

34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, and 86; and (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR parts 385 and 389.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 79 apply to all applicants except federally recognized Indian tribes.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

FOR APPLICATIONS: To request an application package, please write to U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 3038 Switzer Building, Washington, DC 20202-2649, Attention Joyce R. Jones; or call (202) 205-8351.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Steburg, U.S. Department of Education, Region IV, PO Box 1691, Atlanta, Georgia 30301. Telephone: (404) 331-0530. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Information about the Department's funding opportunities, including copies of application notices for discretionary grant competitions, can be viewed on the Department's electronic bulletin board (ED Board), telephone (202) 260-9950; on the Internet Gopher Server (at gopher://gcs.ed.gov); or on the World Wide Web (at <http://gcs.ed.gov>). However, the official application notice for a discretionary grant competition is the notice published in the Federal Register.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Reopening of the Public Comment Period for the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Reopening of the Public Comment Period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the public comment period for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Disposal Phase Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS-II) until February 27, 1997. All comments received by that date will be considered

in preparing the final SEIS-II. A Notice of Availability of the draft was published on November 29, 1996 (61 FR 60690). All other information contained in the Notice of Availability remains unchanged.

ADDRESSES: *Written comments* on the draft SEIS-II should be mailed to the following address: Harold Johnson, NEPA Compliance Officer, Att: SEIS Comments, P.O. Box 9800, Albuquerque, NM 87119.

Although some written comments mailed to this address were mistakenly returned by the U.S. Postal Service to sender, this situation has been rectified and individuals are requested to resubmit their comments to the above address. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail to WIPPSEIS@battelle.org or by fax to Harold Johnson, NEPA Compliance Officer at (505) 224-8030. For more information on WIPP and the SEIS-II, contact the WIPP Information Center at 1-800-336-WIPP (1-800-336-9477).

For information on the DOE National Environmental Policy Act process, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600 or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

DATES: The comment period on the draft SEIS-II will be reopened until February 27, 1997. Comments postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 1996, the Department issued a Notice of Availability (61 FR 60690) on the draft SEIS-II that included: A brief description of the contents of the document and alternatives analyzed; a list of reading rooms where the full document is available to the public; information on how to obtain additional copies of the document and submit public comments; and a schedule of public hearings. This Notice also announced a sixty-day public comment period extending from November 29, 1996 to January 28, 1997.

The public comment period is being reopened until February 27, 1997, in response to public requests for additional time to review the document and prepare comments. The Department has individually notified interested stakeholders of the reopened comment period. Except for the end of the comment period, all information contained in the November 29, 1996, Notice of Availability remains unchanged. Please note that some written comments on the draft SEIS-II that were mailed to the Department

were mistakenly returned by the U.S. Postal Service to sender. This situation has been rectified and these comments may be resubmitted to the address above. Comments postmarked after February 27, 1997, will be considered to the extent practicable. Further information on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and on the SEIS-II is contained in the November 29, 1996, Notice of Availability.

Issued in Washington, DC., this 27 day of January, 1997.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management Environmental Management.

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Floodplain Statement of Findings for Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action at the Fernald Environmental Management Project

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

ACTION: Floodplain statement of findings.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice of DOE's planned actions for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), located approximately 18 miles (29 kilometers) northwest of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. The subject of this Floodplain Statement of Findings is the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Action. DOE proposes to protect human health and the environment by excavating and consolidating contaminated soil and sediment within an on-property, above-grade disposal facility. Excavation and construction activities associated with implementation of this action would involve the floodplain along Paddys Run in Hamilton County, Ohio. In accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 10 CFR part 1022, DOE prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment describing the effects, alternatives and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The assessment found that the proposed action would have minimal temporary or long-term impacts on the floodplain.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the DOE at the following address on or before February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments and/or requests for further information, including a site map, to: Mr. David Kozlowski, Associate Director, Office of Safety & Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project, PO. Box 538705,