

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center Proposed Multi-Specialty Care Outpatient Clinic 77 Wainwright Drive Walla Walla, Walla Walla County, Washington 99362

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the preparation and availability of a "Draft Environmental Assessment" (DEA) for the proposed construction associated with the Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center (aka Walla Walla VAMC) Proposed Multi-Specialty Care Outpatient Clinic located in Walla Walla, Washington. This project consists of construction of a new two-story purpose-built 67,000 SF (Square Foot) Outpatient Clinic (OPC), campus wide updates to antiquated utility distribution systems and addition of approximately 175 parking spaces. The DEA has been prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347 January 1, 1970), amendments, and VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). VA intends to issue a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) following a thirty day comment period in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Section 1508.13 providing there are no substantive comments which warrant further evaluation.

Copies of the DEA will be available for the 30-day public review starting on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the City of Walla Walla Library located at 238 East Alder Street, Walla Walla, Washington and online at <http://www.wallawalla.va.gov>.

A public meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Walla Walla VAMC Theater (Building 78).

For further information and/or a copy of the DEA please contact the Public Affairs Liaison for the Walla Walla VAMC at the following:

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Comments on the DEA are requested by Friday, April 15, 2011.