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Deborah A. Price,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission.

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ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 8 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Ritz-Carlton Atlanta, 191 Peachtree Street, NE., Ballroom Pre-Function III/IV, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 659-0400.

AGENDA: The Commission will consider accrediting iBeta Quality Assurance and SysTest Labs LLC. to receive federal approval to test voting systems against federal voting system standards and guidelines based upon the recommendations of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) as required by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

This meeting will be open to the public.

STATEMENT OF EXCEPTION

CIRCUMSTANCES: This notice of a meeting will not be published in the **Federal Register** 7 days prior to the meeting date. Late notice was unavoidable due to the combination of two factors: (1) The time required for EAC to properly

evaluate the January 18, 2007 recommendations EAC received from NIST to federally accredit two voting system test laboratories and (2) to serve the public interest by having the two federally accredited labs in place immediately in order to begin testing voting systems against federal voting system standards and guidelines. With the 2008 elections schedule fast approaching, it is most critical that the federal voting system testing process begin at the earliest possible date.

PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION: Bryan Whitener, Telephone: (202) 566-3100.

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Gracia M. Hillman,

Commissioner, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Record of Decision and Floodplain Statement of Findings: Site Selection for the Expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: DOE has prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0385), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), to assess the environmental impacts associated with a proposal to expand the crude oil storage capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) from 727 million barrels (MMB) to 1 billion barrels, and to fill the Reserve to the full authorized volume of 1 billion barrels. The proposal was to develop one new storage facility and expand the capacity of two or three existing SPR storage facilities.

After careful consideration of the environmental impacts of the alternatives, along with an evaluation of SPR distribution capabilities, geological technical assessments, projected costs, and operational impacts associated with existing commercial operations, DOE has decided to develop a new 160 MMB SPR storage facility at Richton (Mississippi), expand the storage capacity at the existing Bayou Choctaw (Louisiana) SPR facility by 33 MMB, expand the storage capacity at the existing Big Hill (Texas) SPR facility by 80 MMB, and fill the Reserve to 1 billion barrels of oil as authorized by Congress.

This ROD has been prepared in accordance with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) for implementing NEPA and DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021). The accompanying Floodplain Statement of Findings has been prepared in accordance with DOE's regulations "Compliance with Floodplain and Wetland Environmental Review Requirements" (10 CFR Part 1022). Because the decision differs somewhat from the alternatives evaluated in the EIS, DOE has prepared a Supplemental Analysis (SA) (DOE/EIS-0385-SA-1) to determine whether a supplement to the final EIS is required. DOE has determined that the minor modification to the Bayou Choctaw expansion site, i.e., an increase in capacity of 33 MMB compared to 20 MMB as described in the final EIS, is not a substantial change to the proposed action that is relevant to environmental concerns, and there are no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts, within the meaning of 40 CFR 1502.9(c)(1) and 10 CFR 1021.314(c). Therefore, a supplement to the SPR final EIS is not needed.

ADDRESSES: The final EIS is available on the DOE NEPA Web site at <http://www.eh.doe.gov/nepa/documentspub.html> and on the project's Web site at <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/programs/reserves/spr/expansion-eis.html>, and the ROD and SA will be available on both Web sites in the near future. Copies of the final EIS and this ROD and SA may be requested by contacting Donald Silawsky at the Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, by telephone at 202-586-1892, by facsimile at 202-586-4446, or by electronic mail at donald.silawsky@hq.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the site selection for the expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, contact David Johnson at the Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, by telephone at 202-586-4733, by facsimile at 202-586-7919, or by electronic mail at david.johnson@hq.doe.gov. For general information on the DOE NEPA process, contact Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000