Appendix C – Public Involvement

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Final Site-Specific Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Construction and Operation of the Phase 5 Expansion
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
Annville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) herby gives Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the VA's Proposed Action to construct and operate the Phase 5 expansion at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery (IGNC), located at Indiantown Road, Annville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. The Phase 5 expansion would be constructed in an approximately 45-acre area within the existing 677-acre IGNC property and provide approximately 15,700 new gravesites, a new honor guard building, and associated improvements to existing physical infrastructure including the satellite maintenance facility, roadways, landscaping, and site furnishings. The Phase 5 expansion would provide approximately 15 years of additional interment capacity at IGNC.

VA completed the Final SEA to document the potential environmental impacts associated with implementing the Proposed Action and avoidance and management measures incorporated into the Proposed Action to ensure potential minor adverse impacts would not increase to a significant adverse level during construction and operation. Prior to issuing the Final SEA, a Draft SEA was made available review for a 30-day period by the public, regulatory agencies, and Native American Tribes. A Notice of Availability (NOA) announcing the start of the Draft SEA 30-day review and comment period published in the Lebanon *Daily News* on September 17 and 19, 2021. No comments objecting to the Proposed Action were received.

Upon review of the Final SEA, VA concluded that implementing the Proposed Action would not constitute a major federal action that would have a significant adverse impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ([NEPA]; 42 United States Code 4321 *et seq*.). Accordingly, VA has signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which incorporates the Final SEA by reference in its entirety and concludes that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The Draft and Final SEA and FONSI were prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

The Final SEA and FONSI are available for review in print at the IGNC Public Information Center/Administration Building; Lebanon Community Library at 125 N 7th St, Lebanon, PA; and may be electronically downloaded at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/index.asp.

For additional information, contact: Mr. Glenn Elliott, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Construction & Facilities Management Office, 425 I (eye) Street, NW, Room 6W317d, Washington, D.C., 20001; by email at VACOEnvironment@va.gov; or by telephone at (202) 632-5879. Please reference "Indiantown Gap National Cemetery – Phase 5 Expansion" in all correspondence.

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Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Construction and Operation of the Proposed Phase 5 Expansion
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The Draft SEA was prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ([NEPA]); 42 United States Code [USC] 4321 et seq.), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and VA's NEPA implementing regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

This NOA starts the 30-day review period for the Draft SEA. The Draft SEA is available for review in print at the IGNC Public Information Center/Administration Building; Lebanon Community Library at 125 N 7th St, Lebanon, PA 17046; and may be electronically downloaded at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/index.asp. Please provide comments no later than 30 following the publication of this notice. Comments received during the 30-day review period will be documented and addressed in the Final SEA.

Comments or requests for additional information should be sent to: Mr. Glenn Elliott, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Construction & Facilities Management, 425 I (eye) Street, NW, Room 6W317D, Washington, D.C., 20001; by email at VACOEnvironment@va.gov; or by telephone at (202) 632-5879. Reference "Indiantown Gap National Cemetery – Phase 5 Expansion" in all correspondence.

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