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It is hard for the public to understand the differences between the approvals needed for growths at the PoS. Changes over the years that seem small individually are often directed toward increased flights. For example, the expansion of C-1 building is another change that will lead to the ability to process more flights. However, the reviews of these changes do not include the effects of increased flights on local sound levels and air quality.

The reviews of the plans are also hard for the public to read, making it hard for the public to understand what the port is doing. For example, the SEPA DETERMINATION for C-1 building expansion has a Flesch reading score of 8. The reading score ranges from 0-100 where a higher score means it is easier to read. It also has a Flesch-Kincaid grade level score of 19. Preparing documents with these scores is a good way to hide from the public the issue that more space in Building C-1 is one small step toward increased flights.

References

SEPA – State Environmental Protection Act
NEPA - National Environmental Protection Act
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
SAMP – Sustainable Airport Master Plan
See SEPA Rules under WAC-197-11-060 (5) Phased review

See comments on <https://www.hollistercreative.com/blog/write-to-the-right-reading-level/>