



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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PRELIMINARY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

To: All Interested Persons

To all interested government agencies, public groups, and individuals:
In accordance with the Council of Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR parts 1500 – 1508) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) procedures for implementing NEPA (40 CFR part 6), EPA has completed an environmental review of the following proposed action:

Town of Poland for the Poland Transfer Station Improvement Project

In the environmental assessment (EA), EPA evaluated the issuance of a grant award to the Town of Poland for project improvement to the Poland Transfer Station. The site provides municipal solid waste disposal, recycling, electronic waste disposal, used oil disposal, tires and appliance disposal, construction, pressure treated and sheet rock disposal, brush disposal, and metal recycling. To improve the capability and capacity, safety, and environmental protection at the Poland Transfer Station, the Town plans to expand recycling and municipal solid waste handling capability, improve safety through pavement repair and replacement, protect the environment by creating a non-porous laydown area for construction, wood debris and roll off containers, improve drainage, and enhance office space to handle increased customer demand.

Congress appropriated \$598,000 earmarked for the Town of Poland, Maine, under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117 – 328). The earmark will be managed through the Community Grants Program. EPA Region 1 will administer and manage this grant to the Town of Poland. The Town will be responsible for the contracts and all project components related to the transfer station improvements.

Based on the environmental impacts analysis in the EA, EPA determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the issuance of the grant and the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, making the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) unnecessary. Therefore, I am issuing this preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to document this determination.

Copies of the EA is available by request. An electronic copy of this document is available for download from EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/nepa/search>.

Comments regarding this preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration to:

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After evaluating any comments received, EPA will make a final decision. The preliminary decision and finding will then become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

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Date

Enclosure: Environmental Assessment for Poland Transfer Station Improvements