

The EIS will incorporate the results of a detailed hydrology study evaluating both locations.

*Noise.* Construction of the alternatives would result in a temporary increase in noise levels at and adjacent to the alternatives. The EIS will incorporate the results of a detailed noise study.

The level of review identified for the EIS will be commensurate with the anticipated impacts of each resource from the alternatives and will be governed by the statutory or regulatory requirements pertaining to those resources. The analyses and evaluations conducted for the EIS will identify the potential for impacts, whether the anticipated impacts would be adverse, and any appropriate environmental mitigation measures. The resources identified for detailed impact analysis in the EIS may be revised in response to public comments.

#### **Anticipated Permits (and Other Authorizations)**

Federal, State, and local agency permits, and other authorizations, are anticipated to be needed for the proposed action. VA will undertake necessary consultations with other government agencies and consulting parties pursuant to NHPA, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and other applicable environmental laws. Consultation will include, but will not be limited to: Federal, State, and local agencies; the Texas Historical Commission; and Federally-recognized Indian tribes with a geographical and/or cultural connection to the area.

#### **Schedule for the Decision-Making Process**

The project schedule for the decision-making process will comply with 40 CFR 1501.10(b)(2) ([https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/part-1501#p-1501.10\(b\)\(2\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/part-1501#p-1501.10(b)(2))), which requires an EIS to be completed within 2 years (from the date of publication of this NOI) to the date of issuance of the record of decision. The Draft EIS is anticipated to be issued in late 2025/early 2026. A public comment period will follow the publication of the Draft EIS. The Final EIS and record of decision are anticipated to be issued in late 2026/early 2027.

#### **Scoping and Public Review**

VA invites Federal, State, Tribal, and local entities; non-profit organizations; businesses; interested parties; and the public to comment on the proposed scope and content of the EIS. VA will consider all scoping comments in developing the EIS. VA will hold two public scoping meetings in March 2025.

The meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday March 12, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Both meetings will be held in the Building 5 Auditorium at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital (7400 Merton Minter Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas). The scoping meeting will provide an opportunity to learn about the project and provide input on the environmental analysis process. During the scoping meeting, VA will provide an overview of the project and details regarding the EIS and NEPA process. VA will post the scoping presentation and other project information on the publicly accessible website, <https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/index.asp>. VA will post meeting directions/instructions at the VAMC and on the project website. Comments must be received by the end of the scoping period, which is April 7, 2025.

#### **Request for Identification of Potential Alternatives, Information, and Analyses Relative to the Proposed Action**

To ensure that a full range of issues related to the proposed action are addressed and all potential issues are identified, VA requests comments and suggestions on potential alternatives and impacts, and the identification of any relevant information, studies, or analyses of any kind concerning impacts affecting the quality of the human environment. Specifically, agencies and the public are asked to identify and submit potential alternatives for consideration and any information, such as anticipated significant issues or environmental impacts and analyses relevant to the proposed action. Submitted comments will be considered by VA in developing the Draft EIS. Any information presented herein, including the preliminary purpose and need, preliminary range of alternatives and identification of potential impacts may be revised after consideration of the comments. The purpose of this notice is to bring relevant comments, information, and analyses to the VA's attention, as early in the process as possible, to enable VA to make maximum use of this information in decision making.

#### **Cooperating and Participating Agencies**

There are no cooperating agencies to the EIS as defined by CEQ regulations, however VA has, and will continue to, communicate with local, State, Federal and Tribal stakeholders as part of the EIS process.

#### **Signing Authority**

Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, approved and signed this document on February 12, 2025 and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

[OMB Control No. 2900-0156]

#### **Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Notice of Change in Student Status**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by clicking on the following link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain), select "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments", then search the list for the information collection by Title or "OMB Control No. 2900-0156."

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Notice of Change in Student Status, VA Form 22-1999b.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0156, <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch>.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The VA uses the information collected to determine

whether the beneficiaries' educational benefits should be increased, decreased, or terminated, and the effective date of the change, if applicable. Without this information, VA might underpay or overpay benefits. Information technology is being used to reduce the burden. The VA allows schools to submit the information using the new electronic submission portal, Enrollment Manager. This system replaced the previously used VA Online Certification of Enrollment (VA-ONCE). Ninety-five percent of the enrollment

certifications received are submitted electronically.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published at 89 FR 99335, December 10, 2024.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 132,028 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On Occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 792,173.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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