

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
412 State Route 37
Akwesasne, NY 13655

Project Name: AHA Go Solar Initiative Solar Farm
Date Issued: March 6, 2017

I. INTRODUCTION

The Akwesasne Housing Authority has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed *AHA Go Solar Initiative Solar Farm* project, file number 2017-02. The proposed project is a renewable energy project that is to be located at 40 Pathways Road, between the former IGA building and the SRMT Broadband building (Site A), with an additional site at the Sunrise Acres Complex (Site B). The project site covers 8 acres of land and will include a total of 3172 solar array (3080 at Site A, and 92 at Site B.) Additional features will include an access road and any ditching or ponds required by the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Energy produced by this project will support the operations of the Sunrise Acres Complex, with additional energy being distributed to community members.

II. MITIGATION MEASURES

The nature and scope of the proposed project will not cause significant negative impacts to the physical environment. Stormwater must be handled according the guidelines set forth by the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The SWPPP summarizes the proposed stormwater management system for the site development, as well as the rationale for sizing the stormwater drainage structures and water quantity and quality treatment systems, and the selection of the erosion control methods employed for the construction of the project.

III. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to the requirements of NEPA, the SRMT Environment Division concludes that the proposed project meets the requirements outlined above and discussed in the EA. This project will not significantly impact human health or the environment in the project area. The SRMT Environment Division issues this FONSI for the proposed *AHA Go Solar Initiative Solar Farm* project contingent upon submittal of a final SWPPP. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Division does require that this project be developed and operated consistent with the above listed mitigation measures and information outlined in the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environmental Assessment.