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DOE Adoption of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Issuance of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the United States Department Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Final EA for Feral Swine Damage Management in South Carolina

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office (SROO) has adopted the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Environmental Assessment (EA) and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Feral Swine Damage Management in South Carolina (USDA APHIS EA, DOE/EA-2243), which assesses potential environmental impacts.

The USDA APHIS prepared the Final EA for Feral Swine Damage Management in South Carolina that evaluated potential environmental impacts associated with alternative approaches for the APHIS Wildlife Services (WS) program to manage feral swine damage, when requested as coordinated between WS and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). As part of the national feral swine damage Management (FSDM) program, APHIS funds and operates an aerial control program to reduce or eliminate feral swine populations, damage, and threats to human and animal health, especially in areas that may be difficult to access (e.g., wetlands, large tracts of land). The USDA APHIS-WS program works with Federal, state, and local agencies; tribes; and private individuals to address specific localized feral swine damage. APHIS deploys a dedicated aviation program to shoot swine from helicopters over public or private land to improve hog population reduction. The U.S. Forest Service – Savannah River (USFS-SR) oversees natural resources management on Savannah River Site under the DOE SROO's direction and proposes to enter into an agreement with USDA APHIS for WS to conduct periodic feral swine removal via aerial shooting in selected areas on SRS damaged by feral swine. DOE-SROO has reviewed the USDA APHIS EA and deemed the scope of the action being proposed by the USFS-SR is included in the USDA APHIS EA, and DOE-SR adopts

DOE/EA-2243, Feral Swine Damage Management in South Carolina, [DOE/EA-2243: Adoption of Environmental Assessment and Issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact Feral Swine Damage Management in South Carolina | Department of Energy](#)

DOE is committed to meeting its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as it explores effective measures in managing its natural resources and promoting environmental stewardship.

DOE's NEPA documents are available on the SRS website: <https://www.srs.gov/general/pubs/envbul/nepa1.htm>

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