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DOE Announces Modification of Supplemental Environmental Study on Plutonium Disposition

WASHINGTON, DC -- The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration is announcing its intent to modify the scope of the ongoing Surplus Plutonium Disposition Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SPD SEIS) and to conduct additional public scoping. The Notice of Intent is expected to appear in the Federal Register as early as July 19, 2010. DOE intends to revise the scope of the SPD SEIS to include disposition alternatives for plutonium declared surplus to the Nation's defense needs in 2008, and additional alternatives for disposition of certain non pit plutonium materials currently in safe storage at the Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina. As cooperating agencies for the SPD SEIS, DOE and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) will also evaluate the impacts of using mixed oxide fuel manufactured from surplus plutonium should TVA decide to use it to fuel TVA's reactors.

DOE will host local scoping meetings to solicit feedback from the public on the SPD SEIS:

- **August 3, 2010** – Calhoun Community College – Decatur Campus, Decatur, AL, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **August 5, 2010** – Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **August 17, 2010** – North Augusta Municipal Center, North Augusta, SC, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **August 24, 2010** – Best Western Stevens Inn, Carlsbad, NM, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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- **August 26, 2010** – Courtyard by Marriott Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A 60-day public comment period will begin upon the date of publication in the Federal Register. Public comments on the scope of the SPD SEIS should be sent to:

Ms. Sachiko McAlhany,
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Comments on the SPD SEIS can be also sent via email to spdsupplementaleis@saic.com; by toll-free fax to (887) 865-0277. DOE will give equal weight to written, email, fax, and oral comments. More information on the SPD SEIS can be found at: www.spdsupplementaleis.com starting Monday, July 19, 2010.

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