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Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Floodplain and Wetland Assessment for the Installation of a Fiber Optic Cable from U.S. Forest Service-Savannah River Headquarters to the Advanced Tactical Training Area at the Savannah River Site

This Floodplain Statement of Findings was prepared by the Department of Energy (DOE) in compliance with 10 CFR 1022. DOE prepared the Floodplain and Wetland Assessment for the Installation of a Fiber Optic Cable from U.S. Forest Service-Savannah River Headquarters to the Advanced Tactical Training Area at the Savannah River Site. The assessment concluded that the proposed action will not result in a loss of floodplain function or storage volume and will avoid wetland impacts. Available alternatives increased project costs by at least a factor of three with similar impact avoidance. The no-action alternative failed to support the project mission. The proposed action conforms to applicable floodplain and wetland protection standards.

An electronic copy of the Floodplain Statement of Findings can be found at the following website:

<https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-07/FS-SR%20to%20ATTA%20fiber%20optic%20install%20Floodplain%20Statement%20of%20Findings.pdf>

A copy of the Floodplain Statement of Findings will be available in the Administrative Record after the end of the comment period, which is August 4, 2023. The Administrative Record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina (USC), Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at USC in Columbia, SC.

Comments on this Floodplain Statement of Findings should be submitted to the DOE-SR NEPA Mailbox @ NEPA-SRSE-EM@srs.gov

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