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ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing or orally to DOE by contacting: Ms. Elizabeth Withers, CT EIS Document Manager, U.S. DOE, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544; by leaving a message at (800) 791-2280; by faxing (505) 665-4872; or by electronic mail at cteis@doeal.gov. Oral and written comments may also be submitted at the public hearings described above in the DATES section. Requests for copies of the Draft CT EIS or other matters regarding this environmental review should be addressed to Ms. Withers at the address above. The Draft CT EIS will be available under the NEPA Analysis Module of the DOE NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft CT EIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA regulations (40 CFR part 1500) and the DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR part 1021).

DOE proposes to dispose of land that is not needed to support DOE's national security mission and that can be environmentally remediated or restored before November 26, 2007, by either conveyance to the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, or by transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, in trust for the San Ildefonso Pueblo, in accordance with section 632 of Public Law 105-119, enacted on November 26, 1997. Criteria established by Public Law 105-119 for determining if land is suitable for conveyance or transfer includes the requirement that the land be suitable for use by the named recipients for the purposes of environmental, historic or cultural preservation, economic diversification purposes, or community self-sufficiency purposes.

The DOE has analyzed two alternatives: (1) The No Action Alternative and (2) the Conveyance and Transfer of Each Tract Alternative (the

Proposed Action). Under the No Action Alternative, DOE would continue its historical use of each of the land tracts identified as potentially being suitable for conveyance and transfer. Under the Conveyance and Transfer of Each Tract Alternative, the conveyance or transfer of each tract identified as suitable is considered, either in whole or in part, to either Los Alamos County or their designee, or the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the San Ildefonso Pueblo. DOE's Preferred Alternative is a subset of the Proposed Action Alternative, namely to convey or transfer several of the tracts of land entirely and several tracts in part (portions without potential contamination issues or mission support concerns). Environmental restoration activities would continue under current or future plans for the tracts that require such action and will include coordination with the State of New Mexico and public involvement.

The Draft CT EIS compares the environmental impacts that could be expected to occur from continuing to use the subject tracts of land as currently planned for the next 10 years with the direct consequences expected from conveying or transferring suitable tracts, in whole or in part, to the recipients named in Public Law 105-119, together with the indirect consequences expected from the subsequent development and use of the tracts by the receiving parties. A wetland/floodplains assessment is included as an appendix to the EIS. A range of cost estimates for clean up of each tract is provided in a separate Environmental Restoration Report prepared to support the CT EIS and can be obtained by contacting Ms. Elizabeth Withers as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

DOE has distributed copies of the Draft CT EIS to appropriate Congressional members and committees, the State of New Mexico, American Indian tribal and pueblo governments, local county governments, other Federal agencies, and other interested parties. After the public comment period, which ends April 12, 1999, DOE will consider the comments received, revise the Draft CT EIS, and issue a Final CT EIS. DOE will consider the Final CT EIS, along with other considerations such as economic and technical considerations, in deciding the action it will take regarding the conveyance and transfer of the subject tracts.

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John C. Ordaz,

Program Manager, CT EIS, Defense Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement; Construction and Operation of The 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility at The Fermilab Booster and The Booster Neutrino Detectors at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab), Batavia, Illinois

AGENCY: Chicago Operations Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: DOE proposes to construct an 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility at the Fermilab Booster and the Booster Neutrino Detectors at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab). The 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility would be located within a small area of existing wetland/floodplain at the point where Indian Creek crosses over the proposed beamline enclosure within the western portion of the Fermilab site which is located in Kane County, Illinois. The detectors would be constructed outside of, and have no impact on, floodplain or wetland.

In accordance with DOE Regulations for *Compliance with Floodplains/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements* (10 CFR part 1022), DOE will prepare a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner which avoids or minimizes potential harm to the affected floodplain/wetland.

A summary of the floodplain/wetland assessment will be included in the Environmental Assessment (EA-1267) prepared for the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Should the evaluation of environmental impacts in the EA support a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), the floodplain/wetland statement of findings shall be included. In the event an environmental impact statement (EIS) is needed, the floodplain/wetland statement of findings will be contained in the record of decision (ROD).

DATES: Comments are due to the address below on or before March 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Robert C. Wunderlich, Acting Manager, Fermi Group, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2000, Batavia, Illinois 60510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT: Robert C. Wunderlich, Acting Manager, Fermi Group, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2000, Batavia, Illinois 60510, Phone: (630) 840-3281, Fax: (630) 840-3285.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Dr. W. Sedgfield White, Chicago Operations Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Phone: (630) 252-2101, Fax: (630) 252-2835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The major part of the proposed action would be outside of the 100-year floodplain or jurisdictional wetland; however, the beamline enclosure would cross under Indian Creek at the edge of a floodplain/wetland. Construction of the beamline enclosure underground would require temporary diversion of the creek. The design of the creek diversion will keep the floodplain area well removed from the 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility.

The impacted wetland was delineated and described by qualified experts for an earlier project proposed for this general area (DOE/EA 1198, Neutrino Beams at the Main Injector Project). Since construction of that project involved tunneling far beneath the wetland, the wetland assessment identified no potential for construction impacts on the wetland. However, construction of the underground beamline for the 8 GeV Fixed Target Facility would be performed with excavation, not tunneling, techniques, and would require temporary diversion of Indian Creek. Therefore, the effects of this proposed action on the jurisdictional wetlands must be assessed, and measures must be analyzed which can avoid or mitigate impacts to wetland habitats, in accordance with Federal and State regulations. Consultation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Illinois Office of Water Resources, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also will be initiated to determine requirements for the permits prior to starting the project.

Issued in Argonne, Illinois on 18th day of February 1999.

John P. Kennedy,

Acting Manager, Chicago Operations Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Tuesday, March 16, 1999, 8 a.m.—6 p.m.; Wednesday, March 17, 1999, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

There will be public comment sessions following presentations on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 17, 1999, from 4 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Additional time may be made available for public comment during the presentations. These times are subject to change as the meeting progresses, depending on the extent of comment offered. Please check with the meeting facilitator to confirm these times.

ADDRESSES: The Miles & Virginia Willard Fine Arts Center, 498 A Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Wendy Green Lowe, INEEL Board Facilitator, Jason Associates Corp. (208-522-1662) or visit the Board's Internet homepage at <http://www.ida.net/users/cab>. You may also contact Mr. Charles Rice, INEEL Board Chair, c/o Jason Associates Corporation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: The EM SSAB, INEEL will receive presentations on contamination at the Power Burst Facility/Auxiliary Reactor Area (Waste Area Group 5), the results of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, and a review of the Proposed Plan; the implications to INEEL resulting from the Nevada Test Site Plutonium Migration Report; cost estimating for remediation at INEEL and how costs are presented in proposed plans; and laboratory directed research and development and the University Research Consortium. Discussions will

be held on the DOE-Idaho management transition including the introduction of Acting Manager, Warren Bergholz; the Millennium Grant and DOE-Idaho's options for using it for the Experimental Breeder Reactor-I, and the strategy for pursuing development of a space port in Idaho. Status reports will be given on the High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Environmental Impact Statement; the Advanced Mixed-Waste Treatment Project; Pit 9 and Waste Area Group 7 (Radioactive Waste Management Complex); the recently discovered inadvertent destruction of records; and the recent Waste Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The INEEL Board will finalize its recommendation on DOE-Idaho's planned Fiscal Year 2001 Budget Request. For a most current copy of the agenda, contact Woody Russell, DOE-Idaho, (208) 526-0561, or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., (208) 522-1662. Agenda topics may change up to the day of the meeting. Please contact Jason Associates for the most current agenda or visit the board's Internet site. The final agenda will be available at the meeting.

Public Participation

The two-day meeting is open to the public, with public comment sessions scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16 and 17, 1999. The Board will be available during these time periods to hear verbal public comments or to review any written public comments. If there are members of the public wishing to comment or no written comments to review, the board will continue with its current discussion. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the INEEL Information line or Wendy Green Lowe, Jason Associates Corp., at the addresses or telephone numbers listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. Gerald Bowman, the Designated Federal Officer and Assistant Manager for Laboratory Development, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9