

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Indian Health Service
Nashville Area
Sanitation Facilities Construction Project
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
NS-11-D28

Drinking Water Treatment Facility Raw Water Intake Upgrade

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact on the Raw Water intake Upgrade project serving the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe – Saint Regis Mohawk Reservation

AGENCY: IHS
ACTION: Notice
SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that an Environmental Assessment and Mitigated Finding of No Significant Impact for Project NS 11-D28, Drinking Water Raw Water Intake Upgrade, is available for public review.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development prepared an environmental assessment on a proposal by the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe to make renovations to its water treatment plant in 2000. That construction project consisted of a new water filtration plant building adjacent to the existing water treatment plant a new water intake pipe.

A FONSI was issued on June 15, 2000.

This project will extend the present/new intake pipe and screen by eighty feet (80) as originally designed in 2000. The existing enclosure of the raw water pumping station will be replaced by a new structure.

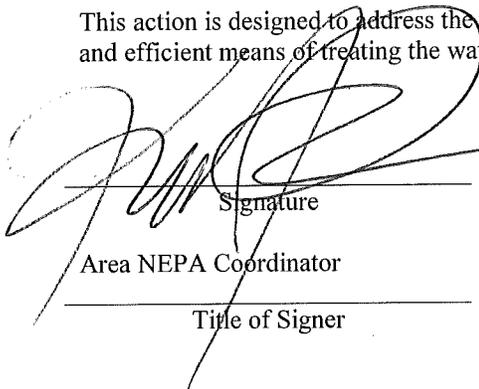
As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, an assessment of the potential environmental effect of the proposed project has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment conditioned on specific mitigation detailed in this document. Because of this an Environmental Impact statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is:

- The remediation of existing facilities is within previously disturbed areas.
- The result of this project will improve the water quality of the wastewater backwash thus benefiting the receiving waters.
- The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer states there should be no effect upon the historic significance of the project area.
- The State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife states that there are no federally listed species under their jurisdiction known to occur in the proposed project area at Pleasant Point's wastewater treatment plant.
- The improvement will not adversely affect any group and will serve all the residents of the service area.

The following mitigation measures must be implemented to avoid a future requirement to prepare an EIS.

- The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe must work, in cooperation and good faith, with the US Army Corps of Engineers to investigate, analyze, and report upon any affects that the installation of the water intake piping may have on natural and/or commercial interests to the St. Lawrence River in the location of the construction project.
- Controlling the construction contractor's activities will minimize any temporary impacts.

This action is designed to address the potable water problems of a growing community by providing a more cost effective and efficient means of treating the water and disposing of its backwash waste.



Signature
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