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 Yucca Mountain Science Center, 1141 South Hwy. 160, Pahrump, NV 89041. Attn: Lee Krumm (702) 727-0896

TABLE 1.—SCOPING MEETINGS

Location of scoping meeting	Dates/times ¹
Pahrump Community Center, 400 N. Hwy. 160, Pahrump, NV 89048	Tuesday, August 29, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
Boise Centre on the Grove, 850 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702	Wednesday, September 6, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
Lawlor Events Center, University of Nevada-Reno Campus, Reno, NV 89667.	Friday, September 8, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
University of Chicago, Downtown MBA Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, IL 60611.	Tuesday, September 12, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
Cashman Field, 850 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas, NV 89101	Friday, September 15, 1995, morning/evening sessions .
Denver Convention Complex, 700 14th Street, Denver, CO 80202	Tuesday, September 19, 1995, afternoon/evening sessions.
Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	Thursday, September 21, 1995, afternoon/evening sessions.
Arlington Community Center, 2800 South Center Street, Dallas, TX 76004.	Tuesday, September 26, 1995, afternoon/evening sessions.
Caliente Youth Center, Highway 93, Caliente, NV 89008	Thursday, September 28, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
Hilton Inn, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111	Thursday, October 5, 1995, afternoon/evening sessions.
Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, 5700 Hammonds Ferry Rd., Linthicum (near Baltimore), MD 21090.	Wednesday, October 11, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
Russell Sage Conference Center, 45 Ferry St., Troy (Albany), NY 12180.	Friday, October 13, 1995, afternoon/evening sessions.
Georgia International Convention Center, 1902 Sullivan Road, College Park (Atlanta), GA 30337.	Tuesday, October 17, 1995, morning/evening sessions.
Penn Valley Community College, 3201 S.W. Trafficway, Kansas City, MO 64111.	Friday, October 20, 1995, afternoon/evening sessions.
Tonopah Convention Center, 301 Brougner, Tonopah, NV 89049	Tuesday, October 24, 1995, morning/evening sessions.

¹ Session times are as follows: Morning (8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.), Afternoon (12:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.), Evening (6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.).

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Peter N. Brush,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety and Health.

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Floodplain/Wetland Involvement Notification and Statement of Findings for a Proposed Removal Action at the Weldon Spring Site, St. Charles Co., Missouri

AGENCY: Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of floodplain/wetland involvement and statement of findings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to conduct a

removal action at the Weldon Spring site to remove radiologically contaminated soil from a vicinity property within a floodplain and wetland located within the heavily used State of Missouri Weldon Spring Conservation Area. The proposed action will eliminate any potential risk to the health of recreational users of the conservation area. In accordance with 10 CFR Part 1022, DOE has prepared a floodplain and wetlands assessment. The proposed action will be performed in a manner so as to avoid or minimize

potential harm to or within the floodplain and wetland. Because of the location of the contaminated soil, there is no practicable alternative to the location of this action within the floodplain and wetlands. Because of the potential risk to human health and the environment, the DOE has combined the Notice of Involvement with the Statement of Findings in this **Federal Register** Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS PROPOSED ACTION OR TO COMMENT ON THE ACTION CONTACT: Mr. Steve McCracken, U.S. Department of Energy, Weldon Spring Site Remedial Action Project, 7295 Highway 94 South, St. Charles, MO 63304, (314) 441-8978.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN/WETLAND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE is conducting response actions at its Weldon Spring Site under the direction of the DOE Office of Environmental Management. The Weldon Spring site is located in St. Charles County, Missouri, approximately 48 km (30 miles) west of St. Louis. As part of the overall cleanup of the Weldon Spring Site, the DOE is proposing to conduct a removal action at an area referred to as Vicinity Property 9 (VP 9). VP 9, which contains a small wetland area no larger than 1.5 acres, occurs within the 100-yr floodplain of the Missouri River, and is located within the heavily used State of Missouri Weldon Spring Conservation Area.

The proposed action is necessary to remove radioactively contaminated soils within VP 9 that poses a potential risk to the health of recreational users of the conservation area. Because of the urgency to conduct this removal and in order to optimize resources that are immediately available (i.e., equipment and crew currently are conducting bulk waste removal in the immediate vicinity) in the nearby quarry area, the DOE has waived the 15-day public comment period for this notice of involvement, as permitted under Section 1022.18c of 10 CFR 1022. Further information is available from the DOE at the address shown below.

In accordance with the DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain/wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR 1022), the DOE has prepared a floodplain and wetland assessment describing the

effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the floodplain and wetland, and has determined that the proposed removal action will not impact floodplain storage. Impacts to the wetland will be temporary and will not affect long term wetland function. Further information on the floodplain and wetland assessments is available from the DOE at the address shown below.

The DOE proposes to remove radiologically contaminated soils from VP 9 by excavating soils to a depth of approximately 1 ft from an area of approximately 180 ft x 380 ft (1.5 acres) in size. Prior to excavation, vegetation at the area would be cleared by grubbing, and a temporary excavation equipment access ramp to VP 9 would be installed. Good engineering practices such as hay bales and silt fences would be employed to control sedimentation and erosion to nearby surface waters and adjacent floodplain areas. Excavation would be accomplished using standard excavation equipment (e.g., backhoe), and the contaminated soils would be transported to the Weldon Spring chemical plant area for treatment and subsequent disposal. Following completion of the proposed action, the equipment access ramp would be removed and all excavated areas would be backfilled with clean fill, graded to original contours, and revegetated with native species previously occurring at the site.

The no-action alternative with institutional controls was also evaluated. The no-action alternative is not acceptable because (1) The potential risk to human health from the contaminated soils would return in the event of loss of institutional control, (2) recreational activities at the conservation area would be disrupted, (3) potential risk to the environment would be largely unaffected by institutional controls, and (4) natural flood events could transport the contaminated soils to other portions of the floodplain and conservation area. Because of the potential risk to human health and to the environment, the DOE finds that there is no practicable alternative to the location of the removal action in the floodplain and wetland, and wishes to expedite the proposed removal of the contaminated soil and complete the removal action in as timely a manner as possible.

The proposed action would conform to applicable federal, state, and local floodplain and wetland protection standards. Impacts to the floodplain and wetland would be minimized by the avoidance (to the extent practicable) of

adjacent floodplain and wetland areas, and through the use of good engineering practices for sediment and erosion control. No impacts are anticipated to the 100-yr floodplain of the Missouri River. The removal of contaminated soils from VP 9 would not impact the storage capacity of the Missouri River floodplain. No permanent structures that could displace flood storage capacity would be constructed as part of the proposed action. Potential impact to the wetland would be restricted to removal of hydrophytic vegetation species that would be replaced following completion of the removal action. Upon completion of the action, the equipment access ramp would be removed and the excavated area would be backfilled and graded to original contours to restore the pre-excitation flood-storage capacity of the area.

Robert W. Poe,

Assistant Manager for Environment, Safety, and Quality.

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Financial Assistance Award Intent to Award Cooperative Agreement to Florida International University

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of non-competitive financial assistance award.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy announces that it is making a noncompetitive discretionary financial assistance award to Florida International University (FIU). The proposed cooperative agreement will provide funding in the estimated amount of \$33,681,844, of which \$22,000,000 will be contributed by DOE, over a 5-year period, to further develop and expand the Hemispheric Center for Environmental Technology (HCET). This proposed expansion will ultimately result in an increase to the scientific knowledge base in the area of environmental research (especially innovative environmental technology research and development), as well as provide increased opportunities for minority and other students to pursue advanced education in the environmental arena to help meet the challenges associated with solving current and future environmental related problems.

DATES: The anticipated project period of the proposed cooperative agreement is 60 months from the effective date of award which is proposed to be August 18, 1995. Any comments or inquiries should be submitted on or before August 21, 1995.