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Proposed Plan for the Stormwater Outfall A-013 Operable Unit Available for Public Comment

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) will release a Proposed Plan for the Stormwater Outfall A-013 Operable Unit (OU) on October 21, 2020 describing the preferred remedial approach for this OU at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The Proposed Plan will be available for public review and copying at the locations listed below. The thirty (30) day public comment period is scheduled for October 21, 2020 to November 20, 2020.

The Proposed Plan was completed to meet the terms of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, a law governing the investigation and cleanup of waste units. DOE has worked with the United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region 4 (EPA) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) to ensure the remedial approach is consistent with all applicable environmental requirements.

The Stormwater Outfall A-013 OU is in A Area, which is part of the larger A/M Area in the northwest portion of SRS. The Stormwater Outfall A-013 OU is a shallow open ditch, approximately 400-ft long, that drains a small area along a section of abandoned railroad track on the southern end of A Area. The outfall and drainage ditch are normally dry; the only flow through the drainage is stormwater during rain events.

Based on the site characterization of this OU, DOE, EPA, and SCDHEC have reviewed the risks and concur that the Stormwater Outfall A-013 poses no unacceptable risk to human health or the environment and warrants unrestricted land use. Therefore, No Action is preferred for the Stormwater Outfall A-013 OU.

Comments on the Proposed Plan are requested by November 20, 2020. Upon completion of the public comment period, a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments will be prepared. The Responsiveness Summary will be made available with the Record of Decision and the final RCRA permit modification and will be sent to each person who submits comments.

To aid in the review of the Proposed Plan, a Fact Sheet for the Stormwater Outfall A-013 OU was prepared.

Copies of the Proposed Plan and the Fact Sheet are available in the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina (USC)-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Information and Maps Department at USC in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Proposed Plan and Fact Sheet are available at the following locations during the public comment period:

- Reese Library Government Information Department at Augusta University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

The Proposed Plan and Fact Sheet are available electronically at the following address: <http://www.srs.gov/general/programs/soil/pub/pubinv.html>

If there is interest in discussing the recommended remedial approach, a public hearing may be requested. Comments on the Proposed Plan should be sent to Ms. Angie Benfield.

For additional information or to request a public meeting, contact: Angie Benfield, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, 730-1B, Aiken, SC 29808, (803) 952-9830, angela.benfield@srs.gov

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