



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420**

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Sent via email

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Seismic Upgrades and Renovations at the Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System American Lake Campus, Tacoma, WA

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for proposed seismic upgrades and renovations at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System American Lake Division Campus, located at 9600 Veterans Drive in Tacoma, WA. VA proposes to implement a phased program of demolition, renovation, and construction over several years at the American Lake campus.

The EA examines the potential environmental effects from implementing the Proposed Action and the No Action alternative. VA prepared the EA in accordance with the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370h), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508) and VA implementing regulations (38 CFR Part 26). In the FONSI, VA documented the conclusion that implementing the Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

The Final EA and FONSI are available at www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/. For additional information or questions, please contact Ms. Christine Modovsky, VA Environmental Engineer, at Christine.Modovsky@va.gov or (202) 632-5352. Reference "American Lake Seismic Upgrades EA" in your correspondence.

Sincerely,

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