

Appendix C – Notice of Availability and Public Comments

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment for the
Construction and Operation of the Proposed 100-Acre Expansion at the
Florida National Cemetery
Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida

The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) hereby gives Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the VA's Proposed Action to construct and operate the 100-acre expansion within the Florida National Cemetery (FNC), located at 6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, Sumter County, Florida. The proposed expansion would be located at an approximately 100-acre area within the existing boundary of FNC; no new property would be acquired. The Proposed Action would be anticipated to provide at least 25,000 new burial sites and provide additional longevity to FNC.

The Draft SEA was prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 ([NEPA]); 42 United States Code [USC] 4321 et seq.), the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and VA's NEPA implementing regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

This NOA starts the 30-day review period for the Draft SEA. The Draft SEA is available for review in print at the FNC Public Information Center and the Bushnell Public Library at 402 North Florida Street, Bushnell, Florida. An electronic copy may be downloaded at <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/EA.asp>. Any substantive comments received during the 30-day review period will be documented and addressed in the Final SEA.

All comments on the Draft SEA are requested within 30 days of the publication of this NOA. Please address all comments to Mr. Fernando Fernández, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (003C2A), 425 I (eye) Street, NW, Room 6W.317D, Washington, DC, 20420; (202) 632-5529; or fernando.fernandez@va.gov. Please reference "Florida National Cemetery, 100-Acre Supplement" in all correspondence.