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DOE/EA-1934

REVISED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
EXPANSION OF BORROW AREAS ON THE HANFORD SITE

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

ACTION: Revised Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: In 2013, the Department of Energy (DOE) completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOE/EA-1934) that analyzed the potential environmental impacts from expanding 11 existing sand and gravel borrow areas and developing one new sand and gravel borrow area on the Hanford Site.

The EA considered the potential environmental consequences to health and safety, air quality, climate change, water quality, land use, ecological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, transportation, accidents, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and noise.

DOE considered mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, rectify, or compensate for potential environmental effects associated with its Proposed Action of expanding borrow areas. In the 2013 Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), DOE committed to certain mitigation measures. While DOE will continue to implement these mitigation measures, 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 have required 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 2013 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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