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which establishes the efficiency, including Part A of Title III of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) sets forth a variety of provisions concerning energy efficiency. Today’s notice involves commercial equipment under Part A–1. The statute specifically includes definitions (42 U.S.C. 6311), test procedures (42 U.S.C. 6314), labeling provisions (42 U.S.C. 6315), and energy conservation standards (42 U.S.C. 6313). It also provides the Secretary of Energy (the Secretary) with the authority to require information and reports from manufacturers. (42 U.S.C. 6316) The statute authorizes the Secretary of Energy (the Secretary) to prescribe test procedures that are reasonably designed to produce test results that reflect energy efficiency, energy use, and estimated annual operating costs, and that are not unduly burdensome to conduct. (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(2))

For commercial package air-conditioning and heating equipment, EPCA provides that “the test procedures shall be those generally accepted industry testing procedures or rating procedures recognized by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers [ASHRAE], as referenced in ASHRAE/IES [Illuminating Engineering Society] Standard 90.1 and in effect on June 30, 1992.” (42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(A)) Under 42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(4)(B), the Secretary must amend the test procedure for a covered commercial product if the applicable industry test procedure is amended, unless the Secretary determines the amendment is based on clear and convincing evidence, that such a modified test procedure does not meet the statutory criteria set forth in 42 U.S.C. 6314(a)(2) and (3).


Id. at 71371. Pursuant to this rulemaking, DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 431.95(b)(3) incorporate by reference ISO Standard 13256–1–1998. In addition, Table 1 of 10 CFR 431.96 directs manufacturers of commercial package water-source air conditioning and heating equipment to use the appropriate procedure when measuring the energy efficiency of those products.


In addition, DOE’s regulations allow a person to seek a waiver for a particular basic model from the test procedure requirements for covered commercial equipment if: (1) That basic model contains one or more design characteristics which prevent testing according to the prescribed test procedures; or (2) the prescribed test procedures may evaluate the basic model in a manner so unrepresentative of its true energy consumption characteristics as to provide materially inaccurate comparative data. 10 CFR 431.401(a)(1). A waiver petition must include any alternate test procedures known to the petitioner to evaluate characteristics of the basic model in a manner representative of its energy consumption. 10 CFR 431.401(b)(1)(iii). The Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (Assistant Secretary) may grant a waiver subject to conditions, including adherence to alternate test procedures. 10 CFR 431.401(f)(4). Waivers remain in effect pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 431.401(g).

The waiver process also allows any interested person who has submitted a petition for waiver to file an application for interim waiver from the applicable test procedure requirements. 10 CFR 431.401(a)(2). An interim waiver may be granted if the Assistant Secretary determines that the applicant will experience economic hardship if the petition for waiver is denied, if it appears likely that the petition for waiver will be granted, and/or if the Assistant Secretary determines that it would be desirable for public policy reasons to grant immediate relief pending a determination on the petition for waiver. 10 CFR 431.401(e)(3). An interim waiver remains in effect for 180 days or until DOE issues its determination on the petition for waiver, whichever occurs first. The interim waiver may be extended by DOE for an additional 180 days. 10 CFR 431.401(e)(4).

On January 4, 2010, Sanyo filed a petition for waiver from the test procedures at 10 CFR 431.96 applicable to commercial package air and water-source central air conditioners and heat pumps, as well as an application for interim waiver. The cooling capacities of Sanyo’s commercial ECO-i multi-split heat pump products at issue in the waiver petition range from 72,000 Btu/h to 288,000 Btu/h. Sanyo products with capacities ≥ 135,000 Btu/h are not covered by this waiver because there is
no DOE test procedure for water-source heat pumps with capacities ≥ 135,000 Btu/hr. The cooling capacities of Sanyo’s commercial ECO-i air-source multi-split heat pump products also range from 72,000 Btu/h to 288,000 Btu/h. All of these products are covered by this waiver, as ARI Standard 340/360–2004 covers products with capacities greater than 65,000 Btu/h.

Sanyo seeks a waiver from the applicable test procedures under 10 CFR 431.96 on the grounds that its ECO-i multi-split heat pumps contain design characteristics that prevent testing according to the current DOE test procedures. Specifically, Sanyo asserts that the two primary factors that prevent testing of its multi-split variable speed products are the same factors stated in the waivers that DOE granted to Mitsubishi Electric & Electronics USA, Inc. (Mitsubishi) and other manufacturers for similar lines of commercial multi-split air-conditioning systems:

• Testing laboratories cannot test products with so many indoor units; and
• There are too many possible combinations of indoor and outdoor units to test. 69 FR 52660 (August 27, 2004) (Mitsubishi waiver); 72 FR 17528 (April 9, 2007) (Mitsubishi waiver); 72 FR 71387 (Dec. 17, 2007) (Sanyo waiver); 72 FR 71383 (Dec. 17, 2007) (Fujitsu waiver); 73 FR 39680 (July 10, 2008) (Daikin waiver); 74 FR 15955 (April 8, 2009) (Daikin waiver); 74 FR 16193 (April 9, 2009) (Sanyo waiver); 74 FR 16373 (April 10, 2009) (Daikin waiver).

On March 18, 2010, DOE published Sanyo’s petition for waiver in the Federal Register, seeking public comment pursuant to 10 CFR 431.401(b)(1)(iv), and granted the application for interim waiver. 75 FR 13114. DOE received no comments on the Sanyo petition.

In a similar case, DOE published a petition for waiver from Mitsubishi for products very similar to Sanyo’s multi-split products. 71 FR 14858 (March 24, 2006). In the March 24, 2006, Federal Register notice, DOE also published and requested comment on an alternate test procedure for the MEUS products at issue. DOE stated that if it specified an alternate test procedure for MEUS in the subsequent Decision and Order, DOE would consider applying the same procedure to similar waivers for residential and commercial central air conditioners and heat pumps, including such products for which waivers have previously been granted. Id. at 14861. Comments were published along with the Mitsubishi Decision and Order in the Federal Register on April 9, 2007. 72 FR 17528. Most of the comments were favorable. One commenter indicated that a waiver was unnecessary. However, the commenter did not present a satisfactory method of testing the products. Id. at 72 FR 17529. Generally, commenters agreed that an alternate test procedure is necessary while a final test procedure for these types of products is being developed. Id. The Mitsubishi Decision and Order included the alternate test procedure adopted by DOE. Id. at 72 FR 17530.

**Assertions and Determinations**

Sanyo’s Petition for Waiver

Sanyo seeks a waiver from the DOE test procedures for this product class on the grounds that its ECO-i multi-split heat pumps contain design characteristics that prevent them from being tested using the current DOE test procedures. As stated above, Sanyo asserts that the two primary factors that prevent testing of multi-split variable speed products, regardless of manufacturer, are the same factors stated in the waivers that DOE granted to Mitsubishi, Fujitsu General Ltd. (Fujitsu), Samsung Air Conditioning (Samsung), Daikin, and LG for similar lines of commercial multi-split air-conditioning systems: (1) Testing laboratories cannot test products with so many indoor units; and (2) there are too many possible combinations of indoor and outdoor unit to test.

The Sanyo ECO-i systems have operational characteristics similar to the commercial multi-split products manufactured by Mitsubishi, Samsung, Fujitsu, LG, and Daikin. As indicated above, DOE has granted waivers for these products. The ECO-i system includes 90 unique indoor models and 54 unique outdoor models, and can connect up to 40 indoor units to a single outdoor unit. There are over one million combinations possible with the Sanyo ECO-i system. Consequently, Sanyo requested that DOE grant a waiver from the applicable test procedures for its ECO-i product designs until a suitable test method can be prescribed. DOE believes that the Sanyo ECO-i equipment and equipment for which waivers have previously been granted are alike with respect to the factors that make them eligible for test procedure waivers. Therefore, DOE has decided to grant Sanyo a waiver for its ECO-i multi-split products, similar to the multi-split product waivers already issued to the other manufacturers mentioned above.

Previously, in addressing Mitsubishi’s R410A CITY MULTI VRFZ products, which are similar to the Sanyo products at issue here, DOE stated:

To provide a test procedure from which manufacturers can make valid representations, the Department [DOE] is considering setting an alternate test procedure for MEUS [Mitsubishi] in the subsequent Decision and Order. Furthermore, if DOE specifies an alternate test procedure for MEUS, DOE is considering applying the alternate test procedure to similar waivers for residential and commercial central air conditioners and heat pumps. Such cases include Samsung’s petition for its DVM refrigerant flow (VRF) products (70 FR 5980, February 4, 2005), Fujitsu’s petition for its Airstage variable refrigerant flow (VRF) products (70 FR 9629, February 28, 2005), and MEUS’s petition for its R22 CITY MULTI VRFZ products. (69 FR 52660, August 27, 2004).

(71 FR 14861, March 24, 2006).

Sanyo did not include an alternate test procedure in its petition for waiver. However, in response to two recent petitions for waiver from Mitsubishi, DOE specified an alternate test procedure that Mitsubishi could use to test and make valid energy efficiency representations for its R410A CITY MULTI products and its R22 multi-split products. Alternate test procedures related to the Mitsubishi petitions were published in the Federal Register on April 9, 2007 and December 15, 2009. 72 FR 17528; 74 FR 66311. DOE believes that the same alternate test procedure specified in the Mitsubishi decision could be used to test the Sanyo products at issue here.

DOE understands that existing testing facilities have a limited ability to test multiple indoor units simultaneously. It also understands that it is impractical to test some variable refrigerant flow zoned systems because of the number of possible combinations of indoor and outdoor units. DOE further notes that after the waiver granted for Mitsubishi’s R22 multi-split products, AHRI formed a committee to develop a testing protocol for variable refrigerant flow systems. The committee developed AHRI Standard 1230–2009: “Performance Rating of Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) Multi-Split Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Equipment.” AHRI adopted the standard in June 2009. AHRI 1230–2009 is substantially the same as DOE’s alternate test procedure with respect to the testing of these Sanyo products. It has recently been adopted as an addendum to ASHRAE 90.1, and DOE plans to consider this industry standard in a subsequent test procedure rulemaking.

DOE issues today’s Decision and Order granting Sanyo a test procedure waive for its commercial ECO-i air-
source and water-source multi-split heat pumps. As a condition of this waiver, Sanyo must use the alternate test procedure described below. This alternate test procedure is the same in all relevant particulars as the one that DOE applied to the Mitsubishi waiver.

Alternate Test Procedure

The alternate test procedure permits Sanyo to designate a “tested combination” for each model of outdoor unit. The indoor units designated as part of the tested combination must meet specific requirements. For example, the tested combination must have from two to five (for systems with nominal cooling capacities greater than 150,000 Btu/h, the number of indoor units may be as high as eight to be able to test non-ducted indoor unit combinations) indoor units so that it can be tested in available test facilities. The tested combination must be tested according to the applicable DOE test procedure, as modified by the provisions of the alternate test procedure as set forth below.

The alternate DOE test procedure also allows Sanyo to represent the products’ energy efficiency. These representations must fairly disclose the test results. The DOE test procedure, as modified by the alternate test procedure set forth in this Decision and Order, provides for efficiency rating of a non-tested combination in one of two ways: (1) At an energy efficiency level determined using a DOE-approved alternative rating method; or (2) at the efficiency level of the tested combination utilizing the same outdoor unit.

As in the Mitsubishi waiver, DOE believes that allowing Sanyo to make energy efficiency representations for non-tested combinations by adopting the alternative test procedure is reasonable because the outdoor unit is the principal efficiency driver. The current DOE test procedure for commercial products tends to rate these products conservatively because it does not account for their multi-zoning feature. The multi-zoning feature of these products enables them to cool only those portions of the building that require cooling. Products with a multi-zoning feature are expected to use less energy than units controlled by a single thermostat, which cool the entire home or commercial building regardless of whether only portions need cooling. The multi-zoning feature would not be properly evaluated by the current test procedure, which requires full-load testing. Full-load testing requires the entire building to be cooled. Products using a multi-zoning feature and subjected to full-load testing would be at a disadvantage because they are optimized for highest efficiency when operating with less than full loads. The alternate test procedure will provide a conservative basis for assessing the energy efficiency of such products.

With regard to the laboratory testing of commercial products, some of the difficulties associated with the existing test procedure are avoided by the alternate test procedure’s requirements for choosing the indoor units to be used in the manufacturer-specified tested combination. For example, in addition to limiting the number of indoor units, another requirement is that all the indoor units must be subjected to the same minimum external static pressure. This requirement enables the test lab to manifold the outlets from each indoor unit into a common plenum that supplies air to a single airflow measuring apparatus. This eliminates situations in which some of the indoor units are ducted and some are non-ducted. Without this requirement, the laboratory must evaluate the capacity of a subgroup of indoor coils separately and then sum the separate capacities to obtain the overall system capacity. Measuring capacity in this way would require that the test laboratory be equipped with multiple airflow measuring apparatuses. It is unlikely that any test laboratory would be equipped with the necessary number of such apparatuses. Alternatively, the test laboratory could connect its one airflow measuring apparatus to one or more common indoor units until the contribution of each indoor unit had been measured. However, that approach would be so time-consuming as to be impractical.

Furthermore, DOE stated in the March 24, 2006 notice publishing the Mitsubishi petition for waiver that if it decided to specify an alternate test procedure for Mitsubishi, it would consider applying the procedure to waivers for similar residential and commercial central air conditioners and heat pumps produced by other manufacturers. 71 FR 14861. As noted above, most of the comments received by DOE in response to the March 2006 notice supported the proposed alternate test procedure. 72 FR 17528, 17529 (April 9, 2007). Commenters responding to that prior notice generally agreed that an alternate test procedure is appropriate for an interim period while a final test procedure for these products is being developed. Id.

For the reasons discussed above, DOE believes Sanyo’s ECO-i multi-split products cannot be tested using the procedures prescribed in 10 CFR 431.96 (ISO Standard 13256–1 (1998) and ARI Standard 340/360–2004) and incorporated by reference in DOE’s regulations at 10 CFR 431.95(b)(2)–(3). After careful consideration, DOE has decided to prescribe the alternate test procedure first developed for the Mitsubishi waiver for Sanyo’s commercial multi-split products. The alternate test procedure for the Sanyo products must include the modifications described above.

Consultations With Other Agencies

DOE consulted with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) staff concerning the Sanyo petition for waiver. The FTC staff did not have any objections to issuing a waiver to Sanyo.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of all the materials submitted by Sanyo, the absence of any comments, and consultation with the FTC staff, it is ordered that:

(1) The petition for waiver filed by Sanyo (Case No. CAC–027) is hereby granted as set forth in the paragraphs below.

(2) Sanyo shall not be required to test or rate its ECO-i multi-split air conditioner and heat pump models listed below on the basis of the test procedures cited in 10 CFR 431.96, specifically, ISO Standard 13256–1 (1998) and ARI Standard 340/360–2004 (incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 431.95(b)(2)–(3)). Instead, it shall be required to test and rate such products according to the alternate test procedure as set forth in paragraph (3).

ECO-i Series Outdoor Units

ECOi Outdoor Unit Air Source Heat Pump Series (208/230 Volt, 3 Phase, 60 Hz)

• Models CHDX** *63 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 288,000 Btu/h.
• * * *: 072, 096, 144, 168, 192, 216, 240, 264, 288.
• Models CHDXR* *63 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 288,000 Btu/h.
• * * *: 072, 096, 144, 168, 192, 216, 240, 264, 288.

ECOi Outdoor Unit Air Source Heat Pump Series (460 Volt, 3 Phase, 60 Hz)

• Models CHDX* *74 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 288,000 Btu/h.
• * * *: 072, 096, 144, 168, 192, 216, 240, 264, 288.
• Models CHDXR* *74 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 288,000 Btu/h.
• * * *: 072, 096, 144, 168, 192, 216, 240, 264, 288.
EOCo Outdoor Unit Air Source Heat Recovery Series (208/230 Volt, 3 Phase, 60 Hz)

- Models CHDZ* * * 63 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 288,000 Btu/h.
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- Models CHDZR* * * 63 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 288,000 Btu/h.
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- Models CHWZD* * * 63 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 96,000 Btu/h.
- * * *: 072, 096.
- Models CHWZRD* * * 63 with capacities ranging from 72,000 to 96,000 Btu/h.
- * * *: 072, 096.

Compatible Indoor Units for Above Listed Outdoor Units

- UMHX* * * 62 series low profile concealed ducted with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, 15,000 and 18,000 Btu/h.
- UHX* * * 62 series low-medium static concealed ducted with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, 15,000, 18,000, 24,000, 36,000, 48,000 and 54,000 Btu/h.
- DHX* * * 52 series medium-high static concealed ducted with nominally rated capacities of 36,000 and 48,000 Btu/h.
- XMHX* * * 52 series four way cassette with nominally rated capacities of 12,000 and 18,000 Btu/h.
- XHX* * * 52 series four way cassette with nominally rated capacities of 24,000 and 36,000 Btu/h.
- AHX* * * 52 series one way discharge ceiling cassette indoor units with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000 and 12,000 Btu/h.
- FHX* * * 62 series floor mounted with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, 15,000, 18,000 and 24,000 Btu/h.
- FMHX* * * 62 series floor mounted concealed with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, 15,000, 18,000 and 24,000 Btu/h.
- KHX* * * 52 series wall mounted with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, 15,000, 18,000 and 24,000 Btu/h.
- KHX* * * 62 series wall mounted with nominally rated capacities of 18,000 and 19,000 Btu/h.
- THX* * * 52 series ceiling suspended with nominally rated capacities of 12,000, 18,000 and 24,000 Btu/h.
- VHX* * * 62 series vertical air handler with nominally rated capacities of 12,000, 18,000, 24,000, 30,000, 36,000, 42,000, 48,000 and 60,000 Btu/h.

(3) Alternate test procedure.

(A) Sanyo is required to test the products listed in paragraph (2) above according to the test procedure for commercial package air conditioners and heat pumps prescribed by DOE at 10 CFR 431.401(g) (incorporated by reference in 10 CFR 431.95(b)(2)–(3)), except that Sanyo shall make representations concerning the ECO-i handler with nominally rated capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, 15,000, 18,000 and 24,000 Btu/h.

(b) Together, have a nominal cooling capacity that is between 95 percent and 105 percent of the nominal cooling capacity of the outdoor unit:

(c) Not, individually, have a nominal cooling capacity greater than 50 percent of the nominal cooling capacity of the outdoor unit:

(d) Operate at fan speeds that are consistent with the manufacturer’s specifications;

(e) Be subject to the same minimum external static pressure requirement while being configurable to produce the same static pressure at the exit of each outlet plenum when manifolded as per section 2.4.1 of 10 CFR Part 430, Subpart B, Appendix M.

(C) Representations. In making representations about the energy efficiency of its ECO-i multi-split products, for compliance, marketing, or other purposes, Sanyo must fairly disclose the results of testing under the DOE test procedure in a manner consistent with the provisions outlined below:

(i) For ECO-i multi-split combinations tested in accordance with this alternate test procedure, Sanyo may make representations based on those test results.

(ii) For ECO-i multi-split combinations that are not tested, Sanyo may make representations based on the testing results for the tested combination and that are consistent with either of the two following methods:

(a) Representation of non-tested combinations according to an alternative rating method approved by DOE; or

(b) Representation of non-tested combinations at the same energy efficiency level as the tested combination with the same outdoor unit.

(4) This waiver shall remain in effect from the date this Decision and Order is issued, consistent with the provisions of 10 CFR 431.401(g).

(5) This waiver is issued on the condition that the statements, representations, and documentary materials provided by the petitioner are valid. DOE may revoke or modify the waiver at any time if it determines that the factual basis underlying the petition for waiver is incorrect, or the results from the alternate test procedure are unrepresentative of the basic models’ true energy consumption characteristics.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13565–000–VT]

Charlie Hotchkin and Claire Fay; Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

July 13, 2010.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47879), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a small hydro (5 megawatts or less) exemption from licensing for the Alder Brook Mini-Hydro Project, to be located on Alder Brook, near the town of Richford, Franklin County, Vermont, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). In the EA, Commission staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of the project and concludes that DOE issued its Notice of Intent 1 (NOI) to prepare the SPD Supplemental EIS on March 28, 2007 (72 FR 14543). DOE now intends to revise the scope of the SPD Supplemental EIS to refine the quantity and types of surplus weapons-usable plutonium material, evaluate additional alternatives, and no longer consider in detail one alternative identified in the NOI (ceramic can-in-canister immobilization). Also, DOE had identified a glass can-in-canister immobilization approach as its preferred alternative in the NOI; DOE will continue to evaluate that alternative but currently does not have a preferred alternative.

DOE now proposes to analyze a new alternative to install the capability in K–Area at the Savannah River Site (SRS) to, among other things, disassemble nuclear weapons pits (a weapons component) and convert the plutonium metal to an oxide form for fabrication into mixed uranium-plutonium oxide (MOX) fuel for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MFFF); under this alternative, DOE would not build the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility (PDCF), which DOE previously decided to construct. This K–Area project also would provide capabilities needed to prepare plutonium for other disposition alternatives evaluated in the SPD Supplemental EIS and to support the ongoing plutonium storage mission in K–Area. DOE also proposes to evaluate a new alternative to dispose of some surplus non-pit plutonium as transuranic waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico provided the plutonium would meet the criteria for such disposal. In addition, DOE will analyze the potential environmental impacts of using MOX fuel in up to five reactors owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) at the Sequoyah (near Soddy-Daisy, TN) and Browns Ferry (near Decatur and Athens, AL) nuclear stations. TVA will be a cooperating agency with DOE for preparation and review of the sections of the SPD Supplemental EIS that address operation of TVA reactors.

DATES: DOE invites Federal agencies, state and local governments, Native American tribes, industry, other organizations, and members of the public to submit comments to assist in identifying environmental issues and in determining the scope of the SPD Supplemental EIS. The public scoping period will end on September 17, 2010. DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by September 17, 2010. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Also, DOE asks that Federal, state, and local agencies that desire to be designated cooperating agencies on the SPD Supplemental EIS contact the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager at the addresses listed under ADDRESSES by the end of the scoping period. DOE will hold five public scoping meetings:

• August 3, 2010 (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Calhoun Community College, Decatur Campus, Aerospace Building, 6250 Highway 31 North, Tanner, AL 35671
• August 5, 2010 (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Chattanooga Convention Center, 1150 Carter Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402
• August 17, 2010 (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at North Augusta Municipal Center, 100 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC 29841
• August 24, 2010 (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Best Western Stevens Inn, 1829 S. Canal Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220
• August 26, 2010 (5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.) at Courtyard by Marriott Santa Fe, 3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507

ADDRESSES: Please direct written comments on the scope of the SPD Supplemental EIS to Ms. Sachiko McAlhany, SPD Supplemental EIS NEPA Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, P.O. Box 2324, Germantown, MD 20874–2324. You may also send comments on the scope of the SPD Supplemental EIS via e-mail to spd_supplementaleis@saic.com, or via the Web site, http://www.spd_supplementaleis.com; or by toll-free fax to 877–865–0277. DOE will give equal weight to written, e-mail, fax, and oral comments. Questions regarding the scoping process to be placed on the distribution list for this Supplemental EIS should be directed to

1 The NOI identified the title of the document as the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Surplus Plutonium Disposition at the Savannah River Site.