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FONSI Issued for Wetland Mitigation EA

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed on April 28 for the Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOE/EA-1205) prepared for the proposed action to implement a wetland mitigation bank program at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

The EA evaluated the potential for significant impacts associated the general mitigation (i.e., restoration, enhancement or preservation) of SRS wetlands and the management of the resulting site "banking" program. The proposed action is em-

bodied in an interagency Memorandum of Agreement between the DOE Savannah River Operations Office and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Wetland mitigation banking provides for advance compensation of unavoidable wetland

losses due to future development activities. The proposed action is needed to support future actions or projects at SRS which would require wetland mitigation or compensation.

Based on the analyses presented in the EA, DOE has determined that the proposed action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

EA being prepared on Offsite Shipments of SRS Waste

DOE has determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to analyze potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed offsite shipments of certain low-level radioactive and mixed waste from the Savannah River Site (SRS), located near Aiken, South Carolina. The proposed action consists of the

transportation of these waste types by either truck or rail to offsite vendor facilities for treatment and disposal. SRS does not currently have the onsite treatment and disposal capability for these wastes. In addition, there are no plans at this time to construct and operate any such facilities onsite. Therefore, DOE has considered the proposed

use of offsite commercial operations to treat and dispose of these SRS wastes.

A notification of DOE's intent to prepare this EA will be sent to the affected states later this month. If you wish to request a copy of the predecisional EA when it becomes available, please contact Andrew Grainger at the address below.

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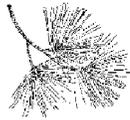
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