

memorandum

DATE

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NE-70

SUBJECT: Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Future Location of Heat Source/Radioisotope Power System Assembly and Test Operations Currently Located at the Mound Site (DOE/EA-1438)

THRU: Robert G. Lange, Associate Director, Office of Integrated Safety and Project Management
Earl J. Wahlquist, Associate Director, Office of Space and Defense Power Systems

TO: William D. Magwood, IV. Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology

The subject EA has been prepared by Tetra Tech for the Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology with Tim Frazier of the Office of Space and Defense Power Systems as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document Manager. The draft EA was transmitted for comments to Ohio, Texas, and Idaho State NEPA contacts and other stakeholders on July 23, 2002. Comments were received from BWX Technologies, Inc., the State of Idaho, the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Citizen's Advisory Board, and other stakeholders. These comments have been addressed in the attached revised EA, as appropriate. No comments were received from Ohio and Texas State NEPA contacts.

Based on my review and after consultation with the General Counsel staff, I believe that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of NEPA and its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). Accordingly, I recommend that you approve the subject EA and sign the accompanying FONSI. The FONSI does not need to be published in the Federal Register since this is not an action with effects of national concern. However, the local public and stakeholders will be notified of the availability of the EA and the FONSI in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.6.

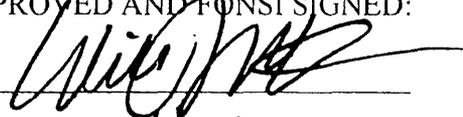


Rajendra K. Sharma
NEPA Compliance Officer
Office of Nuclear Energy,
Science and Technology

EA APPROVED AND FONSI SIGNED:

EA DISAPPROVED:

Date


8/30/02

Date