

**SAFEGUARDS:**

1. Access to VA working and storage areas in VA health care facilities is restricted to VA employees on a "need to know" basis; strict control measures are enforced to ensure that disclosure to these individuals is also based on this same principle. Generally, VA file areas are locked after normal duty hours and the health care facilities are protected from outside access by the Federal Protective Service or other security personnel.

2. Access to computer room within the health care facilities is generally limited by appropriate locking devices and restricted to authorized VA employees and vendor personnel. Automated data processing peripheral devices are generally placed in secure areas (areas that are locked or have limited access) or are otherwise protected. Information in the Veterans Information Systems Technology Architecture (VistA) system may be accessed by authorized VA employees. Access to file information is controlled at two levels; the system recognizes authorized employees by a series of individually unique passwords/codes as a part of each data message, and the employees are limited to only that information in the file that is needed in the performance of their official duties.

3. Access to records in VA Central Office and the VISN directors and division offices is only authorized to VA personnel on a "need-to-know" basis. There is limited access to the building with visitor control by security personnel.

4. The automated system is Internet enabled and will conform to all applicable Federal Regulations concerning information security. The automated system is protected by a generalized security facility and by specific security techniques used within the application that accesses the data file and may include individually unique passwords/codes and may utilize Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) personal certificates. Both physical and system security measures will meet or exceed those required to provide an adequate level of protection for host systems. Access to file information is limited to only that information in the file that is needed in the performance of official duties. Access to computer rooms is restricted generally by appropriate locking devices to authorized operational personnel. Information submitted to the automated electronic system is afforded the same protections as the data that are maintained in the original files. Remote on-line access from other agencies to the data storage site is controlled in the

same manner. Access to the electronic data is supported by encryption and the Internet server is insulated by a firewall.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Paper records are retired to the VA Records Center and Vault (VA RC&V) 3 years after the individual separates from VA employment or when no longer utilized by VA (in some cases, records may be maintained at the facility for a longer period of time) and are destroyed 30 years after separation. Paper records for applicants who are not selected for VA employment or appointment are destroyed 2 years after non-selection or when no longer needed for reference, whichever is sooner. Electronic records are transferred to the Director, Credentialing and Privileging Program, Office of Quality and Performance, VA Central Office, when the provider leaves the facility. Information stored on electronic storage media is maintained and disposed of in accordance with records disposition authority approved by the Archivist of the United States.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Official responsible for policies and procedures: Director, Credentialing and Privileging Program, Office of Quality, Safety and Value (OQSV), Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420.

Officials maintaining the system: (1) The chief of staff at the VA health care facility where the provider made application, is employed, or otherwise utilized; (2) the credentialing coordinator of the VA health care facility for individuals who made application for employment or other utilization, or providers currently or previously employed or otherwise utilized at; (3) human resources management offices of the VA health care facility for individuals who made application for employment or other utilization, or providers currently or previously employed or otherwise utilized; (4) VA Central Office or at a VISN location; The electronic data will be maintained by VHA/OQSV, a component thereof, or a contractor or subcontractor of VHA/OQSV.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals who wish to determine whether this system of records contains information about them should contact the VA facility location at which they made application for employment or appointment, or are or were employed. Inquiries should include the employee's full name, Social Security number, date of application for employment or

appointment or dates of employment or appointment, and return address.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking information regarding access to and contesting of records in this system may write, call or visit the VA facility location where they made application for employment or appointment, or are or were employed.

**CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:**

(See Record Access Procedures).

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system of records is provided by the applicant/employee, or obtained from State licensing boards, Federation of State Medical Boards, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, National Practitioner Data Bank, Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank, professional societies, national certifying bodies, current or previous employers, other health care facilities and staff, references, educational institutions, medical schools, VA staff, patient, visitors, and VA patient medical records.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the San Francisco VA Medical Center Long Range Development Plan**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), San Francisco VA Medical Center (SfVAMC) announces the availability of the *Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)*. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Requirements of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) and VA's implementing Regulations (38 CFR part 26), VA has considered comments received on the Supplemental Draft EIS and has prepared the Final EIS. The LRDP describes development and construction of patient care buildings, research buildings, business occupancy buildings, and parking structures, as well as retrofitting seismically deficient buildings. The Final EIS identifies and addresses environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robin Flanagan, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 4150 Clement Street, San Francisco, CA 94121 or by telephone, (415) 750-2049. The SFVAMC 2014 LRDP and Final EIS are available for viewing on the SFVAMC Web site: <http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov/planning>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

VA operates the SFVAMC, located at Fort Miley in San Francisco, California. It is the only VA medical center in the City and County of San Francisco and VA considers it an aging facility that needs to be retrofitted and expanded. SFVAMC has identified a need for retrofitting existing buildings to the most recent seismic safety requirements and for an additional 589,000 gross square feet (gsf) of medical facility space to meet the needs of San Francisco Bay Area and northern California coast Veterans over the next 15 years.

**Purpose and Need for Action**

SFVAMC, the only VA medical center in San Francisco County, has major space and parking deficiencies at its existing Fort Miley Campus. The mission of SFVAMC is to continue to be

a major primary and tertiary care healthcare center providing cost-effective and high-quality care to eligible Veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area and North Coast. SFVAMC strives to deliver needed care to Veterans while contributing to health care knowledge through research. VA can better meet its mission by integrating clinical care, education, and research, because such integration makes for more efficient and progressive overall care for Veterans. SFVAMC is also a ready resource for Department of Defense (DoD) as backup for federal emergencies and serves as the local Federal Coordinating Center (FCC) in the event of a national emergency. New major construction initiatives would provide seismic improvements and additional facility space over the next 15 years that will improve access to care for Veterans. The Proposed Action is needed for SFVAMC to continue to serve the ever-changing needs of the growing Veteran population and to provide appropriate space and facilities to conduct important research.

**Proposed Action**

The Proposed Action is an LRDP that supports the mission of SFVAMC to

provide for the health care needs of Bay Area and North Coast Veterans by providing for the renovation, expansion, and operation of the SFVAMC Fort Miley Campus. This action addresses SFVAMC current and future capacity issues and changing health care needs of our growing Veteran population. This is done by providing safe and appropriate facilities that provide health care, education, and much needed research.

*Signing Authority*

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Robert L. Nabors II, Chief of Staff, approved this document on June 19, 2015 for publication.

Approved: June 22, 2015.

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