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NSAP Asphalt Recycling Policy Review Project (Policy E.5)**

**Current Text (Policy E.5, p.21):**

Allow accessory activities to be considered inside the mined out portion of the gravel pit through the site plan review process. Examples of allowable accessory uses would include concrete pipe and/or septic tank construction and the recycling of used concrete. The reprocessing of imported mineral materials shall not be the primary accessory use and the reprocessing of asphalt shall not be allowed due to water quality concerns. These activities shall be discontinued once reclamation of the pit is completed in accordance with the WDNR standards.

**Proposed Options:**

**Option 1:**

**Make no changes to the current policy E.5 of the Nisqually Subarea Plan. Continue to prohibit reprocessing of asphalt.**

No change from current text.

**Option 2:**

**Adopt the applicant’s proposed amendment to Policy E.5 of the Nisqually Subarea Plan, thus removing the prohibition on asphalt recycling as an accessory use within the Nisqually Subarea.**

“Allow accessory activities to be considered inside the mined out portion of the gravel pit through the site plan review process. Examples of allowable accessory uses would include concrete pipe and/or septic tank construction and the recycling of used concrete and asphalt pavement. The reprocessing of imported mineral materials shall not be the primary accessory use, ~~and the reprocessing of asphalt shall not be allowed due to water quality concerns.~~ These activities shall be discontinued once reclamation of the pit is completed in accordance with the WDNR standards.”

**Option 3:**

**Adopt the applicant’s proposed amendment to Policy E.5 of the Nisqually Subarea Plan, with additional amendments. This option would remove the prohibition on asphalt recycling as an accessory use within the Nisqually Subarea, but add the requirement that Best Management Practices be employed (specifically for covering stockpiles). This option would also require text changes in the Thurston County Code.**

“Allow accessory activities to be considered inside the mined out portion of the gravel pit through the site plan review process. Examples of allowable accessory uses would include concrete pipe and/or septic tank construction and the recycling of used concrete and asphalt pavement. Operators shall employ best management practices for covered storage of recycled asphalt to ensure minimal environmental harm and impact due to leachate. Best management practices will be determined through the site-level permit review process, but may include tarping, storage sheds, or other methods. The reprocessing of imported mineral materials shall not be the primary accessory use, ~~and the reprocessing of asphalt shall not be allowed due to water quality concerns.~~ These activities shall be discontinued once reclamation of the pit is completed in accordance with the WDNR standards.”



