



March 23, 2014

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the National Institutes of Health Chilled Water System Improvements in Bethesda, Maryland.

Three alternatives were considered in detail and are presented in the DEIS: the Proposed Action Alternative, the No Action (continue current NIH operations) and the Alternative Action. The NIH's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action Alternative. The DEIS addresses concerns identified by NIH or raised during public scoping. Following the 45-day scoping period, the DEIS was prepared.

The NIH will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 30th, 2015 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm to solicit comments on the DEIS. This meeting will take place on the NIH Campus in Building 50, Room 1227/1233. A shuttle will be provided to take attendees from the NIH Visitor's Center to Bldg 50 and back to the Visitor's Center after the meeting.

Public comment on the DEIS will be accepted during a 60-day comment period ending **June 5, 2015**. Comments should be sent to Valerie Nottingham at, NIH, B13/2S11, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or [nihnepa@mail.nih.gov](mailto:nihnepa@mail.nih.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. G. Wheeland", is written over the typed name.

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