

3: AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

Introduction

This chapter of the EA provides a description of existing environmental conditions and applicable regulations within the area of the proposed district heating system project. This chapter is organized into sections by environmental parameter. Each of these sections identifies the:

- Environmental Setting
- Regulatory Setting

ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The environmental setting sections present a description of the physical environment for each of the twelve environmental parameters analyzed for the proposed project. The study area for each environmental setting varies among the parameters.

REGULATORY SETTING

The regulatory settings are presented for each of the fourteen environmental parameters. Federal, state, regional, district, and local regulations applicable to the project site are identified.