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The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the availability of the Final Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (Final SEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction and operation of Phase 2 of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery located at 5525 US-1, Mims, Florida 32754. Phase 2 development of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery will expand the existing cemetery facility by approximately 52 acres and represents a continuation of an anticipated seven phase cemetery build-out. In total, the Phase 2 area would include 20,074 gravesites (included both preplaced crypts and urn crypts) in 20 sections. Other improvements include stormwater retention areas, interior roads, utilities and infrastructure, and signage. The land proposed for development is owned by the VA and is currently a mix of improved and unimproved cleared lands, stormwater ponds, and interior roadways.

The Draft and Final SEA were prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to determine the potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic impacts associated with the completion of Phase 2 of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

Upon review of the Final SEA, VA concludes that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Accordingly, VA has finalized a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which incorporates the Final SEA and concludes that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FONSI completes the NEPA review process for this Proposed Action. The Final SEA and FONSI are available for review electronically at http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/EA.asp and in print at the Cemetery Administration Building at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, Florida. Due to the various current closures and shelter in place orders throughout Florida associated with Covid-19, the VA encourages the review of the electronic copy of the SEA located on the VA website.

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