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DOE/EA-1915

REVISED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT THE HANFORD SITE

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office

ACTION: Revised Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: In 2015, the Department of Energy (DOE) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOE/EA-1915) that analyzed the potential environmental impacts of conveying approximately 1,641 acres of land on the Hanford Site to the Tri-City Development Council (TRIDEC) for the purpose of economic development pursuant to section 3013 of the *National Defense Authorization Act of 2015* (NDAA; Public Law 113-291).

The EA considered the potential environmental consequences to geology; water resources; air quality; climate change; ecological resources; wetlands and floodplains; cultural resources; land use; visual resources; noise, vibration, and electromagnetic fields; utilities and infrastructure; transportation; waste management; socioeconomics and environmental justice; and human health and safety. The analysis also considered potential environmental consequences to the local region, and ongoing federal missions and activities at the Hanford Site.

DOE considered mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, rectify, or compensate for potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action of conveying land from federal ownership to TRIDEC. In the 2015 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), DOE committed to mitigation measures in order to better achieve an environmentally-preferable outcome. While DOE will continue to implement mitigation measures as originally stated, preparation of a Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) is not necessary under DOE's NEPA regulations (10 CFR 1021) because mitigation measures were not necessary to reduce impacts below a threshold of significance that would require preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS).

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A copy of the NEPA documentation including the EA and FONSI are available at the following website and physical address:
http://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/EnvironmentalAssessments

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DETERMINATION: The 2015 EA and FONSI are hereby incorporated by reference. The revision to the FONSI regarding the lack of need for a MAP is administrative in nature, does not change the Proposed Action, and does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of NEPA. Therefore, preparation of an EIS is not required, and DOE is issuing this Revised FONSI.

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