

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
CROWN HILL NATIONAL VETERANS CEMETERY  
MASTER PLAN AND DESIGN  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**Background**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration, operates the Crown Hill National Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana. The National Cemetery Administration is in the process of developing columbarium-only sites, called the Urban Initiative, which would provide burial options for Veterans and their family who choose cremation close to a city core. The initiative seeks to establish a columbarium-only site in Indianapolis, IN.

**Proposed Action**

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to continue to enable the VA to provide eligible Veterans and their families with a burial option in a national cemetery of sufficient size and capacity to serve the projected needs in the central Indiana region for the next 100 years. VA would expand on a 14.75- acre parcel north of the existing national cemetery, in the Northeast corner of the Crown Hill Cemetery. The proposed expansion project would create an entrance and roadway system to accommodate the construction of columbarium walls, a main flagpole area, committal shelter and small public information and restroom building. The cemetery would be developed in phases with each phase accommodating approximately 10 years of cremation remains capacity.

**Actions Completed**

Pursuant to Section 102(2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared.

**Conclusions**

The Draft Supplemental EA identifies, analyzes and documents the potential physical, environmental, cultural, and economic impacts associated with the VA's Proposed Action. The Draft Supplemental EA also evaluates the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts resulting from the Proposed Action. The proposed action and the no action alternative are considered.

**Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment Location**

The public is advised that it has 30 days to respond from the date of this publication with comments. The public comment period will end on September 24, 2013. Copies of the Draft Supplemental EA and NOA are available for public review at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis Central Library, 40 East St Clair Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and the VA website: [www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp) A public meeting will be held at September 6, 2018 at 7:00pm at Crown Hill Cemetery Event Room. For further information please contact ATTN: Mr. Juan Kays, NCA Project Manager, 425 I Street NW, Washington DC 20001. Phone (202) 632-5057. Email: [Juan.Kays@va.gov](mailto:Juan.Kays@va.gov)