Civil Works Branch

Public Notice

Alaska District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Section 117 Expedited Erosion Control Project
Kivalina, Alaska

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District is proposing expedited construction of an erosion control structure to protect the City of Kivalina (population 400) from coastal erosion. The structure will be rock revetment placed within the upper intertidal zone around the southern end of the city. Construction will be in increments starting in 2008 with construction of up to 900 feet of revetment on the Chukchi Sea side of the barrier island on which the city is located. Additional revetment will be constructed as needed to control coastal erosion. Approximately 3,100 feet of revetment may eventually be constructed over the next 10 years. An estimated 7,500 cubic yards of sand and gravel will be obtained from local sources for construction. Rock for the project will be imported from an existing offsite quarry.

The Corps has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this action. This document can be reviewed on the Corps of Engineers, Alaska District web page at www.poa.usace.army mil. Click on Civil Works and Planning and the report will be listed under Documents Available for Public Review, Reports and Environmental Documents. This action will not adversely affect endangered species, wetlands, or cultural resources in the area. The purpose of this construction is to protect the City of Kivalina from damage by coastal erosion.

Notice is hereby given that Corps will be applying for State Water Quality Certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). ADEC may certify there is a reasonable assurance this project and any discharge that might result will comply with the Clean Water Act, Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. ADEC may also deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on this project with respect to water quality certification may submit written comments to ADEC at the address below within 30 days from the date on this public notice.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
WQM/401 Certification
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, AK 99501-2617

Please submit comments regarding the proposed action to the address below no later than 30 days from the date of this public notice. No public meeting for this action is scheduled. If you believe a public meeting is needed, please explain in writing why a meeting is necessary and mail it to the address below during the 30-day review period. The FONSI will be signed upon review of comments received and resolution of significant objections.

U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska
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For more information about the project, please contact Larry D. Bartlett of the Environmental Resources Section at (907) 753-2690 or electronically to the e-mail address: larry.d.bartlett@Poa02.usace.army.mil.

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