CATEX CHECKLIST

CHECKLIST OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES & SENSITIVE RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CATEX) DETERMINATION FOR A DENALI COMMISSION PROJECT

Program Partner Name	Project Name	
Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Renovation of Village Health Clinic Foundations	
Location	**Project #**	**Subproject #**
Eek, Kasigluk, Kwethluk, Marshall, Nunam Iqua, Nunapitchuk, Tununak (Alaska)	Denali Commission Grant 1535	
Identify Categorical Exclusion The proposed project is identified in the Denali Commission list of categorical exclusions in 45 CFR Appendix A to Part 900, paragraph(s) B1: Upgrade, repair, maintenance, replacement or minor renovations and additions to buildings…equipment, and other facilities…that do not result in a change in the functional use of the real property..+ B3(a)		

Project Description (2-3 sentences maximum)

Install adjustable foundation to existing seven Village Health Clinics.

Instructions

The information you provide below will assist the Denali Commission in making its determination as to whether a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) is appropriate or further environmental analysis is required for the proposed project. Please place a checkmark in the blank next to the numbered items indicating your response on that issue. A checkmark in the "Yes" block does not automatically preclude the development of the proposed project. It simply means further assessment is needed. Should you have any remarks that may indicate the need to prepare an Environmental Analysis (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), attach a brief explanation of the circumstances for further evaluation. Adverse affects to environmentally sensitive resources must be resolved through another environmental process, e.g., coordination or consultation under the Coastal Zone Management Act or National Historic Preservation Act, before being categorically excluded. Attachments are allowed and encouraged.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Determination		Basis for determination
	Yes	No	
1. Public Health, Safety or Environment Will the proposed project have a reasonably likelihood of significant impacts on public health, public safety, or the environment?	☐	☒	The project will renovate seven village health clinics' foundation to an adjustable foundation. This will benefit the community by providing a health clinic that is easily maintained in the ever-shifting tundra.
2. Controversy on Environmental Grounds Will the proposed project have effects on the environment that are likely to be highly controversial or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources?	☐	☒	The project complies with all applicable laws and requirements and will have the appropriate regulatory approvals. Any impacts will be short-term and minor, lasting the duration of installation. This project is not controversial and does not involve unresolved conflicts.
3. Uncertain, Unique or Unknown Risks Will the proposed project have possible effects on the human environment that are highly uncertain, involve unique or unknown risks, or are scientifically controversial?	☐	☒	The project does not use methods or material with uncertain, unique or unknown risks. There will be a beneficial impact on the

			health of the community from upgrading seven village health clinics.
4. Precedent for Future Action Will the proposed action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	☐	☒	The project does not establish a precedent for future actions. There are no significant current or future environmental effects associated with the project.
5. Cumulative Impacts Will the proposed project relate to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	☐	☒	The project will not cause cumulative impacts or result in degradation of environmental concerns as outlined in NEPA.
6. Scope and Size Will the proposed project have a greater size and scope than is normal for the category of action?	☐	☒	The project does not have a greater size and/or scope than other rural Alaskan village infrastructure protection projects.
7. Environmental Conditions Will the proposed project have the potential to degrade already existing poor environmental conditions or to initiate a degrading influence, activity or effect in areas not already significantly modified from their natural condition?	☐	☒	The project will aim to protect seven village health clinics from the natural shifts of the tundra region.
8. Environmental Justice Will the proposed project have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations? Ref: Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations	☐	☒	The project will benefit low income and/or minority populations by providing health care facilities that are maintainable in the Sub-Arctic Tundra regions of Alaska.
9. Indian Sacred Sites Will the proposed project limit access to or ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites? (EO 13007) *"Indian tribe" means an Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, or community that the Secretary of the Interior acknowledges to exist as an Indian tribe pursuant to Public Law No. 103-454, 108 Stat. 4791, and "Indian" refers to a member of such an Indian tribe. (EO 13007)* Ref: Executive Order 13007, Indian Sacred Sites	☐	☒	Refer to no. 10.
Sensitive Resources	Impact Potential		Basis for determination
	Yes	No	
10. Section 106 Historic Properties Will the proposed project adversely affect properties in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places? Ref: National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.), as amended. (See 36 CFR 800, Protection of Historic Properties).	☐	☒	The locations of the project Area of Potential Effect were evaluated previously and received a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence with an agency finding of no historic properties.

11. Endangered Species Will the proposed project adversely affect species listed, or proposed to be listed on the Endangered or Threatened Species List, or the specific critical habitat? Ref: Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), as amended. (See 50 CFR part 402).	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not affect species listed, or proposed to be listed on the Endangered or Threatened Species list, or to specific critical habitats.
12. Historic or Cultural Resources Will the proposed action adversely impact the historic and cultural environment of the Nation? Ref: Executive Order 11593, Protection and enhancement of the cultural environment.	☐	☒	The seven villages listed are not located in or near a National Natural Landmark. There will be no impact to the historic and/or cultural environment of the Nation.
13. Park, Recreation or Refuge Lands Will the proposed project have significant adverse direct or indirect effects on National or State Park, Recreation or Refuge lands?	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not have significant adverse direct or indirect effects on National or State Park, Recreation or Refuge lands.
14. Wilderness Areas Will the proposed project adversely impact a wilderness area? Ref: Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), as amended.	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not adversely impact a wilderness area.
15. Wild and Scenic Rivers Is the proposed project a "Water Resources Project" that will impact a wild, scenic or recreational river area and create conditions inconsistent with the character of the river? Ref: Wild & Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.), as amended.	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not impact a wild, scenic or recreational river area and create conditions inconsistent with the character of the river.
16. National Natural Landmarks Will the proposed project impact a National Natural Landmark? Ref: Historic Sites Act of 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.), as amended.	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not impact a National Natural Landmark.
17. Sole Source Aquifers If the proposed action would not have adverse effects on this resource, it may be considered that there is no Impact Potential. Ref: Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, (42 U.S.C. 201, 300 et seq., and 21 U.S.C. 349), as amended. (See 40 CFR part 149).	☐	☒	According to the EPA website, as of 08/05/04, there are no sole source aquifers in Alaska.
18. Prime Farmlands Will the proposed project convert significant agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses? Ref: Farmlands Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.), as	☐	☒	Designated Soils of National or State Importance has not been made in Alaska, although the Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation

amended. (See 7 CFR part 658).			District, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and Kenai and Homer Soil and Water Conservation Districts have adopted criteria for Farmlands/Soils of Local Importance for lands within their jurisdictional boundaries. This project will not occur in any of these locations and will not convert agricultural lands to non-agricultural uses.
19. Wetlands Will the proposed project adversely affect wetlands or will there be construction in wetlands, except in conformance with a U.S. Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit? Ref: Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not adversely affect wetlands. And will not require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
20. Floodplains Will the proposed project involve construction in a floodplain or impact floodplain development? Ref: Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management	☐	☒	The project scope is limited to the installation of adjustable foundations to existing Village Health Clinics, and will not impact floodplains or flood flows. The project will not encourage development within a floodplain.
21. National Monuments Will proposed project impact a National Monument?	☐	☒	The villages listed in the project are not located near a National Monument. No impacts will occur.
22. Ecologically Significant or Critical Areas Will the proposed project impact an ecologically significant or critical area?	☐	☒	Minor ground disturbing activities will occur during the installation of adjustable foundations to seven village clinics. No impacts will occur to ecologically significant or critical areas.
23. Other Known Reasons Is an environmental assessment required for other known reasons?	☐	☒	The project is of limited scope; an environmental assessment is not required.

Additional Comments

The seven Village Clinic site characteristics have not changed significantly other than the seasonal shifts of the tundra. This project aims to mitigate the effect, of these shifts, on the clinics.

PREPARED BY		
Date 10/12/2018	Typed or Printed Name and Title Ernes Distajo Director of Capital Projects	Signature
Organization: Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation		

DENALI COMMISSION APPROVING OFFICIAL		
Based upon the categorical exclusion identified above, this completed checklist and attachments, I certify to the best of my knowledge, that the information provided above is complete and correct, and that:		
A categorical exclusion determination is appropriate for this project	Yes: ☑	No: ☐
Further environmental analysis is required	Yes: ☐	No: ☑
Date 25 Oct 2018	John Whittington Designated Approving Official	Signature

Additional Notes and Instructions

1. The basis for determination and documentation information must be traceable and establish the factual data to support the response to each question. Types of information to be included in this column are outlined below.

Printed Materials: These are useful sources of detailed information materials such as comprehensive land use plans, zoning maps, city master plans, environmental baseline surveys, environmental assessments, environmental impact statements and studies. Information must be current and must represent accepted methodologies, i.e., not so old that changing conditions make them irrelevant. Citations for the material should include enough information so that an outside reviewer can locate the specific reference, e.g., author, document title, publication date, and page number.

Examples include the Record of Decision, Finding of Suitability to Transfer, Finding of Suitability to Lease, General Services Administration (GSA) Property Suitability Determination Form, Federal Property Information Checklist, Environmental Baseline Surveys, Preliminary Assessment Reports, Environmental Assessments, draft or final Environmental Impact Statements, and City/County master plan or zoning map.

Possible sources of the above documents include as appropriate, GSA, Department of Housing and Urban Development, the property owner, military base environmental office, local governmental organizations, local public library, and City/County planning office.

Personal Contacts: Personal contacts are useful when the individual contacted is an accepted authority on the subject(s), and the interview is documented. Supporting documentation should include the name, organization, and title of the person contacted and the date of the conversation. Examples include EPA officials, EPA hotlines, officials from state or local planning offices and environmental offices, or an environmental officer of an agency.

Site Visits: A site visit does not usually involve any testing or measurements. A site visit is an important method for initial screening of the issues, but for some of the categories it may be inadequate for final evaluation, Supporting documentation should include date of the site visit, by whom, and the supporting observation.

2. The agency must include pollution prevention considerations in the siting, design, construction, renovation, and operation of the project or facility. The questionnaire items on sedimentation and erosion control measures and storm