

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
THAT THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS) IS GIVING NOTICE THAT IT HAS MADE
A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE FOLLOWING:
PROJECT GP-22-K14 NEW LANDFILL, OPERATIONS BUILDING,
AND PURCHASE OF SOLID WASTE EQUIPMENT

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is giving notice that it has made a Finding of No Significant Impact for the following project: GP-22-K14 New Landfill, Operations Building, and Purchase of Solid Waste Equipment for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST). The proposed new landfill facility project includes the construction of a new landfill to meet the municipal solid waste disposal needs for the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, an operations building, and purchase of solid waste equipment.

The new Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) compliant landfill will be located adjacent to the existing landfill, approximately 3 miles southeast of Eagle Butte, SD. The landfill site consists of approximately 100 acres, in which 10 acres are in active use. The site consists of Tribal Tract: T7244: NW1/4, Sec. 27, T12N, R.24E. An approximately 80-acre footprint will be designed for the new landfill with construction occurring in phases as additional space is needed.

The facility will be designed and permitted for disposal of nonhazardous municipal solid waste in accordance with RCRA requirements. This landfill will be lined with a geomembrane and/or compacted clays. The landfill will include a leachate and stormwater collection and management system.

In accordance with the Memorandum Of Agreement between IHS, and CRST, and under authority of the Indian Sanitation Facilities Construction Act, Public Law 86-121, IHS will provide design and construction inspection services for the landfill construction, and upon completion, turn the completed project over to the Tribe.

Burns & McDonnell Engineering, Inc., in cooperation with CRST Cheyenne River Economic Development Corporation (CREDCO), CRST Landfill Department, and IHS, consulted with tribal, state, and federal regulatory agencies and prepared a comprehensive Environmental Assessment. They concluded the project will not significantly impact the environment, including the area's important land, water, wildlife and cultural resources, and therefore determined an environmental impact statement was not needed.

Written comments regarding this determination should be provided within thirty days of this publication to Indian Health Service, Pierre District Office, 420 S. Garfield Ave., Suite 200, Pierre, SD 57501-5408. The agency will not make further decisions regarding this action during the thirty-day period. Requests to review the Environmental Assessment upon which this determination is based should be directed to this same address.

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PROPOSED ACTION

The proposed action consists of constructing a new Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle D-compliant municipal solid waste landfill facility (MSWLF) near Eagle Butte South Dakota, for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. This project includes the construction of a new landfill to meet solid waste disposal needs for the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, an operations building, and purchase of solid waste equipment.

FINDINGS

Based upon a “**Yes**” response to Question #7 of the **Environmental Information & Documentation**, IHS determined that **an Environmental Assessment was required** for this project. Based upon the completed Environmental Assessment for Project GP-22-K14, IHS has determined that the proposed action will have no significant impact upon the quality of the environment. Therefore, **an Environmental Impact Statement is not required**.

The supporting reasons for this finding are as follows:

The proposed action will have no adverse effect on land, air, water, flora, fauna, human factors, or the environment.

REFERENCES

1. **Project Summary** for the Construction of Sanitation Facilities to Serve Existing Homes on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation, South Dakota, Project GP-22-K14.
2. **Environmental Information and Document (EID) and Tribal Concurrence Letter** for the construction of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Sanitary Landfill, IHS Project GP-22-K14, Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota.
3. **Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)** for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Solid Waste Landfill Project, Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota.
4. **Environmental Assessment (EA)** for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Sanitary Landfill, Cheyenne River Reservation, South Dakota, IHS Project Number: GP-22-K14.

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