EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

This document summarizes the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared for the proposed Emerald Resources Northwest mining project. The EIS assesses the potential environmental impacts of the project, including air, water, and land use effects. The project involves mining for coal and the construction of a coal processing facility. The EIS includes a detailed description of the proposed activities, the potential environmental impacts, and the mitigation measures proposed to address those impacts.

LOCATION

The proposed project site is located approximately 6 miles northeast of Malott, Washington, in the vicinity of the South Fork of the Wall River. The project area is characterized by a combination of forested, agricultural, and open land uses.

ELEVATION

The proposed project site ranges in elevation from 1,200 feet to 1,500 feet above sea level.

TOTAL DEPTHS

The project involves mining depths from 40 to 80 feet below the surface.

PERMITTING

The project requires various federal and state permits, including those from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Washington Department of Ecology, and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

PROGRAM

The program includes the following key activities:

1. Preparation of the EIS
2. Public hearings
3. Permitting process
4. Construction of the mining facility
5. Operation of the mining facility
6. Monitoring and reporting

The program is designed to ensure that the project is developed in a manner that minimizes environmental impacts and meets all regulatory requirements.

Program's benefits include:

- Creation of jobs in the local community
- Increased economic activity in the region
- Improved access to coal resources

The project is anticipated to begin in 2024, with completion expected by 2026.