



FEMA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
One-Time Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill
City of Eagle, Alaska
FEMA-1843-DR-AK

The City of Eagle has applied through the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, to construct a one-time construction and demolition (C&D) debris landfill in Eagle, Alaska. The site is needed to dispose of C&D waste generated by the flooding and ice jams that occurred from April 28 through May 31, 2009. The event was declared a disaster by the President on June 11, 2009, under FEMA-1843-DR-AK.

The proposed site would be located on 1.3 acres approximately midway between the City of Eagle and the new Village of Eagle. The site is a rural site and approximately .4 miles upland of the Yukon River. The site comprises of four debris disposal cells within an approximate opening of 40 feet wide by 100 feet long, with a depth of up to 15 feet. An earthen berm would surround the disposal cells and provide a stormwater buffer on all sides for surrounding property. Waste will be inspected prior to disposal to ensure only inert waste is disposed at the site. The start date would be after July 29, 2009, and the anticipated date of closing for three of the cells is September 30, 2009 (weather dependent), with one cell left open for one year. The site will be authorized and regulated by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

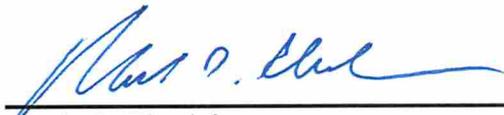
The City of Eagle will provide environmental mitigation measures and comply with Environmental and Historic Preservation regulations by 1) implementing its mitigation measures and construction Best Management Practices in accordance with those outlined in the Final Environmental Assessment for this project; 2) halting work in the event historically or archaeologically significant materials or sites are discovered during project implementation until the City of Eagle and FEMA, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, determines appropriate measures have been taken to protect cultural resources; and 3) applying for and securing appropriate state and local permits. No federal permits are required.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations, FEMA prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives presented in the EA and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Alternatives evaluated in the EA include: 1) No Action, and 2) Construct a One-Time C&D Debris Landfill (Proposed Action). The Draft EA was submitted for public review and comment. FEMA did not receive any comments.

FINDINGS

Based upon the attached Final EA and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10 for environmental consideration, including Executive Orders (EOs) addressing floodplains (EO 11988), wetlands (EO 11990), and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA determined the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8) and the project, as described in the attached EA, may proceed.

APPROVAL



7-30-09

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Date