



Washington
State Department of
Agriculture

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal 2024 Japanese Beetle Eradication. The Washington State Department of Agriculture is proposing to issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the eradication of Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) on approximately 2,793.9 acres in an area encompassing Grandview, Mabton, Sunnyside, Wapato and surrounding areas of Yakima and Benton counties, Washington. Proposed turfgrass foliar applications will be completed using either the insecticide chlorantraniliprole or the biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis subs. galleriae* on approximately 10,700 residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Any treatments completed in Wapato are with permission from, and coordination with the Yakama Nation.

Proponent Washington State Department of Agriculture

Location of proposal, including street address, if any This project SEPA covers the proposed treatment in Yakima and Benton counties during the spring, summer, and fall of 2024. Cities within this proposal area include Mabton, Grandview, Wapato, and Sunnyside.

Lead agency Washington State Department of Agriculture

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this DNS.

☐ This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS.

■ This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by **March 11, 2024**.

Responsible official Kelly McLain

Position/title Policy Advisor to the Director/Agency SEPA Lead Phone. 360.359.8091

Address P.O. Box 42560 Olympia, WA 98504-2560

Date. February 26, 2024 Signature Kelly McLain