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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Chemical Agent Demilitarization Facility; Construction and Operation; Umatilla Depot Activity, OR

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This announces the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the construction and operation of the proposed chemical agent demilitarization facility at the Umatilla Depot Activity, Oregon. The proposed facility will be used to demilitarize all stockpiled chemical agents and munitions currently stored at the Umatilla Depot Activity. The FEIS examines the potential impacts of on-site incineration, alternative sites within Umatilla Depot Activity and the "no action" alternative. The "no action" alternative is considered to be a deferral of demilitarization with continued storage of agents and munitions at the Umatilla Depot Activity.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Record of Decision (53 FR 5816, February 26, 1988) for the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on the Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program (CSDP), the Department of the Army selected on-site disposal by incineration at all eight chemical munition storage sites within the continental United States as the method by which it will destroy its lethal chemical stockpile. On February 6, 1989, the Department of the Army published a Notice of Intent (54 FR 5646) which announced that, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and implementing regulations, it would prepare a draft site-specific EIS for the Umatilla chemical munitions disposal facility. In 1991, the Department of the Army prepared a Draft EIS to assess the site-specific health and environmental impacts of on-site incineration of chemical agents and munitions stored at the Umatilla Depot Activity. In late 1991, preparation of draft and final EIS's was halted pending the outcome of a National Research Council (NRC) study of alternative technologies for the

destruction of chemical agents and munitions and the Army's review of that study. The alternative technology studies by both the NRC and the Army have been completed and preparation of EIS's has been restarted. A Notice of Availability was published on January 26, 1996 (61 FR 2508) which provided notice that the revised Draft EIS was available for public comment. Comments from the revised DEIS have been considered and responses are included in this Final EIS. After a 30-day waiting period, the Army will publish a Record of Decision. Copies of the Final EIS may be obtained by writing to the following address: Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization, ATTN: SFAE-CD-ME, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010-5401.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Environmental Protection Agency will also publish a Notice of Availability for the Final EIS in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Above address, or Ms. Suzanne Fournier at (410) 671-1093.

Raymond J. Fatz,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health) OASA (I, L&E).

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Projects and Activities Associated With Future Programs at Yuma Proving Ground

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Public Law 91-190, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) being prepared to evaluate environmental implications of future decisions regarding operation of Yuma Proving Ground. The DEIS will focus on impacts of planned future activities at Yuma Proving Ground, development alternatives for the installation Master Plan, development potential of the installation in terms of environmental carrying capacity, and specific concerns regarding risk. Issues to be considered in the proposed action include acceptance of those new programs projected for the installation, modernization or removal of outdated facilities, and improvements to infrastructure, utilities and service necessary to accommodate the new missions and changes in existing test and evaluation missions. All missions

on the installation will be considered. The Army will conduct a scoping workshop (exact date, time, and location to be determined) prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. The first step will be to determine the appropriate scope of issues, activities and alternatives to be addressed. Among the anticipated areas to be evaluated are public health risks and public safety, noise, shock and vibration, water quality, air quality, hazardous material management and disposal, biological resources including threatened and endangered species, social and economic effects, and historical and archaeological resources. Agencies having regulatory interest and special expertise will be asked to participate in the scoping process.

DATES: Written public comments and suggestions can be submitted by no later than July 18, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, ATTN: STEYP-ES-C (Junior D. Kerns), Yuma, Arizona 85365-9107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Junior D. Kerns, (520) 328-2148.

Raymond J. Fatz,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Wetlands Involvement for Effluent Reduction at Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Los Alamos Area Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of wetlands involvement.

SUMMARY: DOE is proposing to reduce or eliminate the discharge of industrial and sanitary wastewater from 29 outfalls at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos County, New Mexico. These measures are necessary to comply with federal and state water quality standards and directives issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The measures would consist of both rerouting and connecting wastewater discharges to an existing treatment facility and installing recirculation systems. Remaining discharges would be primarily from stormwater runoff. The objective of the proposed action is to insure that wastewater discharges are environmentally safe. The elimination of wastewater would reduce or terminate flows to approximately 25 wetlands that have likely been created

as a consequence of these long-term discharges.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer, Office of Environment and Projects, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 667-8690.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS

PROPOSED ACTION, CONTACT: Ken Zamora, Project Manager, Office of Environment and Projects, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, (505) 665-5047.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLANDS

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Project Description

DOE proposes to implement measures to reduce or eliminate the discharge of industrial and sanitary wastewater from 29 outfalls at various facilities at LANL, Los Alamos County, New Mexico. These measures are being taken as an integral part of an overall program of corrective action to insure that wastewater discharges are environmentally safe. Action is needed to comply with federal and state water quality standards and directives issued by EPA. Corrective measures would consist of both rerouting and connecting discharges to the existing sanitary wastewater treatment system and installing recirculation systems at the source of the wastewater. Only one of the corrective actions would involve construction work outside of a building. This action would consist of the excavation of a 82-foot-long trench in a non-wetland area. No construction would occur within a wetland. Remaining discharges would come primarily from stormwater runoff.

2. Wetlands

The long-term discharge of wastewater has likely contributed to the development of small wetlands at several facilities. These wetlands have developed below outfalls and at various downstream locations in the receiving stream channel. Other facilities discharging wastewater have outfalls that are not thought to be associated with wetlands, and others have had

outfalls associated with wetlands but no longer discharge wastewater to support them because of program changes. Currently, 33 wetlands supported by wastewater discharges remain at various locations at LANL. A small number of naturally occurring wetlands are also present. These wastewater and natural wetlands provide habitat for a diversity of wildlife on both a local and area-wide scale.

Reduction or cessation of wastewater flows at 29 outfalls would likely result in the gradual reversion of wetland plant communities at 25 wetlands to plant communities adapted to drier conditions, with a resulting change in animal use. Some wetland communities could persist. Wetlands associated with the wastewater treatment facility receiving rerouted wastewater may experience a modest increase in size.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), DOE will prepare a wetlands assessment for this proposed action. The wetlands assessment will be included as an integral part of the EA that will be prepared for this proposal in complying with NEPA.

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Elizabeth Withers,

NEPA Compliance Officer, Los Alamos Area Office, Department of Energy.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation.

DATES: Wednesday, July 10, 1996: 6 pm-9 pm.

ADDRESSES: Oak Ridge Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 420 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandy Perkins, Site-Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (423) 576-1590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

July Meeting Topics

This meeting will involve a panel discussion among representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the U.S. Department of Energy on the implications of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and its implementation in the Environmental Management Program at the Oak Ridge Reservation.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. 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 Sandy Perkins at the address or telephone number 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. The Designated Federal Official 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 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 8:30 am and 5 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 am and 7 pm on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 am and 1 pm on Saturday, or by writing to Sandy Perkins, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, or by calling her at (423) 576-1590.

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Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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