In support of nuclear material disposition activities, departmental program offices have been working together to ensure that timely actions are completed to accomplish defined programmatic end states. Actions include a systems analysis study to generate programmatic requirements for a pit shipping container, a review of pit surveillance data to characterize pit integrity in current environments, and increasing the pit repackaging rate to 200 pits per month. The Department will continue these efforts to ensure the adequacy of complex-wide pit management.

The Department accepts the recommendations contained in Recommendation 99–1 and will develop an implementation plan to accomplish the following:

1. Expeditiously resolve the compatibility issues that have the potential to impact the long-term safe storage of pits. Through a container surveillance program, the Department will monitor the AL–R8 Sealed Insert container to ensure its continued quality and reliability.

2. Ensure that repackaging takes place at an accelerated rate so that pits are expeditiously placed into containers suited to safe storage. The actions undertaken in the implementation plan will focus on ensuring a safe and timely repackaging program. A process to develop a resource-loaded repackaging schedule will be established with an initial baseline repackaging rate of 200 per month.

3. Develop a system of statistical sampling for the AL–R8 Sealed Insert containers to assess container integrity and to provide horizons for future repackaging and repackaging rate requirements.

4. Assign a single individual the responsibility and accountability, along with the necessary resources and authority for accomplishment of the above.

Mr. David E. Beck, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Application and Stockpile Operations, Defense Programs, (202) 586–4879, is appointed the manager responsible for preparation of the implementation plan in accordance with sub-recommendation 4 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board letter. He will work with you to develop a plan that meets our mutual expectations.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Richardson

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Floodplain Statement of Findings for Fire Protection Systems Upgrade at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory

AGENCY: Office of Science, DOE.

ACTION: Floodplain statement of findings.

SUMMARY: This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for upgrading the fire suppression and life safety systems in selected facilities at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Roane and Anderson Counties, Tennessee, in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements. Fire suppression and life safety systems in many ORNL facilities are over 30 years old, obsolete, and do not provide adequate fire protection for personnel, equipment, and research activities. The installation of below ground waterlines would include disturbances of the 100-year floodplain of White Oak Creek (WOC). DOE has prepared a floodplain assessment describing the possible effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to floodplains or their flood storage potential. DOE will allow 15 days of public review after publication of the Statement of Findings before implementation of the proposed action.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE FLOODPLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH–42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 586–4600 or (800) 472–2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Floodplain Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** on September 16, 1999 (64 FR 50277), and subsequently a floodplain assessment was prepared. The floodplain assessment covers the installation of approximately 7,200 ft of underground water mains (16-in-diameter piping installed in a loop configuration) in the 6000 Area of ORNL and would include (as detailed in the September 16, 1999, notice), but is not limited to: (1) Constructing coffer dams or similar structures in WOC and its tributaries; (2) routing the stream water around the disturbed channel areas by constructing a bypass using a culvert or similar device; (3) removing stream bed rock in preparation for the under-creek, reinforced-concrete pipe trench; (4) pouring the concrete; (5) embedding the pipeline in the concrete structure; (6) covering the structure to the level of the original stream bed; and (7) routing the stream water back into the stream bed. Activities outside the creek/stream channel but within the floodplain area would include (1) excavating a trench approximately 5 ft wide and 4 ft deep, (2) installing the pipeline, and (3) covering the pipe with excavated fill. No aboveground structures (i.e., fire hydrants, valves, etc.) would be located in the floodplain area.

Alternatives considered in the assessment were (1) no action, (2) installing water mains above the floodplain, (3) installing water mains below ground by tunneling beneath the floodplain and creeks, and (4) installing water mains below ground to provide water in a dependable looped system. The no-action alternative would result in noncompliance with DOE Order 420.1 (Facility Safety) and the potential failure of fire suppression systems in the 6000 Area of ORNL. Installing water mains above the floodplain would require additional equipment and material (*e.g.*, force main, insulation, *etc.*), and the increased number of 90-degree turns will increase the possibility of pipe stress-failure. Tunneling beneath the floodplain, creeks, and wetlands was not considered practicable because of the shallow elevation of bed rock and the difficulties associated with tunneling when compared to the preferred alternative. Therefore, after considering the various alternatives and the area to install the water mains, no other practicable routes were available that would avoid the floodplain area of WOC. The activities addressed by the floodplain assessment will result in no measurable impact on floodplain cross-section or flood stage, and thus do not increase the risk of flooding.

Water quality within WOC and its tributaries will be protected during excavation to the extent practicable by several measures. Administrative controls will be used to stop work during major storm events. When excavations would remain exposed overnight, erosion controls will be installed to prevent the transport of silt downstream by stormwater flows. Additionally, silt dams will be constructed in areas where the existing drainage right-of-way route deviates significantly from the defined drainage channel. Restoration of excavated areas will include grading to avoid steep or vertical slopes, and to minimize ponding and backfilling. Areas of exposed soil outside the stream channels will be mulched and reseeded with an annual grass to minimize erosion and allow the natural seedbank to reestablish vegetative cover.

Equipment and personnel in the floodplain area will be limited in accordance with an approved Best Management Practices (BMP) plan, and excavated hydric soils will be placed next to the site and reused as fill material. In addition, silt fences will be installed to minimize runoff into the floodplain in accordance with the BMP.

Underground piping installation activities addressed in the floodplain assessment conform to applicable floodplain protection standards.

Issued in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on October 20, 1997.

James L. Elmore,

Alternate National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Senior Executive Service; Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: SES Performance Review Board Standing Register.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the Performance Review Board Standing Register for the Department of Energy. This listing supersedes all previously published lists of PRB members.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These appointments are effective as of September 30, 1999.

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