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**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
RICHARD ROAD TRUST ACQUISITION
COUSHATTA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana (Tribe) has requested that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) transfer approximately 40 acres of fee land into federal trust for the benefit of the Tribe. The Tribe is planning to use the property to construct and operate a crawfish processing facility. The property is located near 510 Richard Road, Kinder, Allen Parish, Louisiana. Due to the need for federal approvals, this project was reviewed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The BIA has reviewed and adopted the Environmental Assessment (EA), titled "Environmental Assessment Allen Parish, Louisiana Trust Acquisition," developed by CK Associates, LLC. (CK) to determine the environmental impacts that may result from the project. All environmental impacts associated with the entire project were evaluated and considered throughout the EA.

DETERMINATION: Based on review and analysis of the EA and supporting documentation, it has been determined that the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of NEPA. Therefore, according to NEPA an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and the BIA is issuing this Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

This finding is based on the following factors:

- A. There will be less than significant impacts to land resources. No significant changes to slope or significant impacts from erosion are expected. Temporary impacts to drainage patterns may occur during construction but will be restored once construction is complete and the Facility is operational. See EA, Section 3.1.
- B. There will be less than significant impacts to water resources. The development of the Facility will comply with all applicable laws and regulations to prevent any associated adverse impacts related to wastewater and stormwater discharges, including securing required Clean Water Act permitting coverage from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See EA, Section 3.2.

- C. There will be less than significant impacts to air quality. Potential air quality impacts include demolition and construction activities. These impacts are short-term and may include airborne particulates generated by trucks and earth moving equipment. See EA, Section 3.3.
- D. There will be less than significant impacts to living resources. CK, utilized the USFWS IPaC project planning tool to determine if the Proposed Action could impact species and/or habitat protected under the Endangered Species Act. CK also conducted a Site reconnaissance on November 26, 2024, to observe for the presence/absence of suitable habitats for, and presence, of individual threatened or endangered species. Based on the review, it is unlikely that the project will impact any listed species. See EA, Section 3.4.
- E. There will be less than significant impacts to cultural and paleontological resources. The Proposed Action was reviewed by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and it was determined that no Historic Properties or known archeological resources would be impacted. See EA, Section 3.5. *Should undiscovered archeological remains be encountered during the project, work will stop in the area of discovery and the stipulations in 36 CFR 800.13 will be followed*
- F. The proposed action would result in a beneficial socioeconomic impact on the Tribe. See EA, Section 3.6.
- G. There will be less than significant impacts to resource use patterns. See EA, Section 3.7.
- H. There will be less than significant impacts to other values such as noise and visual resources. See EA, Section 3.8.

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Executive Order 14154, Unleashing American Energy (Jan. 20, 2025), and a Presidential Memorandum, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity (Jan. 21, 2025), require the Department to strictly adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. Further, such Order and Memorandum repeal Executive Orders 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994) and 14096 (Apr. 21, 2023). Because Executive Orders 12898 and 14096 have been repealed, complying with such Orders is a legal impossibility. BIA verifies that it has complied with the requirements of NEPA, including the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 C.F.R. Part 46 and Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, consistent with the President's January 2025 Order and Memorandum.