



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
ALED A. LUTZ VA MEDICAL CENTER  
1500 Weiss Street  
Saginaw, MI 48602

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

February 20, 2013

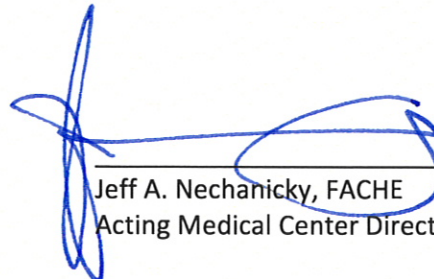
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the environmental impacts associated with the proposed E-85 station at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, City of Saginaw, Michigan have been assessed. This FONSI has been prepared as a result of the Environmental Assessment in accordance with the regulations for implementing and procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 1508.13.

In response to Federal Initiatives, the VA is considering alternatives for reducing the intensity of fossil fuel use at its facilities. In accordance with these initiatives, the VA proposes to install and operate an Ethanol-85 (E-85) fueling station at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center. The installation of E-85 fuel tanks at VAMC campuses will: Support the existing VHA flex fuel vehicle fleets that are currently underutilized due to lack of E-85 availability; reduce the number of DOE waivers that are currently needed by the VA; and help the VA comply with Section 701 [42 U.S.C. 6373(A)(3)(e)] of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, that requires federal fleets to replace petroleum only use vehicles with their alternative fuel counterparts. If AFV's are eventually phased out and replaced with hybrid vehicles not compatible with E-85, the proposed E-85 tank could easily be converted to gasoline (E-10) and still be a useful part of the VA's energy needs. Adverse effects would be minor, limited primarily to short-term noise and air emissions and temporary ground disturbance from construction.

The proposed project complies with the Federal Executive Order on Flood Plain Management (E.O. 11988) as it does not impact floodplains and is located outside coastal zones thus no coastal zones would be impacted.

Referencing the Environmental Assessment prepared by outside consultant, Versar Incorporated, there are no significant impacts associated with this project.

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