



Snohomish County Department of Public Works
Transportation and Environmental Services
Environmental Services Section (ENVS)

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 28, 2010
To: John Pennington, Director, Department of Emergency Management
From: Crilly R. Ritz, Senior Environmental Planner
Subject: SEPA Review

Non-Project Action: Snohomish County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
Project Number: RO-ENV 15
Proponent: Department of Emergency Management
Project Description: Preparation and Adoption of 2010 Update to the Snohomish County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

This memo documents Public Works' SEPA review and analysis conducted on the above proposed non-project action. Based on a review of the proposed 2010 update of the Snohomish County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan non-project action, ENVS has determined that the proposal is categorically exempt from SEPA under **WAC 197-11-800 (15) Financial assistance grants. The approval of grants or loans by one agency to another shall be exempt, although an agency may at its option require compliance with SEPA prior to making a grant or loan for design and construction of a project. This exemption includes agencies taking nonproject actions that are necessary to apply for federal or other financial assistance.**

The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is being prepared for Snohomish County legislative approval and adoption. The plan's preparation is a condition of receiving financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Act, also known as The Disaster Mitigation Act. The above cited SEPA WAC exemption applies to this plan.

If ENVS is informed of a project proposed by Public Works that would implement an element of this plan subsequent to this Memorandum, ENVS shall review the nature of such project at that time and document whether or not SEPA documentation is appropriate for compliance with all applicable SEPA regulations.

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