

# OLYMPIC COLLEGE POLICY

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**TITLE: SEPA**

**POLICY NUMBER: 200-01**

**REFERENCE: WAC 132c-280-010**

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**Olympic College environmental policy.**

1. It shall be the policy of Community College District No. 3 that capital projects proposed and developed by the District shall comply with the provisions of chapter 43.21C RCW, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); chapter 197-11 WAC, council on environmental policy guidelines for SEPA implementation; and WAC 131-24-030, SEPA implementation rules of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, as now or hereafter amended.
2. The “responsible official” for purposes of this policy shall be the President or the President’s designee.

**Declaration of significance—Non-significance.** The responsible official shall prepare a "declaration of significance/non-significance" for each capital construction proposal or other major action.

**Threshold determination.**

1. The responsible official shall make a "threshold determination" (a decision whether or not an environmental impact statement is required) following procedures contained in WAC 197-10-300 through 197-10-340.
2. An environmental checklist is required to be completed in the determination process except for exemptions noted in WAC 197-10-170, 197-10-175 and 197-10-180, or when it is predetermined an environmental statement is required.

**Declaration of non-significance.** A "declaration of non-significance" statement will be prepared if the determination is one of no adverse impact.

**Declaration of significance.** A "declaration of significance" will be prepared if the determination is one of significant adverse environmental impact, and the environmental impact statement preparation procedures (WAC 197-10-400 through 197-10-695) will be initiated.

**Appeal of decision.** The decisions of the responsible official may be appealed to the Board of Trustees in accordance with chapter 28B.19 RCW and chapter 132C-08 WAC.

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