

Finding of No Significant Impact

U.S. Customs and Border Protection Ajo Housing Development Project

Ajo, Arizona

May 13, 2011

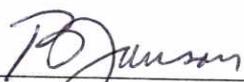
In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and General Services Administration Order ADM 1095.1F, implementing the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500–1508), I find that the project described in the attached U.S. Customs and Border Protection Ajo Housing Development Project *Final Environmental Assessment* (February 2011) is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, no Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared.

The following mitigation and monitoring measures will be implemented to ensure that the action will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment:

- Removal of mature native tree and cactus species will be subject to the Arizona Native Plant Law administered by the Arizona Department of Agriculture and the Pima County Protected Plant Ordinance. Native plant removal will be minimized to the extent practicable. The construction contractor shall contact the Arizona Department of Agriculture at least 60 calendar days prior to construction to arrange for proper native plant treatment.
- The contractor shall employ a qualified biologist to complete preconstruction surveys for Sonoran Desert tortoises and conduct a Sonoran Desert tortoise awareness program. Preconstruction surveys for Sonoran Desert tortoises shall be conducted within 48 hours prior to construction in areas that will be disturbed.
- If any Sonoran Desert tortoises are encountered during construction, the contractor shall adhere to the Arizona Game and Fish Department “Guidelines for Handling Sonoran Desert Tortoises Encountered on Development Projects” revised October 23, 2007.
- The contractor shall comply with Pima County Air Quality Control ordinances and shall complete an Air Quality Activity Permit.
- The General Services Administration project manager will arrange for a formal assessment of the potential jurisdictional limits of the two washes on the Preferred Alternative site prior to construction activities if construction activities are proposed to encroach on or impact the washes. Should a Clean Water Act Section 401/404 permit be required, the General Services Administration will obtain the permit prior to any construction in the washes.
- The contractor shall not disturb any of the drainages surrounding the project area until a determination has been made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the project may proceed under a Nationwide Permit and an Individual Water Quality Certification from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has been obtained.
- The contractor shall complete an Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit, including a Notice of Intent and a Notice of Termination. In accordance with Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan shall be developed and implemented for the project. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan will specify control measures to reduce soil erosion while containing and minimizing the release of construction pollutants.

- Because the Preferred Alternative will require demolition of existing structures, the General Services Administration will engage an Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act-certified inspector to inspect all structures to be demolished. If Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material is present in the structure, the General Services Administration shall develop a work plan to remove, transport, and dispose of these materials.
- At least 10 days prior to demolition of any structure, the General Services Administration will provide the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants coordinator with a National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants notification form for each structure to be demolished.
- The contractor shall stabilize open storage piles and disturbed areas by covering and/or applying water or chemical/organic dust palliative, where appropriate. This applies to inactive and active sites during workdays, weekends, holidays, and windy conditions.
- When hauling material and operating non-earthmoving equipment, the contractor shall prevent spillage and limit speeds to 15 miles per hour on site.
- The contractor shall limit the speed of earthmoving equipment to 10 miles per hour on site.
- The contractor shall reduce use, trips, and unnecessary idling from heavy equipment.
- Internal combustion engines used for any purpose on the Preferred Alternative or related to work on the Preferred Alternative shall be equipped with a muffler of a type recommended by the manufacturer. No internal combustion engine shall be operated without its muffler being in good working condition.
- If *recognized environmental conditions* are encountered during construction, appropriate measures for the proper assessment, remediation, and management of the contamination will be initiated in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The contractor shall take appropriate measures to prevent, minimize, and control hazardous materials, if necessary, during construction.

RECOMMENDED:  5/13/2011
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