



## REGION 10

SEATTLE, WA 98101

June 5, 2025

### **PRELIMINARY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT EPA No. N2025193**

To: All Interested Persons

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) procedures for implementing NEPA (40 CFR part 6), the EPA completed an independent environmental review of the proposed project as described below:

Project Name: Dillingham Landfill Improvements

Name of Applicant: City of Dillingham

Project Location: Dillingham, Alaska

EPA Congressionally Directed

Spending Grant Amount: \$4,720,000

#### **Background**

The Fiscal Year 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 118-42) included Congressionally Directed Spending for certain projects. The City of Dillingham was designated to receive appropriations funding support from the EPA for the Landfill Improvements (the Proposed Action).

The City of Dillingham Landfill in Dillingham, Alaska, is located approximately 10 miles northwest of City center on Waskey Road within Sections 32 and 35 of Township 12 South, Range 55 West, Seward Meridian. The Dillingham Landfill Improvements Project seeks to modernize and enhance the operational capacity of the region's primary waste management facility through targeted infrastructure upgrades and equipment acquisitions.

This comprehensive project includes:

- repair of the existing incinerator,
- installation of a waste oil burner, and

- procurement of essential waste processing equipment, including a shredder/baler for scrap metal and a glass crusher. Heavy equipment acquisitions, including a D7 Waste Handler, 352 Excavator, Wheeled Loader, and Skid steer loader, will improve daily operations and waste handling efficiency.

The project also encompasses critical infrastructure improvements, as follows:

- construction of a weather port/equipment hangar,
- construction of a dry storage facility,
- replacement of three ground monitoring wells, and
- installation of six methane monitoring wells.

Overall, the above listed improvements will extend the facility's operational lifespan, ensure environmental compliance, and provide the community with sustainable waste management services for years to come. Total project cost is targeted to enhance operational efficiency while maintaining regulatory compliance and environmental protection standards.

### **Environmental Review**

The EPA completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) (EPA No. N2025193) for the project and, based on the environmental impacts described in the EA (Enclosure ), determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the issuance of the grant and the Proposed Action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, making the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) unnecessary. Therefore, the EPA is issuing this preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to document this determination.

This preliminary FONSI determination will be made available for a 30-day public comment period as required by 40 CFR Part 6.203. An electronic copy of the EA is available for download from the EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/details?nepaId=512279>.

Comments regarding this preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration to:

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After evaluating any comments received, the EPA will make a final decision. This preliminary decision and finding will then become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

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Date

Enclosure: EA for Dillingham Landfill Improvements (EPA No. N2025193)