

Alaska District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Civil Works Branch

Public Notice

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District has completed a revised Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) titled:

Newtok Evacuation Center Mertarvik, Nelson Island, Alaska.

An EA and FONSI are posted for public review on the Alaska District web page. The EA and FONSI describe the proposed project and discuss potential environmental consequences. The EA revisits an earlier EA to address changes in site access and facilities design. They can be accessed for review at the following site: http://www.poa.usace.army.mil. Click on Civil Works and Planning and look under Documents Available for Public Review, Reports and Environmental Documents.

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 on 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. The FONSI will be signed upon review of comments received and resolution of significant objections.

U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska ATTN: CEPOA-EN-CW-ER (McConnell) P.O. Box 6898 Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-0898 For more information about the project or to receive a printed copy by mail, please contact Guy McConnell of the Environmental Resources Section at (907) 753-2614 or electronically to the e-mail address: guy.r.mcconnell@usace.army.mil.

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