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## **Permit Issuance For The Proposed Third Runway**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Seattle District issued a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act on 13 December 2002, for the Port of Seattle's (Port) proposed third runway and associated Master Plan Update projects. This application was the subject of three Seattle District Public Notices with the final notice dated 27 December 2000. The work proposed is part of the proposed Master Plan Update (MPU) and includes the construction of an 8,500 foot third runway, two Runway Safety Areas (RSA), the South Aviation Support Area (SASA), the mitigation both on-site and at Auburn, the relocation of South 154<sup>th</sup>/156<sup>th</sup> Way, the discharge of fill material in Borrow Area 1 and the upgrade of an existing gravel haul road (located northeast of Borrow Area 4). The construction involves permanently impacting wetlands on and off-site totaling 19.62 acres and temporarily impacting wetlands totaling 5.51 acres on-site and 23.27 acres at Auburn. Up to 980 linear feet of Miller Creek will be filled and relocated. Drainage channels in the Miller Creek basin (1,290 linear feet) and in the Des Moines Creek basin (100 linear feet) will also be impacted.

The determination as to whether a Department of the Army permit will be issued for certain work in waters of the United States is based on an evaluation of the individual and cumulative impact which the work may have on the public interest. The District Engineer has evaluated relevant factors concerning Port's proposal for impacts upon the public interest. The views of Federal, State, and local governmental agencies were given great weight in our evaluation, as were the numerous letters received from the public and opposition groups during the public review process. After consideration of the above, we have concluded that the work is not contrary to the public interest. Accordingly, there is no basis upon which to deny a permit, and this permit has been issued.

A copy of the Port's permit and the Record of Decision can be found on the Seattle District's website at <http://www.nws.usace.army.mil>. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Muffy Walker, telephone (206) 764-6915 or email at [michelle.walker@usace.army.mil](mailto:michelle.walker@usace.army.mil).