

## **Finding of No Significant Impact**

### **Environmental Assessment Addressing Implementation of the Master Plan**

#### **Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna**

SUMMARY: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) developed an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address the potential environmental consequences associated with its Proposed Action to implement the Master Plan and projects in the component plans for Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna. The EA analyzed Military Construction (MILCON) Project H in detail because it is proposed to start within the next 5 years and analyzed the remainder of the projects programmatically.

On July 30 and 31, 2020, DLA published a notice of availability in *The Patriot-News* and *York Daily Record*, respectively, announcing the availability of the EA. The EA was available for a 30-day public comment period that ended on August 30, 2020. It was posted on DLA's website at <https://www.dla.mil/Distribution/Locations/Susquehanna/> and hardcopies of the EA were available at the New Cumberland Library, Red Land Community Library, and the Fairview Township Municipal Building. The EA was prepared as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. In addition, the EA complied with DLA Regulation 1000.22. No comments from the public were received during the EA public comment period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DLA initiated National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 consultation with the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and 12 Native American tribes (i.e., Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Seneca Nation of Indians, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, The Osage Nation, Tonawanda Band of Seneca, Tuscarora Nation, The Shawnee Tribe, Onondaga Nation, Cayuga Nation, and Delaware Nation of Oklahoma) regarding MILCON Project H. DLA made a determination of *no historic properties affected* for the MILCON Project H undertaking.

DLA plans to conduct Section 106 review for the programmatically analyzed projects on a project-by-project basis as they are programmed and become ready for consultation. The SHPO determined there are no historic properties in the area of potential effect, as noted on the *Project Review Form Request to Initiate SHPO Consultation on State and Federal Undertakings*; therefore, the Proposed Action would have no effect on historic properties. DLA did not receive responses to the Section 106 consultation letters submitted to the Native American tribes. An appendix was added to the EA that includes the SHPO and tribal consultation documents.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) documents the decision of DLA to implement the installation's Master Plan and component plan projects at Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna. DLA has determined the Proposed Action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the context of NEPA and no significant impacts on the human environment are associated with this decision. This FONSI incorporates the EA by reference and summarizes the results of the analyses in the EA.

*Purpose of and Need for Action:* The purpose of the Proposed Action is to enable orderly and comprehensive installation development in a manner that is sustainable, meets current mission requirements, and is flexible enough to meet future mission changes. The Proposed Action is needed to ensure the installation is able to meet current and future mission requirements efficiently and effectively while ensuring sustainability, protecting natural resources, and improving safety.

*Proposed Action and Alternatives:* Under the Proposed Action, DLA would implement the installation's Master Plan and projects in the component plans (i.e., Net-Zero Energy Plan, Sustainability Plan, Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, and Integrated Pest Management Plan). The Master Plan provides direction for the future development of the installation over the next 20 years and identifies potential projects (17 MILCON projects and 185 Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization projects) that would ensure the installation is able to meet its current


and future mission requirements. The Net-Zero Energy Plan balances the installation's future energy demand from buildings, industrial processes, fleet vehicles, and equipment with renewable energy production. The Sustainability Plan identifies goals, objectives, and action plans that provide a strategy to meet the sustainability goals of the installation. The Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan is the installation's plan for managing its natural resources and includes 35 proposed projects. The Integrated Pest Management Plan identifies each pesticide proposed for use and includes a 5-year plan with six actions for the pest management program.

*Description of the No Action Alternative:* Under the No Action Alternative, DLA would not implement the Master Plan or projects in the component plans. DLA would continue to use and maintain existing undersized and inefficient buildings and infrastructure, and it would not implement the installation development projects, sustainability improvements, and natural resources projects in the Master Plan and component plans. Implementation of the No Action Alternative would hinder the installation's ability to meet its current and future mission requirements and would not meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action.

*Potential Environmental Impacts:* No significant effects on environmental resources would be expected from the Proposed Action. Insignificant, adverse effects on recreation, noise, air quality, geological resources, water resources, biological resources, infrastructure and transportation, and hazardous materials and wastes would be expected. However, insignificant, beneficial effects on airspace management, land use and recreation, noise, air quality, geological resources, water resources, biological resources, infrastructure and transportation, and hazardous materials and wastes also would be expected. Details of the environmental consequences are discussed in the EA, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

*Determination:* DLA has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Human environment was interpreted comprehensively

to include the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment. Specifically, no highly uncertain or controversial impacts, unique or unknown risks, or cumulatively significant effects were identified. Implementation of the Proposed Action will not violate any federal, state, or local laws. Based on the results of the analyses performed during preparation of the EA and lack of comments received during the public comment period, I conclude that implementation of the installation's Master Plan and projects in the component plans at Defense Distribution Center, Susquehanna, does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the context of NEPA. Therefore, an environmental impact statement for the Proposed Action is not required.



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