

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**  
**DEFENSE NATIONAL STOCKPILE CENTER (DNSC)**  
**Announces Notice of Intent for**  
**Mercury Management Environmental Impact Statement**

DNSC is responsible for approximately 4408 metric tons of mercury currently stored in government warehouses in four locations: New Haven, Indiana; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Somerville, New Jersey; and Warren, Ohio. Because the U.S. Congress has decided that the mercury is no longer required for national defense needs, DNSC must decide on a strategy for its long-term management. To fulfill the requirements of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), DNSC has identified a need to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that addresses potential impacts of mercury management decisions. Therefore, DNSC has issued a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS that appeared in the *Federal Register* on February 5, 2001 on page 8947.

The NOI describes DNSC's proposed action and alternatives for management of the mercury stockpile and solicits public comments on these proposals. The proposed action is to manage mercury declared excess to U.S. defense needs in an environmentally safe, timely, and cost effective manner. Alternatives evaluated in the EIS are likely to include: No Action; Consolidated Long-term Storage; Processing and Storage or Disposal; and Sales. DNSC also requests public comments on the environmental and socioeconomic issues that should be addressed in the EIS and those that do not need detailed consideration.

The public scoping period begins with the publication of the NOI in the *Federal Register* and will continue until June 30, 2001. DNSC plans to conduct public meetings at which the public will be invited to participate in the open exchange of information. Public comments on the proposed scope of the Mercury Management EIS will be solicited at public meetings and through other media. The dates, times and exact locations of the meetings will be announced in a separate *Federal Register* notice; posted on the Mercury Management EIS web site; and published in regional and local newspapers.

For further information or to submit comments on the scope of the Mercury Management EIS, please contact:

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