

*Title:* Applications for Competitive Review to Provide Financial Assistance to Increase Educational Opportunities for Alaska Natives.

*Abstract:* The information is needed to determine the quality of proposed services to increase educational opportunities and address needs of Alaska natives.

*Additional Information:* This form will be used by States and local educational agencies who will apply under the Alaska Native Education Program. The information is needed to determine the quality of proposed services to increase educational opportunities and address the academic needs of Alaska Natives. The Department will use the information to make grant awards.

An emergency review is requested by March 10 due to delayed funding authorization for this program and to allow sufficient time for potential applicants to respond prior to schools closing in early May as well as making awards on a timely schedule. If applications are not accepted prior to that time, valuable startup time will be lost and educational equipment and supplies will not be available for students at the beginning of the school year in August.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

*Responses:* 81.

*Burden Hours:* 1,620.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Floodplain Statement of Findings for Site Investigation Activities at the Oak Ridge K-25 Site Area of Responsibility

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Floodplain statement of findings.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for Site Investigation Activities at the Oak Ridge K-25 Site, Roane County, Tennessee, in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements. DOE proposes to conduct site investigations and preliminary engineering activities within the boundaries of the Oak Ridge K-25 Site as required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

(CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), underground storage tank (UST) regulations or other regulations and directives. Some site investigation activities may occur within 100-year or 500-year floodplain of streams at the plant. 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, D.C. 20585, Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Floodplain Involvement was published in the Federal Register on October 4, 1993, (58 FR 51624) and subsequently a floodplain assessment was prepared. The floodplain assessment covers a variety of intrusive and nonintrusive preliminary engineering and site investigation methods and techniques that may be used at one or more sites at the Oak Ridge K-25 Site. These activities include (as detailed in the October 4, 1993, notice), but are not limited to: "(a) sampling of air, surface water, groundwater, sediments, surface and deeper soils; sampling of terrestrial and aquatic biota; and measurement of meteorological characteristics; (b) drilling of boreholes to obtain soil/geological samples (some of the boreholes would be completed as groundwater monitoring wells); digging soil test pits by hand or backhoe; (d) taking a variety of nonintrusive surveys (such as radiological surveys); (e) taking intrusive surveys (such as with soil penetrometers and similar devices); and (f) conducting underground tests (such as aquifer pump, tracer geophysical log, vertical seismic profile, and seismic tests)."

Alternatives considered in the assessment were (1) no action, (2) prohibition of site investigation activities in floodplains, and (3)

restricting site investigation activities to outside the floodplain when practicable alternatives exist, i.e., data quality would not be compromised. Only a few sampling locations, such as those needed for surface and sediment samples, and a minimal number of boreholes or wells and soil test pits are expected to be in floodplains. Most of the activities addressed by the floodplain assessment will result in no measurable impact on floodplain cross-sections or flood stage, and thus do not increase the risk of flooding. Those activities that are identified from site-specific data as possibly impacting negatively upon the floodplain (e.g., installation of flumes and construction of access roads) may require separate floodplain assessments and the implementation of mitigative measures, e.g., construction during low precipitation periods, prompt stabilization and restoration of affected areas, minimizing vegetation removal, and the use of mats and wide-tracked vehicles. Alternatively, DOE may opt to omit the activity or relocate the activity to an alternate site. Site investigation activities addressed in the floodplain assessment conform to applicable floodplain protection standards.

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### Floodplain Statement of Findings for Site Investigation Activities at the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant Area of Responsibility

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Floodplain statement of findings.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for Site Investigation Activities at the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant, Anderson County, Tennessee, in accordance with 10 CFR part 1022, Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements. DOE proposes to conduct site investigations and preliminary engineering activities within the boundaries of the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant as required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), underground storage tank (UST) regulations or other regulations and directives. Some site investigation activities may occur