILT FENCE.

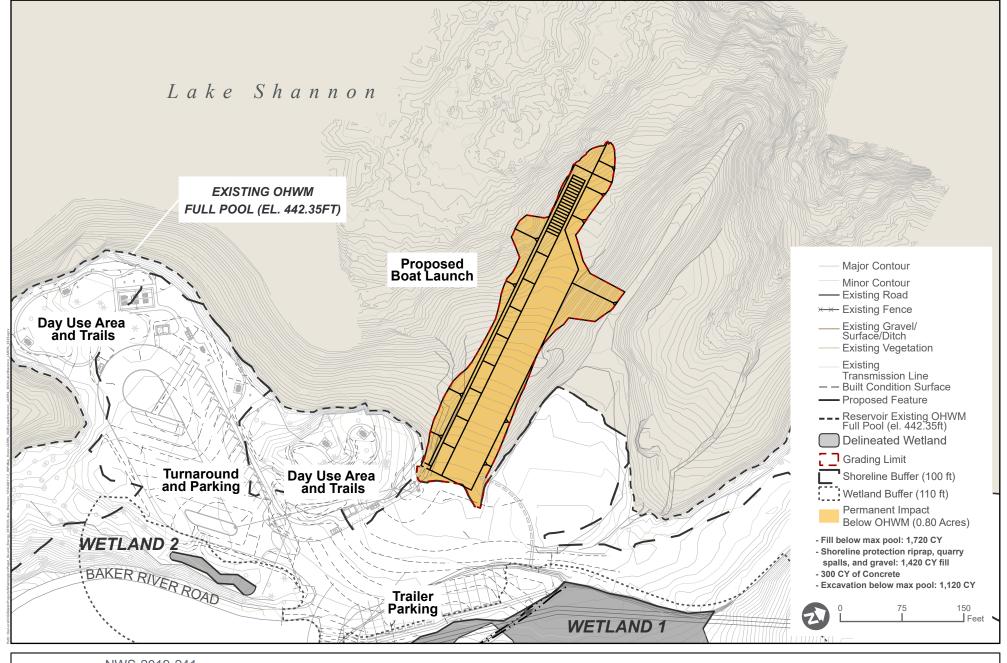
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