

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT *Mercury Management*

“DNSC is responsible for providing safe, secure, and environmentally sound storage for the national defense stockpile.”

**Cornel Holder, Administrator,
Defense National Stockpile Center**

Public Involvement in the Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement Process

The Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) is preparing a Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement (MM EIS) to consider a range of reasonable alternatives for the long-term management of its mercury inventory. DNSC maintains stockpiles of strategic and critical commodities, including 4,436 metric tons of elemental mercury, for use in times of national emergency.

The mercury stockpile, which has been deemed in excess of national defense needs, was sold in world commodity markets until 1994 when concerns over mercury accumulation in the global environment prompted DNSC to suspend sales. The MM EIS identifies and analyzes potential environmental impacts of alternative means to ensure environmentally safe and cost-effective management of the excess mercury inventory.

DNSC is committed to involving the public in the MM EIS decision-making process by:

- Encouraging an active and ongoing dialogue on issues/concerns and mercury management alternatives
- Informing the public in clear, concise language
- Disseminating information as broadly as possible through public meetings, direct mailings, advertisements, information hotlines (1-888-306-6682), a website (www.mercuryeis.com), exhibits, posters, fact sheets, newsletters, and other media

How Can You Participate?

During the scoping period for the MM EIS, many of you took the opportunity to attend public scoping meetings and provide comments to help DNSC determine the alternatives, issues, and environmental impacts to be analyzed in the Draft MM EIS.

You now have a second opportunity to provide comments at public meetings on the Draft MM EIS and by the other means listed below. The Draft MM EIS analyzes and compares the environmental impacts of the potential alternatives and their implementation, and provides additional information on the methodologies and assumptions used for these analyses. Public input on information presented in the Draft MM EIS is considered in the preparation of the Final EIS and the Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD notifies the public of DNSC's decision and the reasons for that decision.

The MM EIS alternatives considered include:

- **Consolidation:** DNSC would consolidate mercury storage at one location.
- **Sales:** DNSC would sell the mercury at a level that would not disrupt the current market.

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- **No Action:** DNSC would continue to store the mercury with surveillance and maintenance as necessary at its three depots in Hillsborough, New Jersey; New Haven, Indiana; and Warren, Ohio; and at the Department of Energy's Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

DNSC's Commitment To You

We are committed to ensuring that all affected communities have a full understanding of the proposed actions and alternatives and are given the opportunity to participate in decisions that may affect them. DNSC representatives are available to work with community leaders, groups and citizens to explore the most effective ways to gain input from those who may be affected by this EIS, including Native Americans and minority and low-income communities. Public meetings will be held, and interactive communication tools will be provided throughout the MM EIS process.

You are encouraged to attend public meetings in your vicinity to obtain additional information and talk one-on-one with DNSC staff.



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HOW CAN YOU PROVIDE COMMENTS TO DNSC?

- Attend public meetings and provide comments in writing or verbally. A court reporter will be available to record all verbal comments.
- Visit the MM EIS website at www.mercuryeis.com to submit comments via electronic mail. Additional information is also presented on the website.
- Record verbal comments by calling DNSC's toll free MM EIS Information Number at 1-888-306-6682.

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