

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
UW FACILITIES, ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**DATE:** April 7, 2020

**SUBJECT:** SEPA Categorical Exemption

Per RCW 43.21C, WAC 197-11 and WAC 478-324-020 through 210, the University of Washington (UW) is the Lead Agency responsible for compliance with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for projects which the University initiates. Public notice of categorical exemptions is not required per WAC 197-11-305(2) which states “an agency is not required to document that a proposal is categorically exempt.” Agencies may note on an application that a proposal is categorically exempt or place such a determination in agency files; however, for permitting purposes, this form documents the SEPA categorical exemption for the following project.

**NAME:** Health Sciences Education Building (HSEB) Stormwater Drainage System Maintenance

**LOCATION:** UW Seattle Campus (see attachment map).

**HISTORY:** The project identifies an existing stormwater drainage system to be repair to treat the stormwater prior to discharge.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes to maintain and repair the existing storm drainage system by repurposing an existing 78-foot-long by 20-foot-wide abandoned concrete flume and installing a GSI facility within the existing footprint, approximately 45-ft. upland of the ordinary high water mark of Portage Bay. Captured runoff will be re-routed through the GSI facility by installing a storm drain pipe and pump at the northwest corner to the GSI facility and connecting to the downstream drain pipe. The filtered runoff will be conveyed to Portage Bay via existing installed drainage. All construction and maintenance activities will occur at least 35-feet from Portage Bay, and no work will occur below the ordinary high water mark.

**SEPA DETERMINATION:** This project is categorically exempt per WAC 197-11-800(3) of the State Environmental Policy Act. This section exempts repair, remodeling, maintenance or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment, including utilities, involving no material expansions or changes to the existing use. No adverse environmental impacts are associated with this project.

## ATTACHMENT – PROJECT VICINITY MAP

