

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

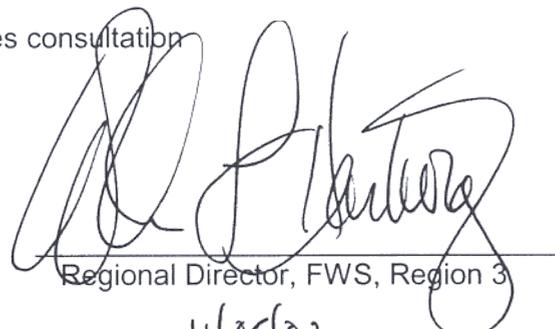
For the reasons briefly presented below and based on an evaluation of the information contained in the supporting references enumerated below, I have determined that the proposed alternative(pg.5, Chapter II, Alternative A of EA) of constructing the Cornell Shooting Range near Cornell, Wisconsin, which includes two shooting lanes, earth work to construct shooting lane side and back berms, erosion control measures, relocation of 0.1 miles of interior portions of the landfill access road, a new parking lot, and various minor gravel walkways, shooting benches and target supports is the selected alternative and is not a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An Environmental Impact Statement will, accordingly, not be prepared.

Reasons:

1. It has been determined there are no potential impacts from the proposed project on Federally listed endangered or threatened species (pg. 9, Chapter 4 Section 4.1 of EA and Section 7 determination).
2. There are no sites of historic or cultural significance within the project area(pg. 9, Chapter 4 Section 4.1 of EA and Appendix ?).
3. There are no wetlands affected by this project (pg. 7, Chapter 3 Section 3.1, of EA).
4. Noise attenuation issues will be incorporated into the range construction (pg. 10, Chapter 4 Section 4.2.1).
5. Lead recovery will be encouraged to remove and recycle spent lead.(pg. 10, Chapter 4, Section 4.2.1).
6. The range will be signed and handicapped accessible (pg. 5, Chapter 2, Section 2.2.1).
7. Cumulative impacts of range will be positive (pg. 11, Chapter 4, Section 4.2.1)
8. There were no comments received during the public comment period. There is public support for this project.

Supporting References:

1. Phase I form for Section 7 Endangered Species consultation
2. Environmental Assessment


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