

- WAC 197-11-444 Elements of the environment.** (1) Natural environment:
- (a) Earth:
 - (i) Geology;
 - (ii) Soils;
 - (iii) Topography;
 - (iv) Unique physical features;
 - (v) Erosion/enlargement of land area (accretion);
 - (b) Air:
 - (i) Air quality;
 - (ii) Odor;
 - (iii) Climate;
 - (c) Water:
 - (i) Surface water movement/quantity/quality;
 - (ii) Runoff/absorption;
 - (iii) Floods;
 - (iv) Groundwater movement/quantity/quality;
 - (v) Public water supplies;
 - (d) Plants and animals:
 - (i) Habitat for and numbers or diversity of species of plants, fish, or other wildlife;
 - (ii) Unique species;
 - (iii) Fish or wildlife migration routes;
 - (e) Energy and natural resources:
 - (i) Amount required/rate of use/efficiency;
 - (ii) Source/availability;
 - (iii) Nonrenewable resources;
 - (iv) Conservation and renewable resources;
 - (v) Scenic resources;
 - (2) Built environment:
 - (a) Environmental health:
 - (i) Noise;
 - (ii) Risk of explosion;
 - (iii) Releases or potential releases to the environment affecting public health, such as toxic or hazardous materials;
 - (b) Land and shoreline use:
 - (i) Relationship to existing land use plans and to estimated population;
 - (ii) Housing;
 - (iii) Light and glare;
 - (iv) Aesthetics;
 - (v) Recreation;
 - (vi) Historic and cultural preservation;
 - (vii) Agricultural crops;
 - (c) Transportation:
 - (i) Transportation systems;
 - (ii) Vehicular traffic;
 - (iii) Waterborne, rail, and air traffic;
 - (iv) Movement/circulation of people or goods;
 - (v) Traffic hazards;
 - (d) Public services and utilities:
 - (i) Fire;
 - (ii) Police;
 - (iii) Schools;
 - (iv) Parks or other recreational facilities;
 - (v) Maintenance;
 - (vi) Communications;

- (vii) Water/stormwater;
- (viii) Sewer/solid waste;
- (ix) Other governmental services or utilities;

(3) To simplify the EIS format, reduce paperwork and duplication, improve readability, and focus on the significant issues, some or all of the elements of the environment in WAC 197-11-444 may be combined.

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