



July 21, 2015

Dear Reader:

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

Three alternatives were considered in detail and are presented in the FEIS: 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 FEIS addresses concerns identified by NIH or raised during the public comment period. Following the 60-day public comment period, the FEIS was prepared.

The required 30-day waiting period will be ending August 31, 2015. Comments should be sent to Valerie Nottingham at, NIH, B13/2S11, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or nihnepa@mail.nih.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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