

(Building 501) and the Fort Detrick U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters Public Affairs Office (Building 810). There will be a 30-day comment period on the supplemental EA/FNSI before the Army proceeds with the proposed action.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth Quarrick at 410-962-2886.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Raymond J. Fatz,

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

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### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### Transfer of Jurisdiction of a Portion of Joliet Army Ammunition Plant to the Department of Agriculture for the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 6, 1996, in accordance with Pub. L. 104-106, Title XXIX, Subtitle A, entitled "Illinois Land Conservation Act of 1995", the Department of the Army signed a Secretariat Memorandum to transfer approximately 15,080.53 acres of land and improvements at Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, Illinois to the Department of Agriculture for use by the Forest Service as the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. The purpose of this notice is to effect that transfer pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 2912 (e)(2) of Pub. L. 104-106.

This is a partial transfer of the entire acreage contemplated by the statute. Additional transfers will be made in the future. A map dated December 4, 1996 and a legal description dated December 3, 1996 of the property which is the subject of the subject transfer, are on file with the U.S. Army Engineer District, Corps of Engineers, Louisville, Kentucky and the Office of the Regional Forester, USDA, Forest Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Charles E. Woods, 502-625-7104.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents are on file at locations:

1. U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, Kentucky 40201-9889.
2. Office of the Regional Forester, USDA, Forest Service 310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

Michael G. Barter,  
*Chief, Real Estate Division.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

#### Bonneville Power Administration

#### Columbia River System Operation Review on Selecting an Operating Strategy for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS)

**AGENCY:** Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the ROD to select a system operating strategy for the FCRPS, as analyzed in the Columbia River System Operation Review (SOR) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). To meet the need for a review of the multiple-purpose management of the FCRPS, four proposed actions were considered in the SOR EIS. This ROD applies solely to the decision BPA is making on the first of the four actions, selection of a system operating strategy. In response to the need to develop and implement a coordinated system operating strategy for the FCRPS, BPA has decided to: (1) Support recovery of fish species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by storing water during the fall and winter to meet spring and summer flow targets; (2) protect other resources by managing detrimental effects caused by operations for ESA species by establishing minimum summer reservoir levels, providing public safety through flood protection, and other actions; and (3) provide for reasonable power generation.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD and EIS may be obtained by calling BPA's toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip Thor, SOR Manager, Bonneville Power Administration, P.O. Box 3621—PGF, Portland, Oregon, 97208-3621, phone number (503) 230-4235.

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Randall W. Hardy,

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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### Office of Energy Research

#### Energy Research Financial Assistance Program Notice 97-08: Innovations in Fusion Energy Confinement Systems

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (OFES) of the Office of Energy Research, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its interest in receiving grant applications for innovative experiments in fusion energy confinement systems. Organizations with research projects funded under previous Notice 95-10 which are now due for continuation funding need not submit; however, those seeking renewal funding should submit a renewal application under this Notice. Successful applications will be funded early in FY 1998.

The Office of Fusion Energy Sciences is interested in applications for innovative experimental research that has the possibility of leading to improved fusion energy power plants (this includes tokamak based power plants with qualitatively improved performance). The research should be aimed at experimentally elucidating the physics principles involved. Research projects are sought which are unique, first of a kind and which provide new scientific insights. Although the main thrust of this initiative is experimental, consideration will be given to applications which are directed at scientific assessment of new concepts which are not ready for experimental investigation. Applications for research on existing large tokamaks, separate theory investigations, or initiatives in Inertial Fusion Energy should not be submitted in response to this notice. Collaborative applications submitted from different institutions which are directed at a single proposed experiment will be "bundled" and reviewed collectively.

**DATES:** To permit timely consideration for awards in Fiscal Year 1998, applications submitted in response to this notice must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., May 15, 1997. No electronic submissions of formal applications will be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Completed formal applications referencing Program Notice 97-08 should be forwarded to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Research, Grants and Contracts Division, ER-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, Maryland 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 97-08.