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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RENEWABLE FUEL HEAT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY SOUTH TABLE MOUNTAIN SITE, GOLDEN, CO (DOE/EA-1573-S-I)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Golden Field Office has prepared a draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for proposed improvements to the Renewable Fuel Heat Plant (RFHP) at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's (NREL) South Table Mountain site. The document describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed improvements to the RFHP consisting of construction and operation of an onsite woodchip fuel storage silo and an expansion of woodchip fuel sources to a regional scale.

DOE's Golden Field Office has prepared this document in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. DOE is seeking public comments on the proposed actions and alternatives, and the environmental issues addressed in the SEA. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft SEA and all comments received will be considered in preparation of the final SEA. A decision whether to proceed with the proposed action will be made by DOE after the completion of the final SEA.

The SEA and the original RFHP EA (DOE/EA-1573) are available for public review online at the DOE Golden Field Office Electronic Public Reading Room (http://www.eere.energy.gov/golden/Reading_Room.aspx) and then by clicking on "NREL Environmental and NEPA Documents." Additionally, electronic copies of these may be viewed at DOE's electronic information kiosk or in hard copy at the NREL Visitor Center located at 15003 Denver West Parkway, Golden, Colorado 80401.

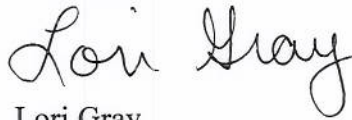
Written comments on this draft SEA will be accepted for a period of 30 days. Please submit written comments by **March 5th**, to:

NREL NEPA Comments
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
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1617 Cole Boulevard
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Email to: NREL.NEPA.Comments@nrel.gov
Fax to: 303-275-4002.



We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "G".

Lori Gray
NEPA Compliance Officer
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