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Draft EA available for comment on new borrow pit at SRS

DOE has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) (DOE/EA-1501) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction, operation, and eventual closure of a new borrow pit, and its alternatives, at the Savannah River Site (SRS), located near Aiken, South Carolina. The purpose of this proposed facility, known as the Burma Road II Borrow Pit, would be to provide SRS with a new source of structural fill material for site projects. The existing SRS borrow pits are either nearly depleted, already obligated to ongoing environmental restoration projects, or would not provide fill with the proper specifications. In addition, the anticipated need for a future volume and quality of fill for planned SRS projects could not be economically met by offsite sources. The proposed 80-acre borrow pit has an estimated 3.8 million cubic yards of suitable structural fill, which would meet site needs past the year 2020.

The public comment period for this draft EA will be open until July 16, 2004. Any comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. Comments regarding and requests for copies of the draft EA should be sent to:

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