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The U.S. Department of Energy wants your feedback on a draft Supplement Analysis (SA) to the 1999 Final Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Plan Environmental Impact Statement (HCP EIS). The Supplement Analysis looks at whether there are significant new circumstances or information relating to the Hanford land-use map, the land-use definitions, policies directing land-use action and implementing procedures since the final EIS and Record of Decision were issued that would require DOE to prepare a new or supplemental environmental impact statement.

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Background

In September 1999 the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued the final Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Plan (HCP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The HCP EIS evaluated the impacts of alternatives to implement a Hanford Site comprehensive land-use plan (CLUP) for at least the next 50-year planning period. In November 1999 DOE issued a Record of Decision (ROD) establishing a CLUP consisting of four elements:

- a land-use map that divides the Hanford site into five geographic areas
- nine land-use designations that establish the allowable uses for each area
- planning policies
- implementing procedures to guide future land-use decisions.

The ROD also adopted the recommendation in the HCP EIS that the Hanford CLUP be reviewed every five years by preparing a Supplement Analysis (SA).



Evaluation Process

To prepare the draft SA, a process was developed that focused on a qualitative evaluation of actions, decisions and reasonably foreseeable activities (e.g., Notice of Intent to prepare the Tank Closure and Waste Management EIS) from 1999 through September 2007. Approximately 280 documents were identified and more than 200 were reviewed and evaluated, including:

- Hanford Site documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980 and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) documents
- Resource management and area management plans identified in the HCP EIS and developed or revised since 1999
- DOE real estate licenses, permits, easements, deed notices
- Cultural/ historical documents.

Also, DOE solicited input from regulatory agencies, tribal nations, stakeholders,



Public Comment

The Department of Energy wants your feedback on the Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use Plan EIS Supplement Analysis.

The Public comment period will run from **March 24 – April 23, 2008.**

other interested external audiences and the public through meetings and a fact sheet as to what other documents should be evaluated in this process.

Examples of documents identified through this outreach effort include, Nez Perce Hanford End State Vision, *Preliminary Redevelopment Potential for the Hanford 300 Area Final Report*, Risk-Based End States document, and the *Richland Comprehensive Land-Use Plan*.

As described in the draft SA, the evaluation process started with an initial screening of each candidate document using a key word search to verify it had some relationship to Hanford activities. Key words (e.g., CLUP, land use, residential) were selected because they captured major elements of the CLUP. Documents identified as relating to or potentially affecting Hanford land-use issues were then put through a multi-level, eight-stage evaluation process. The review process followed a logic sequence for evaluating each candidate document. For those documents where there was not sufficient information to determine potential land-use effects (such as the Tank Closure and Waste Management EIS Notice of Intent) or where there was no final decision (e.g., the Draft Hanford Reach National Monument Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement), the most current publicly available information was evaluated. Also, these documents were identified and flagged for evaluation in the next five-year HCP EIS SA review.

Evaluation Finding

One finding from the document evaluation is that other regulatory procedures (e.g., CERCLA, RCRA, NEPA) are used to assess consistency of proposed activities with the CLUP land-use designations. CERCLA, RCRA and NEPA procedures require opportunities for local agencies, tribal nations, and other stakeholders to become involved in the decision-making process. DOE considers these other processes to be acceptable and compatible with the CLUP land-use procedures described in the HCP EIS and help ensure consistent implementation of the CLUP at the Hanford Site. Based on this finding, DOE is considering whether the existing ROD needs clarification that these other regulatory procedures may also be used to determine whether proposed activities are consistent with the CLUP land-use designations, map, and policies.

Next Steps

DOE will consider all comments received on the draft SA prior to preparing the final SA. Based on the final SA, DOE will determine whether there are significant changes in circumstances or new information that affect the CLUP land-use map, designations, planning policies, and implementing procedures and will decide whether the HCP EIS is adequate or whether a new or supplemental EIS is required. Also, DOE will consider whether to issue an amended ROD.

How Can You Become Involved?

Although not required by DOE NEPA regulations, DOE will hold an informal 30-day public comment period on the Draft Hanford Comprehensive Land-Use EIS Supplement Analysis from March 24, 2008 thru April 23, 2008. Based on initial feedback, no workshop is scheduled at this time. If you are interested in a workshop, please call Bryan Foley (509) 376-7087 by April 2, 2008.

Please submit comments by April 23, 2008 to:

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The draft HCP EIS Supplement Analysis can be viewed on line at <http://www5.hanford.gov/hanford/eventcalendar/> under Events – Public Comment Periods.

The document is also available for review at the
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