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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Spinal Cord Injury and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program Facility and Related Improvements, James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, Tampa, Florida
[VA ID #EAXX-029-15-VHA-1721242800000]

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with VA's proposed construction and renovations to develop the Spinal Cord Injury and Polytrauma Transitional Rehabilitation Program facility and related infrastructure at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to replace the mix of one-, two-, and four-bed patient rooms that provide 100 beds in Building 38 and 10 beds in a temporary modular building with a new facility consolidating these programs in one location and with patient rooms that meet current agency design specifications; provide renovations and upgrades to building infrastructure to support that new construction; and provide adequate parking to meet the forecasted future parking demand at the campus. The Proposed Action is needed to increase Veterans' access to healthcare, promote excellence of care and privacy, and meet current and future parking needs.

The Draft EA examined the potential environmental impacts from implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action alternative.

VA prepared the Draft EA according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code § 4321 et seq.).

Concurrently with this mailing, a Notice of Availability will be published in the *Tampa Bay Times* to inform and solicit input from the public. The Draft EA is available on the VA website at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental. A hard copy of the Draft EA is available at the Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, 13619 N 22nd St., Tampa, FL 33613.

Please submit any requests for additional information, questions, or comments on the Draft EA via email to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "Tampa SCI EA" no later than October 6, 2025. VA will summarize and address substantive comments in the Final EA.

Respectfully,

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