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Revised FONSI Available for the Proposed use of SRS Lands for Military Training

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a revised finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for the final environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed use of Savannah River Site (SRS) lands for military training. The purpose of the proposed action is to provide the military with greater flexibility in developing training missions and strategies in response to rapidly changing world conditions.

In the EA, DOE defined “Army” as an all-inclusive term to denote Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) organizations that may use SRS lands and facilities for training purposes. Now, DOE is clarifying this definition to include work performed by the Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) under Work for Others agreements, for example, overseeing and facilitating the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Vehicle Borne Radiological Dispersal Device training.

Training activities described in the EA include (Type 5) “Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Defense Operations” and (Type 24) “Civil Support Team and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Agents Enhanced Response Force Package Operations.”

Because the training activities that would be performed under Work for Others agreements are consistent with the type of exercises described in the Army EA, and because they would be conducted in accordance with the Joint Standard Operating Procedures [JSOP] (Appendix A to the Army EA), DOE finds that these exercises can be conducted without significant environmental impacts.

An electronic copy of the Army EA and FONSI, the revised FONSI, and further information on the DOE NEPA process are available from:

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The EA and FONSI are available on the web at <http://www.srs.gov/general/srs-home.html> and <http://energy.gov/nepa/nepa-documents/environmental-assessments-ea>.

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