



United States Department of the Interior

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

for Project Core, Knott & Perry Water Supply, and Coalfields

Industrial Park Gas Supply AML Pilot Projects

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action in Perry and Knott Counties, Kentucky. The proposed related actions would entail the purchase, shipment/delivery, and installation of a new aluminum extrusion press and accessories at Coalfields Industrial Park (Project Core). It also includes the installation of approximately 1.5 miles, or 8,000 feet, of subsurface 6" and 8" steel natural gas pipeline (Coalfields Industrial Park Gas Supply), and install approximately 6,200 linear feet of 8" water supply pipe, 4 gate valves, one water storage tank, one new booster pump station with Supervisory Controls And Data Acquisition (SCADA), and upgrade two existing booster pump stations, which one upgrade will include a power generator (Knott and Perry Waterline). The attached EA contains a more detailed project description. OSMRE would fund approximately \$8,650,000 of these proposed projects through the Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Program (AMLER) fund.

The attached EA considered the proposed action, another alternative and a no action alternative. Direct, indirect and cumulative impacts were analyzed on historic/cultural resources, fish and wildlife, soils & water, agricultural resources, recreation, small businesses, air quality, hazardous waste, noise, topography, and environmental justice.

OSMRE found that no significant impacts would occur from the proposed action. Short term and temporary impacts may occur during the construction phase of the project. Regular impacts during the operational phase of the aluminum manufacturing facility will remain within limits specified in air quality, hazardous waste, and water quality permits and regulations. The site setting is primarily industrial, and the proposed action would not change the character of the site or region. The proposed action will not adversely affect any resources eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and will not adversely affect any endangered or threatened species. OSMRE found that no mitigation measures would be necessary to prevent or minimize significant environmental impacts.

The proposed action would address the AMLER program's purpose of providing economic stimulus in abandoned mine land communities, and the "no action" alternative would not address this purpose and need.

Based on the information presented in the attached EA, OSMRE finds that implementing the proposed action would not produce any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, issuance of a FONSI is warranted, and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.



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