
APPENDIX H

NON-ISSUES

APPENDIX H Environmental Impact Categories: Non-Issues

The following categories have been determined to be non-issues for this project. These categories do not warrant discussion either because there is no potential for impact, no public comment, or no agency interest.

- Air Quality
- Coastal Resources
- Department of Transportation Act: Section 4(f)
- Farmlands
- Natural Resources and Energy Supply
- Noise
- Wild and Scenic Rivers

1 AIR QUALITY

Kwigillingok is located in an attainment area, and according to FAA Order 1050.1E, the General Conformity rule does not apply. The airport activity would not likely change nor exceed the 180,000 operations threshold, and no further air quality or NEPA analysis is required. Construction related air quality impacts are discussed in the Environmental Assessment (EA), Section 6.12.

2 COASTAL RESOURCES

The Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) expired by operation of Alaska Statutes 44.66.020 and 44.66.030 on June 30, 2011. As a result, the ACMP was withdrawn from the National Coastal Management Program on July 1, 2011, and Alaska no longer has a Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) program.

Federal agencies no longer provide Consistency Determinations or Negative Determinations to the State of Alaska CZMA pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(1) and (2), and 15 CFR part 930, subpart C. Persons or applicant agencies for Federal authorizations or funding no longer provide Consistency Certifications to the State of Alaska CZMA pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)(A), (B) and (d), and 15 CFR 930, subparts D, E, and F.

3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT: SECTION 4(f)

There are no 4(f) resources in the project area. The proposed project would not affect any publicly owned park, recreation area, or significant historic site. The Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge would not be affected or impacted by the proposed project. No legislatively designated special areas (state game refuges, sanctuaries, or critical habitat areas) are located in the project vicinity. Section 4(f) does not apply to 17(b) trails.

4 FARMLANDS

No prime or unique farmlands of local importance are located in the project area (Natural Resources Conservation Service, 2008. *Prime and Unique Farmlands* website: <http://www.ak.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/soils/soilslocal.html>).

5 NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY SUPPLY

None of the proposed action's construction or operation will cause a demand that exceeds available natural resources or energy supplies. Gravel and bedrock available for development do not exist in the area. Material will be barged in from a source with sufficient supply. Because the material would be barged in, local resources will not be depleted and the project would not cause a significant exceedance of local supply.

6 NOISE

The aircraft operations from Group I and II aircraft are not expected to exceed the threshold of 90,000 adjusted propeller operations requiring a noise analysis by FAA Order 1050.1E. Forecast enplanements for Kwigillingok by the year 2030 are 4,499 (Appendix A), which does not approach the threshold for requiring a noise analysis. No noise-sensitive receivers are located in or near the project area. Noise is not expected to be at or above the yearly day/night average sound level of the 65 decibel significance threshold. No direct, indirect, or cumulative effects from nuisance airport noise are expected.

7 WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

No Wild and Scenic Rivers are located near the project area (National Park Service website, <http://www.rivers.gov/wildriverslist.html>, 2013).