

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
E85 Fueling Station Installation  
Sheridan VA Healthcare System, Sheridan, Wyoming**

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**INTRODUCTION**

The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the proposed construction associated with the E85 Fueling Station Installation Project at the Sheridan VA Healthcare System (SVAHCS), Sheridan, Wyoming. The FONSI has been prepared as a result of an Environmental Assessment (EA) accomplished in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 1508.13. Additional compliance to 38 CFR, Part 26 (Environmental Effects of the Department of Veterans Affairs Actions) is achieved through the issuance of this FONSI. The EA is incorporated by reference.

The project being proposed is a comprehensive E-85 underground storage tank (UST) fueling station with a fuel capacity of 5,000 gallons. The intent of the project is to serve a need to fuel government vehicles in compliance with Federal legislation including the Environmental Protection Act of 2005 requiring that dual fueled vehicles be operated on alternative fuel unless waived.

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**PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

The project objectives are to meet the goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 by replacing and reducing existing energy demands for all federal facilities with renewable energy.

**SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS**

Due to the nature of the project and its limited disturbance area within a previously improved and ecologically insignificant area of the existing VA Medical Center Campus, no significant impact is anticipated.

The site is on the campus of the Sheridan VA Healthcare System which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; however, a field survey of the project disturbance area did not identify any notable features or identify any impacts to the historical significance of the site.

The project area consists of previously disturbed soil and/or fill, and will reoccupy the same space with an already-installed fueling system that presently has USTs for gasoline and diesel fuel. This new installation is proposed to add the E85 UST, and consolidate the fuel dispensing system for all three fuels.

The cumulative impact of the Proposed Action on the resources evaluated by this EA, particularly those discussed above where minimal impacts would be created, would be minimal. The small size of the disturbance area, nature of the project and location within a developed facility, contribute towards this finding.

The No Action Alternative would not create impacts to any of the evaluated resources other than to reduce the economic activity created by the project, and would also not assist the VA in meeting the goals of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

## DECISION

Based on the information contained in the Environmental Assessment and the analysis of that information contained within this document regarding the proposed action, it has been decided that the proposed action would have no significant impact on the human or ecological environment. Therefore, preparation of an environmental Impact Statement is not required, and the VA is hereby issuing this finalized FONSI in compliance applicable regulations.

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