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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Tracy Cooper, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

**Odessa Surface Water Irrigation Project proposal aims to convert a current DNR dryland agriculture lease site into a more productive irrigated lease site. For the lease site (DNR lease C1200106184) to become irrigated, the site needs to attach to an offsite pipeline carrying surface water. The pipeline is part of the broader Odessa Irrigation Project. The lease site will need to install a connecting pipeline from the lease site to the offsite pipeline carrying the surface water. Before this attaching pipeline on the lease site can be built, the lease site needs to get administratively converted from a dryland lease to an irrigated lease, and as part of this process, water rights need to be transferred to the lease site. The Department of Ecology will only allow these water rights to be transferred to the lease site once the SEPA process has been conducted. For the lease site to get converted to an irrigation lease site, water will need to get piped to the lease site center field pivots for irrigation dispersal. Approximately 480 acres of cropland will get irrigated onsite. Excavation and installation of the irrigation pipeline and equipment will need to occur on the lease site. Located in Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 31 East, W.M., Adams County.**

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Forest Practice Application can be accessed through DNR's website at:

<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/other-projects>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on **October 29, 2024**. We will consider comments on this proposed DNS received by 4:30 p.m. on **November 12, 2024**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, [sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:sepacenter@dnr.wa.gov); or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.