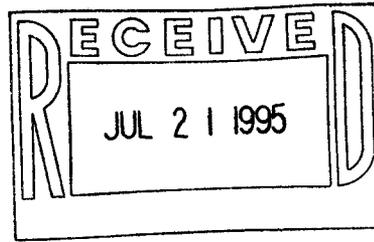




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To Interested Parties:

In June 1994, the Department of Energy issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Long-Term Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials. This was followed by a series of scoping meetings and other public meetings where information was provided on proposed technical storage and disposition options, and where the public was given an opportunity to provide input to Departmental representatives and ask questions. In April 1995, the Department published an NOI in the *Federal Register*, (60FR17344) to inform the public of the proposed plan to prepare a separate Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU).

In accordance with information provided in the April 1995 NOI, the Department has prepared an Implementation Plan (IP), which more fully explains the scope of the HEU EIS. The IP is available for review in the Department's Public Reading Rooms and on the Office of Fissile Materials Disposition's electronic bulletin board (URL=<http://web.fie.com/>). Copies of the IP and other information on the fissile materials disposition program, are also available by written request to:

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The Department presently plans to issue the Draft HEU EIS in August 1995. Following a public comment period, which will include public meetings, the Final EIS and Record of Decision will be issued in early 1996. The Department welcomes your interest in the fissile materials disposition program and looks forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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