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Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of a Proposal to Permit 750 Acres at the Savannah River Site (SRS) For Use by the State of South Carolina Military Department (SCMD)

The Department of Energy (DOE) has determined that an EA should be prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of a proposal by SCMD to permit the use of 750 acres at SRS for military training exercises and permanent facilities to support training. This determination has been made in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, and DOE NEPA regulations.

This proposal, if implemented, would further the purposes of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Department of the Army and the U.S. Department of Energy Concerning the Use of Savannah River Site Lands for Military Training Activities, signed in 2007. SCMD has requested permitting two tracts of land, one near B-Area and one west of L-Lake and north of South Carolina Route 125, to establish facilities for military training purposes. SCMD does not propose to conduct live-fire training or to use tracked vehicles at SRS.

The DOE NEPA regulations provide for the notification of stakeholders, host and potentially affected states of NEPA determinations, and for the opportunity to review EAs prior to DOE approval. The process is intended to improve coordination and facilitate early and open communication among DOE, affected states, and stakeholders.

Notifications of DOE's intent to prepare this EA were sent to the States of Georgia and South Carolina on September 18, 2014. If you would like a copy of the predecisional EA when it becomes available, please contact:

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