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**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

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**Memorandum**

**To:** Treacy Stone, Project Manager, Yosemite National Park

**From:** Superintendent, Yosemite National Park

**Subject:** NEPA and NHPA Clearance: 2017-025 El Portal Gas Station Generator Installation (2017 YH) (73764)

The Superintendent and park interdisciplinary team have reviewed the proposed project and completed an impact analysis and documentation, and have determined the following:

- There will not be any effect on threatened, endangered, or rare species and/or their critical habitat.
- There will be no adverse effect on historical, cultural, or archeological resources.
- There will not be serious or long-term undesirable environmental or visual effects.

The subject proposed project, therefore, is now cleared for all NEPA and NHPA compliance requirements as presented above. Project plans and specifications are approved and construction and/or project implementation can commence.

For the proposed project actions to be within compliance requirements during construction and/or project implementation, the following mitigations must be adhered to:

- Archeological spot monitoring is required. There are no known archeological sites within the project area, however, recent findings from a nearby archeological monitoring project suggest that previously unknown buried historic artifacts are possible.

**Recommendations for Conditions or Stipulations:** None

For complete compliance information see PEPC Project 73764.

//Sula Jacobs// Acting for \_\_\_\_\_  
Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)

Enclosure (with attachments)

cc: Statutory Compliance File

Letter of Compliance Completion – 2017-025 El Portal Gas Station Generator Installation (2017 YH) - PEPC ID: 73764

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## Categorical Exclusion Form

**Project:** 2017-025 El Portal Gas Station Generator Installation (2017 YH)

**PEPC Project Number:** 73764

**Project Description:**

This project will install a new propane generator and automatic transfer switch for the El Portal Gas Station. The proposal includes the installation of the generator pad, propane tanks and propane lines.

- Install (2) 2" conduits underground from the generator pad to the exterior wall of the building. Run conduit up the exterior wall of the building to the automatic transfer switch.
- Remove an existing manual transfer switch and install new automatic transfer switch.
- Install new conductors in 2" conduit sized to match existing main feed.
- Install feeds for block heater, battery charger and start stop circuit in 2" conduit.
- Install new propane tank sized to supply generator for 24 hours.
- Install underground gas main from propane tanks to generator. Sized per generator manufacturer requirements.
- Trench will be 35' long x 18" deep x 4" wide.
- Install new bollards around generator pad and propane tanks. Bollards offset 3' from pad and tank. Maximum spacing between bollards will be 3'.

Currently, emergency power is provided by a trailer-mounted diesel generator and a manual transfer switch must be closed to provide power. Both NPS and YH have keys to that switch. YH must refill the generator when necessary.

**Project Locations:**

Mariposa County, CA

**Mitigations:**

- Archeological spot monitoring is required. There are no known archeological sites within the project area, however, recent findings from a nearby archeological monitoring project suggest that previously unknown buried historic artifacts are possible.

**CE Citation:** C.3 Routine maintenance and repairs to non-historic structures, facilities, utilities, grounds and trails.

**Decision:** I find that the action fits within the categorical exclusion above. Therefore, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No extraordinary circumstances apply.

**Superintendent:** //Sula Jacobs// Acting for **Date:** 11/28/17  
Palmer L. Jenkins

**Extraordinary Circumstances:**

If implemented, would the proposal...	Yes/No	Notes
<b>A.</b> Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	No	
<b>B.</b> Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	No	
<b>C.</b> Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA section 102(2)(E))?	No	
<b>D.</b> Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	No	
<b>E.</b> Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	No	
<b>F.</b> Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?	No	
<b>G.</b> Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, as determined by either the bureau or office?	No	
<b>H.</b> Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?	No	
<b>I.</b> Violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	No	
<b>J.</b> Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898)?	No	
<b>K.</b> Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 130007)?	No	
<b>L.</b> Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?	No	

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## ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FORM (ESF)

Updated Sept 2015 per NPS NEPA Handbook

### A. PROJECT INFORMATION

**Project Title:** 2017-025 El Portal Gas Station Generator Installation (2017 YH)  
**PEPC Project Number:** 73764  
**Project Type:** Equipment Replacement (EQR)  
**Project Location:**  
**County, State:** Mariposa, California  
**Project Leader:** Treacy Stone

### B. RESOURCE IMPACTS TO CONSIDER:

Resource	Potential for Impact	Potential Issues & Impacts
Air Air Quality	Potential	Temporary air emissions will occur during the generator installation.
Biological Nonnative or Exotic Species	None	
Biological Species of Special Concern or Their Habitat	None	
Biological Vegetation	None	
Biological Wildlife and/or Wildlife Habitat including terrestrial and aquatic species	None	
Cultural Archeological Resources	None	
Cultural Cultural Landscapes	None	

<b>Cultural</b> Ethnographic Resources	Potential	The associated tribes and groups were notified on the September 2017 tribal spreadsheet.
<b>Cultural</b> Museum Collections	None	
<b>Cultural</b> Prehistoric/historic structures	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Features	None	
<b>Geological</b> Geologic Processes	None	
<b>Lightscares</b> Lightscares	None	
<b>Other</b> Human Health and Safety	None	
<b>Other</b> Operational	Potential	The gas station will remain open during the generator installation.
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Land Use	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Minority and low- income populations, size, migration patterns, etc.	None	
<b>Socioeconomic</b> Socioeconomic	None	
<b>Soundscares</b> Soundscares	Potential	This project will produce some minimum construction noises.
<b>Viewsheds</b> Viewsheds	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Recreation Resources	None	
<b>Visitor Use and Experience</b> Visitor Use and Experience	None	
<b>Water</b> Floodplains	None	
<b>Water</b> Marine or Estuarine Resources	None	

<b>Water</b> Water Quality or Quantity	None	
<b>Water</b> Wetlands	None	
<b>Water</b> Wild and Scenic River	None	
<b>Wilderness</b> Wilderness	None	

**Recommended:**

Compliance Specialists	Date
<u>//Renea Kenec//</u> Compliance Specialist – Renea Kenec	<u>10/16/17</u>
<u>//Madelyn Ruffner//</u> Compliance Program Manager – Madelyn Ruffner	<u>10/30/17</u>
<u>//Ron Gaunt//</u> Chief, Project Management – Ron Gaunt	<u>11/20/17</u>

**Approved:**

Superintendent	Date
<u>//Sula Jacobs// Acting for</u> Palmer L. Jenkins (Acting Superintendent)	<u>11/28/17</u>

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# ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON HISTORIC PROPERTIES

## A. DESCRIPTION OF UNDERTAKING

1. **Park:** Yosemite National Park

### 2. Project Description:

**Project Name:** 2017-025 El Portal Gas Station Generator Installation (2017 YH)

**Prepared by:** Renea Kennec    **Date Prepared:** 09/12/2017    **Telephone:** 209-379-1038

**PEPC Project Number:** 73764

#### Locations:

**County, State:** Mariposa, CA

#### Area of potential effects (as defined in 36 CFR 800.16[d])

Gas Station and El Portal Market parking area

### 3. Has the area of potential effects been surveyed to identify historic properties?

No

Yes

**Source or reference:**

### 4. Potentially Affected Resources:

**Archeological Resources Notes:** The project area is not within the boundaries of a known archeological site but is within the boundaries of the El Portal Archeological District.

**Historical Structures/Resources Notes:** The Gas Station building is not a contributor to the historic district.

**Cultural Landscapes Affected:** None

**Ethnographic Resources Affected Notes:** No known ethnographic resources in the project area.

### 5. The proposed action will: (check as many as apply)

Destroy, remove, or alter features/elements from a historic structure

Replace historic features/elements in kind

Add non-historic features/elements to a historic structure

Alter or remove features/elements of a historic setting or environment (inc.

terrain)

Add non-historic features/elements (inc. visual, audible, or atmospheric) to  
Yes a historic setting or cultural landscape  
No Disturb, destroy, or make archeological resources inaccessible  
No Disturb, destroy, or make ethnographic resources inaccessible  
Yes Potentially affect presently unidentified cultural resources  
Begin or contribute to deterioration of historic features, terrain, setting,  
No landscape elements, or archeological or ethnographic resources  
Involve a real property transaction (exchange, sale, or lease of land or  
No structures)  
Other (please  
specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Supporting Study Data:**

**(Attach if feasible; if action is in a plan, EA or EIS, give name and project or page number.)**

**B. REVIEWS BY CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALISTS**

**The park 106 coordinator requested review by the park's cultural resource specialist/advisors as indicated by check-off boxes or as follows:**

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106 Advisor

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 10/13/2017

Comments: No historic structures affected per Cultural Resource Program Manager. Historic architect review not required.

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [  ]

Assessment of Effect:  No Potential to Cause Effect  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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Anthropologist

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 10/13/2017

Comments: Project went out for 30-day tribal review on September 7 tribal spreadsheet. As of 11/9/17 no comments have been received from consulting traditionally associated tribes and groups.

*Check if project does not involve ground disturbance* [  ]

Assessment of Effect:  No Potential to Cause Effect  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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Archeologist

Name: Sara Dolan

Date: 09/12/2017



Comments: There are no known archeological sites within the project area, however, recent findings from a nearby archeological monitoring project suggest that previously unknown buried historic artifacts are possible.

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [  ]

Assessment of Effect:  No Potential to Cause Effect  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations: Archeological spot monitoring is required.

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[ X ] Historian

Name: Scott Carpenter

Date: 10/13/2017

Comments: Work will not involve any alterations or construction to interior or exterior of building. No architectural review required

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [  ]

Assessment of Effect:  No Potential to Cause Effect  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

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[ X ] Historical Landscape Architect

Name: Kimball Koch

Date: 09/12/2017

Check if project does not involve ground disturbance [  ]

Assessment of Effect:  No Potential to Cause Effect  No Historic Properties Affected  No Adverse Effect  Adverse Effect  Streamlined Review

Recommendations for conditions or stipulations:

Doc Method: Standard 4-Step Process

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**No Reviews From:** Curator, Historical Architect, Other Advisor

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### C. PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1. Assessment of Effect:

- No Potential to Cause Effects
- No Historic Properties Affected
- No Adverse Effect
- Adverse Effect

#### 2. Documentation Method:

[ X ] **A. STANDARD 36 CFR PART 800 CONSULTATION**  
**Further consultation under 36 CFR Part 800 is needed.**

**[ ] B. STREAMLINED REVIEW UNDER THE 2008 SERVICEWIDE PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT (PA)**

The above action meets all conditions for a streamlined review under section III of the 2008 Servicewide PA for Section 106 compliance.

**APPLICABLE STREAMLINED REVIEW Criteria**  
(Specify 1-16 of the list of streamlined review criteria.)

**[ ] C. PLAN-RELATED UNDERTAKING**

Consultation and review of the proposed undertaking were completed in the context of a plan review process, in accordance with the 2008 Servicewide PA and 36 CFR Part 800.

Specify plan/EA/EIS:

**[ ] D. UNDERTAKING RELATED TO ANOTHER AGREEMENT**

The proposed undertaking is covered for Section 106 purposes under another document such as a statewide agreement established in accord with 36 CFR 800.7 or counterpart regulations.

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**[ ] E. Combined NEPA/NHPA Process**

Documentation is required for the preparation of an EA/FONSI or an EIS/ROD has been developed and used so as also to meet the requirements of 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6

**[ ] G. Memo to SHPO/THPO**

**[ ] H. Memo to ACHP**

**SHPO/THPO Notes:**

**3. Additional Consulting Parties Information:**

Additional Consulting Parties: No

**4. Stipulations and Conditions:**

Following are listed any stipulations or conditions necessary to ensure that the assessment of effect above is consistent with 36 CFR Part 800 criteria of effect or to avoid or reduce potential adverse effects.

**5. Mitigations/Treatment Measures:**

Measures to prevent or minimize loss or impairment of historic/prehistoric properties:  
(Remember that setting, location, and use may be relevant.)

No Assessment of Effect mitigations identified.

**D. RECOMMENDED BY PARK SECTION 106 COORDINATOR:**

**Section 106 Coordinator:**

Kimball  
Koch          //Kimball Koch//          **Date:**     10/31/2017    

**E. SUPERINTENDENT'S APPROVAL**

**The proposed work conforms to the NPS *Management Policies* and *Cultural Resource Management Guideline*, and I have reviewed and approve the recommendations, stipulations, or conditions noted in Section C of this form.**

**Superintendent:**     //Sula Jacobs// Acting for          **Date:**     11/28/2017    

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