

Final Environmental Impact Statement

National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories

Boston, Massachusetts

December 2005



National Institutes of Health



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NATIONAL EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES LABORATORIES

National Institutes of Health

Responsible Official: Juanita M. Mildenberg, FAIA
Acting Director, Office of Research Facilities
Development and Operations

For Further Information, Contact: Valerie Nottingham
NIH B13/2W64
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20892
Fax (301) 480-8056
nihnepa@mail.nih.gov

Abstract

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) proposes to partially fund the construction of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory at the Boston University Medical Center campus in Boston, Massachusetts. The National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories facility would include Biosafety Level (BSL)-4 laboratories, in addition to BSL-3 and BSL-2 laboratories, animal rooms, clinical research space, offices and support space.

Two alternatives were considered in detail in the Final Environmental Impact Statement: the Proposed Action (to partially fund the construction of the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories facility at Boston University); and No Action (no construction). Three additional alternatives were considered but were eliminated from detailed study.

The agency's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action. The waiting period on the Final Environmental Impact Statement will close 30 days after the Notice of Availability appears in the Federal Register. Comments should be sent to Valerie Nottingham at the above address.

This Page Intentionally Left Blank