

**U.S. Department of Energy
Finding of No Significant Impact**

Management of the White-tailed Deer Population

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AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Energy conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA), DOE/EA-1928 that analyzed the potential impacts associated with managing the white-tailed deer population at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). All discussion, analysis and findings related to the potential impacts of the proposed action are documented in the Final EA. The Final EA is hereby incorporated by reference.

The selected alternative is to utilize Integrated Wildlife Damage Management which is comprised of a number of management strategies ranging from education of affected humans, manipulation of landscaping to reduce impacts from deer, to formal management of deer populations through hunting and/or culling.

In accordance with applicable regulations and policies, DOE sent the draft EA to New York State, in particular the New York State Governor's Office and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for review and comment. Comments were considered and addressed where appropriate in the final EA.

DETERMINATION:

Based on the information and analysis contained in DOE/EA-1928 and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR 1508.27, I have determined that the project to manage the white-tailed deer population at BNL will not have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Public Availability:

Copies of this EA are available from:

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