

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the AdvanSix Hazardous Substance Releases in Gravelly Run Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the Commonwealth of Virginia, collectively the Trustees, have completed a Final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (Final RP/EA) that explains the decisions of the Trustees to select conservation, restoration, and recreation enhancement activities within or near the area impacted by the AdvanSix Hazardous Substance Releases in Gravelly Run, Hopewell, Virginia. The Final RP/EA describes restoration that will restore, replace, and/or acquire the equivalent of the natural resources and their services injured, destroyed, or lost as a result of the hazardous substances releases at the AdvanSix facility. The restoration project includes protection of approximately 25 acres of marsh and upland properties along Powell Creek, a tributary of the James River and ultimate transfer to the James River National Wildlife Refuge in Prince George County, Virginia for long-term stewardship and conservation in perpetuity.

The Draft RP/EA was available for public review and comment from February 12, 2020 through March 16, 2020. The Trustees did not receive any comments from the public. Based on a review and evaluation of the information contained in the Final RP/EA, I have determined that the proposed actions do not constitute a major Federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Accordingly, the preparation of an environmental impact statement on the proposed actions is not required at this time.

Regional Director/DOI Authorized Official

Date

UNITED STATES FISH & WILDLIFE
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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION STATEMENT

Within the spirit and intent of the Council of Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other statutes, orders and policies that protect fish and wildlife resources, I have established the following administrative record and have determined that the action of the final *Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the AdvanSix Hazardous Substance Releases in Gravelly Run, Hopewell, Virginia Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration*:

___ is a categorical exclusion as provided by 516 DM 6 Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1. No further documentation will therefore be made.

X is found not to have significant environmental effects as determined by the attached Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

___ is found to have significant effects, and therefore further consideration of this action will require a notice of intent to be published in the Federal Register announcing the decision to prepare an EIS.

___ is not approved because of unacceptable environmental damage, or violation of Fish and Wildlife Service mandates, policy, regulations, or procedures.

___ is an emergency action within the context of 40 CFR 1506.11. Only those actions necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency will be taken. Other related actions remain subject to NEPA review.

Other supporting documents (list):

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