

Finding of No Significant Impact

Transfer of the Department of Energy
Grand Junction Office
To Non-DOE Ownership

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Environmental Assessment

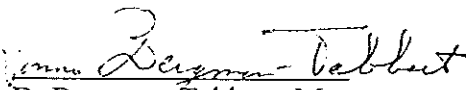
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to transfer the Grand Junction Office in Grand Junction, Colorado to non-DOE ownership. This proposed action and a no-action alternative are described in the *Environmental Assessment for the Transfer of the Department of Energy Grand Junction Office to Non-DOE Ownership* (see attached DOE/EA-1338). The Environmental Assessment analyzes the relevant environmental issues at the site, which include ground water, surface water, floodplains and wetlands, land use, infrastructure, solid and hazardous waste management, human health, air quality, noise, ecological resources, geology and soils, cultural resources, visual resources, socioeconomics, transportation and environmental justice considerations.

The historic missions that required ownership of the DOE-GJO site have been completed, and appropriate regulatory response actions have been or will be taken to address contamination at the site. DOE does not need to retain ownership for GJO to perform its ongoing missions. Therefore, the purpose of the proposed action is to reduce mortgage liabilities. DOE intends to transfer ownership of the site using Section 161(g) of the *Atomic Energy Act* (42 U.S. Code §2011 *et seq.*) and other statutory and regulatory authorities.

Finding

On the basis of the Environment Assessment, which analyzes the relevant environmental issues and the concerns of stakeholders, DOE finds that no significant impact would result from implementing the proposed action to transfer the facility to non-DOE ownership, or from the no action alternative. This Finding of No Significant Impact is pursuant to the *National Environmental Policy Act* of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S. Code §4321 *et seq.*; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, 40 CFR 1500; and the DOE National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures, 10 CFR 1021. The proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action that would significantly affect the environment within the mandate of NEPA. Therefore, implementation of the proposed action does not require an environmental impact statement.

Signed in Grand Junction, Colorado, this 25 day of April, 2000.


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