

Community Development Department

102206 East Wiser Parkway
Kennewick, WA 99338

**Planning Division**

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**Notice of Application
(Optional DNS Process)****Benton County has received a permit application for the following project:**

A maintenance project involving the installation of marine pile jacket systems on 62 existing treated timber structural piles located at the central dock and associated walkways of the existing Hedges Dock facility at the Nutrien Kennewick Fertilizer Operations site on the Columbia River.

Project Location:

The project is located at 227108 E Hedges Rd in the Kennewick area of unincorporated Benton County within the Columbia River. The parcel is legally described as Section 14, Township 08 North, Range 30 East W.M., parcel number 1-1480-300-0001-001.

Agency Contact:

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Project Applicant:

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Agency File Number:

EA 2026-0013

Date of permit application:

July 14, 2026

Date of determination of completeness:

July 16, 2026

Date of Notice of Application:

July 17, 2026

Notice of Application Publication Date:

July 22, 2026

Comment due date:

August 5, 2026

SEPA Environmental Review: The Benton County Planning Division has reviewed the proposed project for probable adverse environmental impacts and expects to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) or Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS). The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. The optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355 is being used. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Agencies, tribes, and the public are encouraged to review and comment on the proposed project and its probable environmental impacts. Comments must be submitted by the due date noted above (14 days from date of publication) to the Benton County Planning Division, 102206 E Wiser Parkway, Kennewick, WA 99338. Any information submitted to Benton County is subject to the public records disclosure law for the State of Washington (RCW Chapter 42.17) and all other applicable law that may require the release of the documents to the public.

This project does not require a public hearing. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination and any other information concerning this action may be obtained by contacting the Benton County Planning Division, at 102206 E Wiser Parkway, Kennewick, WA or (509) 786-5612.

Preliminary Development Regulations and Existing Environmental Documents: To evaluate the impacts of the proposed project, the following may be used for mitigation, consistency, and the development of findings and conclusions:

Regulations of Benton County including the Benton County Comprehensive Plan, BCC Title 3 Building, Fire, and Road Standards, BCC Title 6.35 SEPA, BCC Title 11 Zoning, and BCC Title 15 Critical Area Ordinance

Regulations of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Regulations of the Benton-Franklin Health District

Other required agency evaluations, approvals, permits, and mitigation as necessary

Required Permits:

Benton County Shoreline Management Exemption Permit (SMPEX), Benton County Special Flood Hazard Development Permit, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife – Hydraulic Project Approval, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Nationwide Permit, other forms, reports, or approvals as necessary.

Required Studies:

Unknown at this time.

Dated at Kennewick, Washington on this 17th day of July, 2026.



Damien Hooper, Planning Manager
Benton County Planning Division