

Letter of Notice

Availability of Environmental Assessment

Pursuant to DOC 335, Environmental Policy Implementation, an Environmental Assessment (EA) document has been prepared by the Department of Corrections (Department) to determine if the proposed action described herein will have a significant impact on the human environment and consequently require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Location and Description of the Proposed Action:

The proposed action is the construction of two buildings at Columbia Correctional Institution (CCI) in the City of Portage, Columbia County, which is a maximum/medium security state-operated correctional facility male offenders. This facility was opened in 1986 and has a current inmate population of 836 and staffing of 342 employees.

The Department is proposing to construct a health services unit of approximately 14,000 gross square feet at CCI to meet the day-to-day medical treatment needs of offenders in a space that will be safe and secure for both patients and caregivers. Services to be provided include medical examination, psychological consultation, dental care, optometry, radiology, pharmacy, and physical therapy.

The Department is also planning to construct a disciplinary segregation unit addition of approximately 13,130 gross square feet at the CCI site. This will provide program and support space to augment existing housing of offenders who have exhibited unruly or dangerous behavior.

It is the preliminary determination of the Department that this proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment and will not require the preparation of an EIS.

Copies of the EA document may be obtained by contacting:

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A copy of the EA document may also be viewed at <http://doc.wi.gov/about/data-and-research/budget-information>

Questions and comments on the EA may also be directed to this person. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on January 16, 2015, in order to be included in the Department's final decision making process.

Following receipt of public comment on EA, the Department shall review the EA, consider the comments received, make modifications deemed necessary, and approve the EA which shall include either a finding of no significant impact or a finding of the need for an Environmental Impact Statement.