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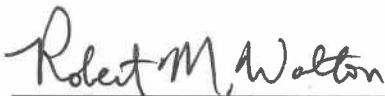
**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the preparation and availability of a document titled "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the proposed construction associated with the installation and operation of an ethanol-85 (E85) fueling station at the White River Junction VA Medical Center. This FONSI has been prepared as a result of an Environmental Assessment accomplished in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 1508.13.

In response to recent federal initiatives, the Department of Veterans Affairs (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 (E85) fueling station at VA medical center (VAMC) White River Junction. The purpose of installing E85 fuel tanks at VAMC campuses is to support the support the existing VHA flex fuel vehicle fleets that are currently underutilized owing to lack of E85 availability, and to reduce the number of DOE waivers that are currently needed by the VA to comply with Section 701 [42 U.S.C. 6374(a)(3)(E)] of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 requiring federal fleets to replace petroleum use with alternative fuels. If FFVs are eventually phased out and replaced with hybrid vehicles not compatible with E85, the proposed E85 tank could be used for gasoline (E10) and almost all hybrid vehicles run on gasoline. There is some interest in fueling hybrids with E85 (Flex Fuel hybrids), but they are not widely available at this time.

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

For further information and/or a copy of the FONSI or Environmental Assessment, please contact the Director, White River Junction VA Medical Center, 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05009.



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