

PUBLIC SCOPING SUMMARY REPORT

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Executive Summary

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to develop an updated facility for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) that can meet the agency's current and future needs, streamline delivery of research, improve worker and public safety with modern biohazard and pathogen containment and biological-waste disposal, and control operating costs. To ensure a comprehensive understanding of the potential environmental impacts, the USGS is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and recently initiated a public scoping process for the proposed action. The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on September 5, 2023, and the public scoping comment period was open from September 5 through October 20, 2023.

The public was made aware of the EIS process and how to provide feedback during the scoping period through notices, flyers, newspaper ads, an email newsletter, social media messages, newsletter articles, and other electronic notices, with a dedicated project website serving as a comprehensive resource for project information. Adjacent properties and organizations reaching environmental justice communities also received phone calls regarding the public meetings. The public was encouraged to submit comments through the project website (https://nwhceis.com) or via email to Jordan Sizemore, USGS NEPA Project Manager. Hard copy comments submitted via mail were also accepted.

The USGS hosted both an in-person and virtual scoping meetings on September 21 and 28, 2023, respectively. The in-person meeting had 6 members of the public in attendance, and the virtual meeting was attended by 20 members of the public. These sessions included a presentation on the proposed action and a question-and-answer session and allowed for the community to submit comments. Attachment 1 includes copies of public materials shared during the scoping period.

The USGS considered all comments from members of the public, organizations, and regulatory agencies, including comments received directly through US mail or email. A total of 13 pieces of correspondence were received via the project website and email during the public scoping period, and a total of 33 individual comments were coded. Commenters addressed the preferred alternative; alternatives considered but dismissed from full analysis; the range of alternatives; various issues and impact topics, including environmental justice; suggestions for consultation; the planning process; the purpose and need for the proposed action; and other topics. Commenters made suggestions regarding measures the USGS should employ during construction or in the design of the new NWHC to reduce environmental impacts or improve conditions for laboratory animals. One commenter suggested the USGS construct a new addition to the existing NWHC facility and redesign the existing space instead of constructing a new facility. One commenter stated the range of alternatives should include alternatives that would relocate the NWHC to alternate sites, and that the EIS should identify and include dismissal criteria for all

alternatives that are not carried forward for detailed analysis. Commenters addressed various issues and impact topics, including noise and vibration during construction, climate change, wetlands and waters of the United States, songbirds, traffic and transportation, and environmental justice, requesting that the USGS address these in the EIS.

Commenters additionally provided suggestions related to the planning process. Regarding consultation, one commenter requested that the USGS involve animal behavior and welfare specialists in the design process for the proposed facility. One commenter requested that the USGS include an appendix to the draft EIS with all scoping comments received and responses to comments from government agencies. One commenter questioned why the USGS did not hold a public meeting in Washington, D.C. One commenter questioned the need for the proposed action, while another requested that the USGS identify and substantiate the purpose and need for the proposed action. Miscellaneous comments received addressed animal welfare at the NWHC. These suggestions relate to the operation of the NWHC and are outside the scope of the current EIS process. This Public Scoping Summary Report summarizes all comments and concerns expressed during the scoping period.

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1. Comment Analysis

1.1 Definition of Terms

Correspondence: Correspondence is considered the entire document received from a commenter. This includes mailed letters, written comments, e-mails, and comments entered directly into the comment form on the project website.

Comment: A comment is a portion of the text within correspondence that addresses a single subject. It could include information such as an expression of support or opposition for an alternative, additional data regarding existing conditions, or suggestions for resource topics to be considered. Substantive comments are defined as those that:

- Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of the information in the NEPA document;
- Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis;
- Present new information relevant to the analysis;
- Present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the NEPA document; or
- Cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Code: A category or grouping centered on a common subject. The codes were developed during the scoping process and were used to track major subjects. Each comment is assigned one code.

Concerns: Concerns are statements that summarize the comments under each code. Each code was further characterized by concern statements to provide better focus on the content of substantive comments. Codes may require multiple concern statements.

Quotes: Representative quotes have been taken directly from the text of the correspondence received from the public and further clarify the concern statements. Quotes have not been edited for grammar.

1.2 Comment Analysis Methodology

Correspondence was received by email or submitted through the project website. The project team entered correspondence received through email into the comment management system, each was read, and specific comments within each unique correspondence were identified. When identifying comments, efforts were made to capture the full breadth of comments submitted.

To categorize comments, each was given a code to identify its general content and to group similar comments. A total of 19 codes were used to categorize the public comments received about the proposed action. An example of a code is *AL2000 – Preliminary Alternatives: Preferred Alternative (Development of a New NWHC).* Once each correspondence was organized into comments, all comments were categorized and summarized with similar comments and concern statements were created. Representative quotes are provided for each concern statement.

1.3 Correspondence Received

The following tables are based on data from the comment management system and provide information about the numbers and types of correspondence received, organized by code, affiliation, and location. The tables present data on the number of correspondences received by correspondence type, organization type, and state. One table provides information on which organizations commented during the comment period. Full correspondence submitted by federal and state agencies and non-governmental organizations are provided in Attachment 2.

Also included below are tables detailing the number of comments identified by code. A total of 33 individual comments were derived from the 13 correspondences received.

Correspondence Type	Correspondences
Web Form	7
Letter	0
Email	6
Other	0

TABLE 1. CORRESPONDENCE DISTRIBUTION BY CORRESPONDENCE TYPE

Organization Type	Correspondences
Unaffiliated Individual	8
Non-governmental organization	1
State Government	3
Federal Government	1

TABLE 2. CORRESPONDENCE DISTRIBUTION BY ORGANIZATION TYPE

State	Correspondences	
NJ	3	
WI	2	
UT	2	
AZ	1	
IL	1	

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PA

Washington, D.C.

WV

 TABLE 3. CORRESPONDENCE DISTRIBUTION BY STATE

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Substantive/Non-substantive	Correspondences
Substantive	6
Non-substantive – General Support	6
Non-substantive – General Oppose	1
Total	13

TABLE 5. NUMBER OF COMMENTS PER CODE	

Code	Number of Comments	
Alternatives		
AL1000 – Preliminary Alternatives: No Action (Continued Operation of Current NWHC)	0	
AL2000 – Preliminary Alternatives: Preferred Alternative (Development of a New NWHC)	12	
AL3000 – Alternatives Considered but Dismissed	1	
AL4000 – New Alternatives or Alternative Elements	0	
AL5000 – Range of Alternatives	1	
Issues/Impact Topics		
IT1000 – Issues/Impact Topics to be Considered	9	
IT2000 – Issues/Impact Topics: Environmental Justice/Equity	3	
IT3000 – Issues/Impact Topics: Biosafety	0	
IT4000 – Issues/Impact Topics: Construction Impacts	0	
IT5000 – Issues/Impact Topics: Socioeconomic Impacts	0	
IT6000 – New Issues/Impact Topics	0	
Other Substantive		
CC1000 – Consultation and Coordination: General Comments	1	
IA1000 – Impact Analysis: Impact Analyses	0	
NP1000 – NEPA: Planning Process and Policy	2	
NP2000 – NEPA: Purpose and Need	2	
NP3000 – Other NEPA Issues	0	
Non-Substantive		
MS1000 – Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments	2	
Total	33	

2. Comment Summary

2.1 Comment Summary Structure

Within the Comment Summary that follows, major concepts and unique perspectives are represented from the comments received during the comment period. This summary includes substantive comments received; the number of non-substantive comments received are summarized in Table 4 above.

2.2 Alternatives

2.2.1 AL1000 – PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES: NO ACTION (CONTINUED OPERATION OF CURRENT NWHC)

AL1000 – Preliminary	Substantive comments pertaining to the no action	Total
Alternatives: No Action	alternative, continued operation of the current	Comments:
(Continued Operation of	NWHC.	0
Current NWHC)		

No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.2.2 AL2000 – PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES: PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW NWHC)

AL2000 Preliminary	Substantive comments pertaining to the preferred	Total
Alternatives: Preferred	alternative, development of a new NWHC,	Comments:
Alternative (Development of	including comments providing specific suggestions	12
a New NWHC)	or new information or asking questions.	

Construction Activities

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter suggested measures the USGS should employ during construction to mitigate or reduce potential impacts to air quality, worker health and safety, and children who may be present in areas near construction activities.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Consider requiring the following best practices through the construction contracting or oversight process:

- Establish and enforce a clear anti-idling policy for the construction site.
- Use onsite renewable electricity generation and/or grid-based electricity rather than dieselpowered generators or other equipment.
- Use electric starting aids such as block heaters with older vehicles to warm the engine.
- Regularly maintain diesel engines to keep exhaust emissions low. Follow the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule and procedures. Smoke color can signal the need for maintenance (e.g., blue/black smoke indicates that an engine requires servicing or tuning).

Occupational Health

- Reduce exposure through work practices and training, such as maintaining filtration devices and training diesel-equipment operators to perform routine inspections.
- Position the exhaust pipe so that diesel fumes are directed away from the operator and nearby workers, reducing the fume concentration to which personnel are exposed.
- Use enclosed, climate-controlled cabs pressurized and equipped with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to reduce the operators' exposure to diesel fumes. Pressurization ensures that air moves from inside to outside. HEPA filters ensure that any incoming air is filtered first.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

• Establish material hauling routes away from places where children live, learn, and play to the extent feasible. Consider homes, schools, daycares, and playgrounds. In addition to air quality benefits, careful routing may protect children from vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Identify potential material hauling routes in the DEIS.

Design

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters made suggestions related to the design of the proposed facility, including that the USGS achieve or surpass standards such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification at the platinum level or Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) International standards. Commenters suggested that the design should include measures to improve animal care and comfort, energy efficiency, and sustainability.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Energy efficient design and material selection could reduce operations costs and promote a highquality work environment, while also better protecting the environment. Recycling construction debris also preserves valuable landfill space and makes use of materials that have high embodied energy.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Recommendations for the DEIS: USGS should consider committing to the following:

Achieving Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification at the platinum level (or design for net-zero energy usage) for all new buildings associated with the project. Best practices for energy efficiency and sustainable building design can include the use of energy-efficient building materials, such as south-facing skylights and windows, motion sensored lighting, solar, wind, and/or geothermal power, and Energy Star certified windows and doors. In addition to reducing the overall environmental footprint, green building certification programs promote health by encouraging practices that protect indoor air quality. At a minimum, USEPA encourages USGS to commit to analyze the strengths and feasibility of these strategies;

Organization/Individual: Animal Welfare Institute

Because the NWHC uses animal experimentation to further its mission, AWI wishes to ensure the renovation will focus on the best interests of the animals involved. The USGS-proposed action notes challenges such as "crowded laboratories" and "aging infrastructure," both of which raise animal welfare concerns.¹ AWI is supportive of any measures that would improve animal care and comfort and rectify existing deficiencies,² including updates to NWHC's facilities, as long as the updates focus on animal-centered improvements rather than expanding in-house animal experiments. As noted below, such efforts are critical not only to the welfare of the animals, but also to the integrity of the resulting research.

Organization/Individual: Animal Welfare Institute

We appreciate USGS's statement that "AAALAC standards are part of the design requirements to ensure the new facility meets these standards"³ and hope that animal welfare continues to be a focus of the renovation planning moving forward. However, USGS should recognize that AAALAC accreditation standards should be seen as a minimum starting point, not as a sufficient goal. We urge USGS to consider meeting higher standards than those promulgated by AAALAC. As a government institution with a goal focused on protecting animals in the wild, NWHC should serve as a "poster child" for animal welfare protections in their laboratories by striving to go above and beyond basic welfare requirements.

Organization/Individual: Individual

The climate and extinction crises are getting much worse. The planning, design, and construction of the new facility should include positive actions in response to these overlapping crises. Fossil fuel use should be discouraged and clean alternative energy used instead. Solar panels with battery backups are always good. Vehicle charging stations should be installed, along with modern water and energy conservation features. Native vegetation should be used in all landscaping, including pollinator friendly plants. Composting of solid food waste should enrich the soil. Please continue this excellent work. Many thanks!

2.2.3 AL3000 – ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT DISMISSED

AL3000 Alternatives Considered but Dismissed	Comments pertaining to preliminary alternatives that have been considered but dismissed, including consolidation, relocation, and siting and design alternatives outside of the preferred alternative.	Total Comments: 1
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Construct New Addition

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter suggested the USGS construct a new addition to the existing NWHC facility and redesign the existing space instead of constructing a new facility.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Individual

i am not in favor of taxpayers payin for a new building. i think an addition and better use of space can achieve enough.

2.2.4 AL4000 – NEW ALTERNATIVES OR ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTS

AL4000 New Alternatives or Alternative Elements	Comments suggesting new alternatives or alternative elements that have not been	Total Comments: 0
	considered.	

No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.2.5 AL5000 – RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES

AL5000 Range of Alternatives	Comments pertaining to the preliminary range of alternatives.	Total Comments: 1
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Range of Alternatives

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter stated that the range of alternatives should include alternatives that would relocate the NWHC to alternate sites. The commenter stated that the EIS should identify and include dismissal criteria for all alternatives that are not carried forward for detailed analysis.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

The No Action alternative and all action alternatives that would satisfy the substantiated purpose and are determined to be reasonable should be carried forward and fully studied in the DEIS. This should include the opportunities at the three alternative sites noted above. The DEIS should identify any alternatives identified and considered but dismissed from further consideration and should provide elimination criteria and clear explanations for their elimination.

2.3 Issues/Impact Topics

2.3.1 IT1000 – ISSUES/IMPACT TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED

IT1000 Issues/Impact Topics	Comments related to issues or impact topics	Total Comments:
to be Considered	planned to be considered in the DEIS.	9

Noise

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter noted that noise and vibration could adversely affect animals housed at the NWHC and requested that the USGS take steps to reduce stress to animals during construction.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Animal Welfare Institute

We have one final recommendation: The statement that "the existing NWHC must remain operational during construction of the new facility,"¹⁴ raises concerns about the potential impact of the construction on any living animals present at the center. While we understand that, due to the health-centered nature of NWHC's research, work cannot stop entirely, we would urge NWHC to avoid conducting live animal experiments during construction and take steps to avoid undue stress on the animals during that time. "The use of heavy construction equipment often results in loud noise and vibration. If close enough in proximity, the animals can detect this noise and vibration, which often promotes decreased breeding efficiency, abortion, cannibalism, and aggression. These effects, in turn, can lead to problems with establishing breeding schemes, the loss of data, and project delays."¹⁵ If such activities cannot cease, they should be constrained to the minimum number of animals necessary, and appropriate steps should be taken to minimize any animal discomfort from nearby construction, especially noise and smells, taking into account the particular sensitivity of many animal species to these sorts of stimuli. Such measures might include "installing equipment to monitor vibration and noise" or using sound dampening measures or anti-vibration pads.¹⁶

Sustainability and Climate

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter recommended that the DEIS disclose potential direct and indirect GHG emissions that may result from implementation of the alternatives and estimates of the social cost of projected emissions. This commenter stated that the discussion of climate change impacts in the DEIS should follow interim guidance published by the Council on Environmental Quality in 2023 and include the potential impacts of climate change on the selected alternative.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Any Action Alternative for a new or modified facility would directly release greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during construction from trucks hauling materials, workers' vehicles, and operation of construction equipment. It is important for the DEIS to fully quantify and adequately disclose the impacts of the GHG emissions from the No Action alternative and all action alternatives and discuss the implications of those emissions in light of science-based policies established to avoid the worsening impacts of climate change.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

In addition, estimates of the social cost of greenhouse gases (SC-GHG9) are informative for assessing the impacts of GHG emissions. SC-GHG estimates allow analysts to monetize the societal value of changes in GHG emissions from actions that have small, or marginal, impacts on cumulative global emissions. Estimates of the social cost of carbon (SC-CO2) and other greenhouse gases (e.g., social cost of methane (SC-CH4)) have been used for over a decade in Federal government analyses. Quantification of anticipated GHG releases and associated SC-GHG comparisons among all alternatives (including the No Action Alternative scenarios) within the DEIS would inform project decision-making and provide clear support for implementing all practicable measures to minimize GHG emissions and releases.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

On January 9, 2023, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published interim guidance to assist Federal agencies in assessing and disclosing climate change impacts during environmental reviews¹⁰. CEQ developed this guidance in response to Executive Order 13990 – Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis. This interim guidance was effective immediately. CEQ indicated that agencies should use this interim guidance to inform the NEPA review for all new proposed actions and may use it for evaluations in process, as agencies deem appropriate, such as informing the consideration of alternatives or helping address comments raised through the public comment process. EPA recommends the DEIS apply the interim guidance as appropriate, to ensure robust consideration of potential climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation issues.

Recommendations for the DEIS: USGS should apply the interim guidance as appropriate, to ensure robust consideration of potential climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation issues.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

 Describe changing climate conditions (i.e., temperatures and frequency and severity of storm events) and assess how such changes could impact the proposed project and the environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives.

Water Resources

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter recommended that the USGS complete a formal wetland and Waters of the U.S. delineation to identify wetlands, streams, and other regulated Waters of the U.S. that may be affected by the proposed action.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

WETLANDS/STREAMS/AQUATIC RESOURCES

• Fill into wetlands, or fill into, relocation of, or encapsulation of streams on the property may trigger Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permitting and CWA Section 401 water quality certification.

Recommendations for the DEIS: A formal wetland and Waters of the U.S. delineation should be completed to know definitively where wetlands, streams, and other regulated Waters of the U.S. are located. This delineation should be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for review and a jurisdictional determination. EPA strongly recommends that this delineation be completed before and included in (as an appendix to) the DEIS, along with a copy of the jurisdictional determination from the regulatory agencies.

Biological Resources

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter requested that the USGS use bird-safe glass or embellish windows on the proposed facility to mitigate or avoid impacts to songbirds.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Individual

Our concern for your new building is the many glass windows and the threat that that poses to songbirds. We ask that you consider using bird-safe glass or consider embellishing the windows with the many different choices now available to stop or lessen the impacts to songbird deaths through window strikes. Madison Audubon / Badgerland Bird Alliance is a valuable resource for information on this important topic.

Traffic and Transportation

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter requested that the USGS describe in the DEIS any potential changes to traffic or transportation management that may occur as a result of the alternatives.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Recommendations for the DEIS: Describe any changes to local traffic patterns or traffic management systems that will occur as a result of each alternative (including the No Acton alternative). We recommend USGS take into consideration any special events that may happen in the area, and the impact on site access during both construction and during normal operations.

2.3.2 IT2000 - ISSUES/IMPACT TOPICS: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE/EQUITY

IT2000 Issues/Impact Topics: Environmental Justice/Equity	Comments or questions related to potential environmental justice impacts.	Total Comments: 3

Environmental Justice

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter provided recommendations related to the analysis of potential impacts to environmental justice communities. This commenter suggested that the EIS include analysis of potential impacts to children and other sensitive receptors to comply with Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

NEPA Documentation

 Per Executive Order 13045 on Children's Health⁵, EPA recommends the lead agency and project proponent pay particular attention to worksite proximity to places where children live, learn, and play, such as homes, schools, and playgrounds. Construction emission reduction measures should be strictly implemented near these locations in order to be protective of children's health. Specify how impacts to sensitive receptors, such as children, elderly, and the infirm will be minimized. For example, locate construction equipment and staging zones away from sensitive receptors and fresh air intakes to buildings and air conditioners.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

USGS should analyze if construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project will impact communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Recommendations for the DEIS:

- Identify the presence of low-income and/or minority communities within the project area and within the broader area that could experience environmental impacts from the proposed project. Disclose demographic information and summarize input from community members.
- Describe past activities and future plans to engage minority populations, low-income populations, and Tribes during the environmental review and planning phase, and, if the project commences, during construction and operations.
- Evaluate the impacts of this proposal on low-income and/or minority communities and sensitive receptors (e.g., children, people with asthma, etc.).

2.3.3 IT3000 – ISSUES/IMPACT TOPICS: BIOSAFETY

IT3000 Issues/Impact Topics: Biosafety	Comments or questions related to biosafety.	Total Comments: 0
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No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.3.4 IT4000 – ISSUES/IMPACT TOPICS: CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

IT4000 Issues/Impact Topics: Construction Impacts	Comments related to potential impacts resulting from construction, including noise, traffic, dust, and other impacts.	Total Comments: 0
	and other impacts.	

No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.3.5 IT5000 - ISSUES/IMPACT TOPICS: SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS

IT5000 Issues/Impact Topics:	Comments related to the socioeconomic impacts	Total Comments:
Socioeconomic Impacts	of the proposed action or alternatives, either	0
	beneficial or adverse. This includes comments	
	related to employment, population changes,	
	housing, and tax revenues.	

No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.3.6 IT6000 - NEW ISSUES/IMPACT TOPICS

IT6000 New Issues/Impact Topics	Suggestions to assess issues or impact topics not already planned to be considered in the DEIS.	Total Comments: 0

No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.4 Other Substantive

2.4.1 CC1000 - CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION: GENERAL COMMENTS

CC1000 Consultation and Coordination: General	Suggestions of agencies, organizations, or individuals to contact for consultation and/or	Total Comments:
Comments	coordination related to the EIS.	Ť

Consultation

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter requested that the USGS involve animal behavior and welfare specialists in the design process for the proposed facility.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Animal Welfare Institute

AWI strongly encourages USGS to involve animal behavior and welfare specialists early-on in the facility design process, either as consultants or on a scientific advisory committee, to create a truly animal-centric facility that will protect both the welfare of the animals and the integrity of the research in which they are used.⁴

2.4.2 IA1000 – IMPACT ANALYSIS: IMPACT ANALYSES

Impact Analyses	Comments making suggestions regarding the analysis of impacts. This includes comments referring to the use of the best available science.	Total Comments: 0

No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.4.3 NP1000 - NEPA: PLANNING PROCESS AND POLICY

NP1000 NEPA: Planning	This includes: 1) Comments on this EIS planning	Total Comments:
Process and Policy	process (such as comments on the project	2
	schedule and public meetings), and 2) Comments	
	relating to the policies, regulations, other plans,	
	and laws which should be considered in the	
	development of this EIS.	

Scoping Comments

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter requested that the USGS include an appendix to the DEIS with all scoping comments received and responses to comments from government agencies.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

OTHER COMMENTS

• The Federal Register Notice stated that the DEIS will include a summary of information received during the scoping process but did not state how USGS plans to respond to comments.

Recommendations for the DEIS: In the DEIS, create an appendix to include all comments received during the DEIS comment period – including any applicable transcripts of comments from the public, and all comment letters received. For all government agency letters received, include USGS responses to specific comments from each letter. EPA also recommends that the appendix include all correspondence sent to and received from the resource agencies regarding the project.

Scoping Meetings

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter questioned why the USGS did not hold a public meeting in Washington, D.C.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Individual

WHY WOULD YOU HAVE A MEETING ON THIS IN WISCONSIN? WHY NOT WASHINGTON DC WHERE IT IS COVERED BY THE PRESS?

2.4.4 NP2000 - NEPA: PURPOSE AND NEED

NP2000 NEPA: Purpose and Need	Comments pertaining to the preliminary purpose and need of the EIS or suggesting	Total Comments: 2
	additions/changes to the preliminary purpose and need. Comments suggesting specific objectives relating to the EIS. Comments pertaining to the scope of the EIS.	-

Purpose and Need

CONCERN STATEMENT: One commenter questioned the need for the proposed action. Another commenter stated the DEIS should identify and substantiate the purpose and need for the proposed action.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Individual

i fail to see the necessity for an entirely new building in wisconsin. i think we can update the bilding that is there but see absolutely no need for a new building. if you need new equmet, of course you would get that.

Organization/Individual: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Recommendations for the DEIS: The forthcoming DEIS must first identify, and then substantiate, the purpose and need for the proposed project. The project purpose and the project need statements for the proposed action(s) should be clear and concise.

2.4.5 NP3000 – OTHER NEPA ISSUES

N3000 Other NEPA Issues	Comments pertaining to the NEPA process in general and/or NEPA requirements	Total Comments: 0
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No comments related to this code were received during the public scoping period.

2.5 Non-substantive

2.5.1 MS1000 – MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS: GENERAL COMMENTS

MS1000 Miscellaneous Topics: General Comments	Comments not relating specifically to this EIS. This includes any items that are outside of the scope of this EIS (e.g., comments regarding aspects of the mission or operations of the NWHC that are not related to the proposed action).	Total Comments: 2
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Comments Outside the Scope

CONCERN STATEMENT: Commenters provided suggestions related to animal welfare. These suggestions relate to the operation of the NWHC and are outside the scope of the current EIS process.

Representative Quotes:

Organization/Individual: Animal Welfare Institute

In addition, while we appreciate NWHC's call for a mock site visit from AAALAC,⁵ AAALAC accreditation is not a panacea and should not be taken as evidence that the facility meets those standards: AAALAC- accredited facilities have a documented history of not upholding proper animal welfare standards; Envigo and Inotiv are recent examples.⁶ We hope that USGS remains committed to going beyond AAALAC accreditation⁷ to ensure that NWHC's research meets "contemporary standards and practices."⁸ To this effect, we call on NWHC to also voluntarily request an APHIS inspection of the new facility and, more importantly, to join the APHIS inspection regime long term. While AAALAC conducts announced site visits once every three years without the force of law, APHIS can use regular unannounced inspections that may discover problems AAALAC has missed.⁹ Due to

the exception in the Animal Welfare Act, the NWHC is not subject to *required* APHIS oversight, which we believe to be a significant loophole in the animal protection regulatory scheme. However, by *requesting* APHIS inspections, and committing to remedy any issues discovered, NWHC can show a commitment to go further than the minimum standards set by AAALAC and show a good faith desire to be open and transparent in efforts to improve animal welfare as part of this construction project. Doing so is also critical to NWHC's ability to protect the integrity of the research being conducted with those animals.

Organization/Individual: Animal Welfare Institute

It is particularly important that NWHC emphasize stringent scientific standards and welfare requirements given the zoonotic nature of some of the diseases studied at NWHC, such as SARS-CoV-2.¹⁰ Along with deficiencies in care of the animals, the 2017 PEER Complaint notes "inadequate training of individuals working with research animals."¹¹ Inadequate training may result in mistakes, and in the context of zoonotic diseases, mistakes can be life-threatening for animals, handlers, and the general population.¹²

ATTACHMENT 1: PUBLIC SCOPING MATERIALS



Attachment 1 Public Scoping Materials

1) Public Scoping Outreach Materials

- a) Notice of Intent
- b) Legal Notice
- c) Flyer
- d) Newspaper Ad
- e) Newspaper Articles
- f) Stakeholder List
- g) Adjacent Properties and Environmental Justice Outreach: Call Log
- h) E-mails to Stakeholders
- i) Newsletter
- j) Social Media Posts

2) Public Scoping Meetings

- a) In-Person Public Scoping Meeting
- b) Virtual Public Scoping Meeting (Held via Zoom)

3) Figures (Exhibits/Handouts)

- a) PowerPoint Presentation
- b) Project Summary
- c) Public Scoping Meeting Pictures
- d) Webpage Screenshots



1) <u>Public Scoping Outreach</u> <u>Materials</u>

a) Notice of Intent



Application/Pre-Award

Respondents: Profit and non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Number of Responses: 60. Frequency of Response: 1. Average Hours per Response: 118.14.

Average Hours per Response: 118.14.

Application/Pre-Award Total Estimated Burden: 7088.40.

Post-Award

Estimated Number of Respondents/ Awardees: 30.

Work Plans: 10 per year/awardee. Average Hours per Response: 18. Reports: 4 per year/awardee. Average Hours per Response: 6. Recordkeeping: 12 per year/awardee. Average Hours per Response: 16. Post-Award Total Estimated Burden: 11070.

Total Estimated Burdens: 18,158.40.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response *	Annual cost
Application/Pre-Award	60	ৰ	60	115.14	6,908.4	\$68.85	\$475,643.34
Post-Award							
Work Plans	30	10	300	33	9,900	68.85	681,615.00
Reports	30	-12	360	1.5	540	68.85	37,179.00
Recordkeeping	60	8	480	1.5625	750	68.85	51,637.50
Total					18,158.40		1,246,074.84

* Per OMB, Standard Form should be listed, but the burden does not need to be included as part of the collection.

** Estimated cost for respondents is calculated from the December 2022 Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics report on Employer Costs for Employee Compensation determined that the hourly rate of management, professional and related wages and salaries averaged \$47.37 per hour plus \$21.48 per hour for fringe benefits for a total \$68.85 per hour.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

(5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Colette Pollard,

Department Reports Management Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[GX23AE38EMBOE00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Action for the Development of an Updated Facility for the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare anenvironmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) announces its intent to prepare an EIS for the development of an updated facility for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) (Proposed Action) located in Madison, Wisconsin. The EIS will be prepared consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended in 2023; Council on **Environmental Quality regulations** implementing NEPA, as amended May 20, 2022; and USGS regulations implementing NEPA. This NOI announces the start of the EIS scoping process and seeks public comment on the Proposed Action. Information about the existing facility and Proposed Action can be found on the project website at: https://nwhceis.com/.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the environmental review and analysis for the Proposed Action must be received within 45 days from date of this NOI publication in the Federal Register to be considered for inclusion

within the draft EIS. The USGS will have in-person and virtual public scoping meetings in Madison, Wisconsin, throughout the development of the Proposed Action. For this formal 45-day scoping comment period, one (1) In-person Public Meeting and one (1) Virtual Meeting are scheduled. The In-Person Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023, at 5:30-7:30 p.m. CST and will be held at Vel Phillips Memorial High School, 201 S Gammon Road, Madison, WI 53717. Virtual meeting dates and times can be found on the project website at https:// nwhceis.com/. How to participate in these public scoping meetings and provide scoping commentsis provided under the ADDRESSES, FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION CONTACT** and Scoping Process of this NOI. This information is also available on the project website at https://nwhceis.com/ and will be published in local newspapers in advance of the meetings. The in-person and virtual meetings are open to the public and free to attend.

ADDRESSES: Written comments can be submitted in any of the following ways: Delivered by mail or delivery service, enclosed in an envelope labeled "NATIONAL WILDLIFE HEALTH CENTER EIS" and addressed to Jordan D. Sizemore, USGS, National Wildlife Heath Center, 606 Schroeder Road Madison, WI 53711; or by email to: Jordan D. Sizemore, by email at *jsizemore@usgs.gov* or by using the comment form provided on the project website at https://nwhceis.com/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jordan D. Sizemore, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Branch, USGS, NWHC 606 Schroeder Road, Madison, WI 53711, telephone (360) 929–0783, or email *jsizemore@usgs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NWHC was established in 1975 in Madison, Wisconsin, as the first biomedical laboratory dedicated to assessing the impact of disease on wildlife and identifying the role of various pathogens in contributing to wildlife losses. It remains the only national center devoted to wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention in the United States. The emergence of wildlife diseases has become a high-priority concern in the United States and the world. In addition to their harmful effects on natural wildlife populations and ecosystems, there is the potential for the spread of zoonotic diseases to humans and for causing economic losses associated with livestock morbidity and mortality. The NWHC is responsible for providing research and for investigating and responding to known and emerging wildlife diseases and wildlife mortality outbreaks throughout the United States. The NWHC has been providing vital disease- and pathogen-detection services, active disease surveillance, and applied research to help understand, detect, respond to, and manage wildlife diseases on the landscape for more than 40 years. Some of these diseases include Chronic Wasting Disease, West Nile Virus, Newcastle disease, salmonellosis, and avian influenza.

The NWHC is located on a 24-acre tract of federal property which, along with a vacant building, was originally acquired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 1978 to consolidate USFWS expertise into a single program and provide a permanent facility for the NWHC. The Main Building on the property was originally constructed in the 1960's and renovated in 1982. A second building, the Tight Isolation Building (TIB), was constructed in 1985 and modified in 1989. Other small structures are also on the property including a maintenance garage and a modular building added in the 2000's and used as employee offices. Portions of the property not occupied by buildings, access and service driveways, and parking areas were restored to native prairie in 1988. An interpretive nature trail was developed through the prairie and adjacent wooded area on the property and is actively visited by the public.

¹ In 1996, the NWHC was transferred from the USFWS to the USGS where it is one of many entities providing independent science supporting sound management of the nation's natural resources. The USGS, created by Congress in 1879, is an agency of the federal government where scientists study the nation's landscape, its natural resources, and the natural hazards that threaten it. The USGS is also a research organization whose work spans biology, geography, geology, and hydrology, The Main Building contains a

The Main Building contains a necropsy laboratory and associated disease diagnostic laboratories; general support laboratories for biological media and reagent preparation, glassware preparation and other special-use areas; a physical plant including an incinerator for inactivation of biohazardous waste; and administrative support areas with conference rooms, staff offices, data processing and records areas. A photovoltaic system used to generate electricity, along with other conservation measures, are employed to reduce energy consumption and control operational costs.

The TIB is located approximately 150 feet northeast of the Main Building, and while the buildings are physically separated, there is not a complete separation of functions, with researchers working in both buildings. The TIB contains specialized research laboratories and support areas, staff offices for investigators, and Bio Safety Level 3 (BSL-3) bio-containment animal research areas. The animal isolation wing is self-contained and includes equipment and special-use areas to clean cages and glassware, to incinerate bio-hazardous waste, and to conduct necropsies. Entry into the area requires use of specialized clothing and footwear, changes of clothing and footwear for each room entered, and depending on the pathogens present within the facility, a mandatory shower upon exit from the room or facility level.

The NWHC provides information, technical assistance, and research on national and international wildlife health issues. It also monitors and assesses the impact of disease on wildlife populations; defines ecological relationships leading to the occurrence of disease; transfers technology for disease prevention and control; and provides guidance, training, and assistance for reducing wildlife losses. As a Level 3 Security Facility under the U.S. Department of Justice Standards for Federal Facilities, the NWHC is required to operate under criteria established by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for BSL-3) containment.

The NWHC functions as an integrated program involving disease diagnosis,

field response to disease outbreaks, research, animal welfare, and training of others in disease identification and control. Collaboration is conducted with, and technical assistance is provided to a wide variety of agencies and organizations within the federal, state, and private sectors. This has resulted in an extensive network of interaction with the NWHC being the focal point for information, technical assistance, and research on wildlife health issues.

Purpose of and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to update the aging NHWC facility, incorporating technological advances in biosafety engineering and equipment as well as adding additional space for enhanced animal care and research. The NHWC needs a modern facility with sufficient space and modern technologies to support their missionessential research. Starting in 2008, the USGS conducted multiple studies of the current facility to identify where efficiencies could benefit Center operations. These studies are available on the project website at https:// nwhceis.com/. While safe operation requirements continue to be maintained, the study findings identified overcrowded laboratories and administrative areas; inefficient infrastructure (e.g., heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems) that do not meet current standards for energy efficiency; and extensive wear and tear due to the age of the buildings and associated equipment.

Consistent with follow-on studies conducted in 2011 and 2016 (provided on the project website at *https:// nwhceis.com/*), proactive efforts had been made to repair systems and facilities. However, as is typical with repairs of older equipment and infrastructure, these efforts provide only short-term relief so were focused only on those necessary for maintaining safe operations. Additionally, major repairs have involved replacing systems likefor-like, as other limitations of the aging buildings prevent full updating of major infrastructure.

Previous studies indicated that continuing to update the facility to meet the mission and function of the NWHC is limited and costly. This has resulted in the need for a more cost-effective solution to maintain administrative, operational, health, and safety standards and requirements as well as provide the spaces needed to conduct research into wildlife disease detection, additional space for enhanced animal-care conditions, and other programs that

support the mission of the NWHC. In addition, there is the need to incorporate modern laboratory equipment, mechanical systems, the latest technologies and the latest operating and management approaches, all of which will further enhance the NWHC's capability to reduce exposure to pathogens and the risks faced by staff and public. In order to meet future sustainability goals and become a more energy-efficient facility, the USGS will apply advanced approaches, materials, and equipment that are sustainable and resilient against the hazards associated with climate change and optimize the cost of operation by applying innovative designs, quality construction, highly efficient air handling, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, and facility maintenance programs to achieve and maintain peak performance standards.

Proposed Action and Preliminary Alternatives

The USGS proposes developing a NWHC that can meet the agency's current and future needs, streamline delivery of research, improve workerand public safety with modern biohazard and pathogen containment and biological-waste disposal, and control operating costs. The EIS will use information from previous studies, identify alternatives that avoid and (or) minimize impacts to the environment, and evaluate alternatives that are technically and economically feasible. Alternatives currently identified for the Proposed Action include, but will not be limited to, a decision not to proceed with the Proposed Action (i.e., the No Action Alternative) and build new facilities for the NWHC. The alternative to build new facilities for the NWHC. (i.e., New NWHC Alternative) is currently preferred by the USGS.

The New NWHC Alternative proposes constructing new facilities on the grounds of the NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin, and demolishing the existing facilities over an approximately three-year period. A new NWHC would contain administrative offices; BSL2 and BSL3 laboratories; vivarium with Animal Biosafety Level-2 (ABSL-2, ABSL-3) and Biosafety Level 3 Agriculture (BSL3-AG) capabilities; and necessary support spaces, including improved internal service driveways and parking to accommodate visitors, students, government vehicles, and staff; modern systems for biological waste disposal; a utility yard containing emergency generators; energy-efficient lighting along internal walkways and parking areas; and modern containment (*i.e.*, facilities and equipment to safely

manage biohazardous materials in a laboratory) within NWHC laboratories to protect staff from exposures to biological agents and hazardous chemicals, the escape of harmful pathogens, contamination of assay systems, reagents, and other materials, and cross-contamination between investigations.

Summary of Potential Impacts

The Draft EIS will identify, describe, and analyze the potential effects of the Proposed Action on the environment that are reasonably foreseeable and have a relationship to the Proposed Action. This includes effects that occur at the same time and place as the Proposed Action and effects caused by the Proposed Action that occur at a later in time or in a different place. Resources potentially impacted (whether beneficial or adverse) include, but are not limited to, land use; traffic; utility services, community services; topography, geology, and soils; air quality; noise; cultural resources; water resources, biological resources, and threatened and endangered species; demographics, employment, and local economics; environmental justice; and visual resources (i.e., natural landforms, vegetation). The EIS will also analyze measures that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate identified adverse impacts of proposed alternatives.

Anticipated Permits and Authorizations

The Proposed Action has the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The USGS shall comply with NEPA by preparing an EIS to ensure that the potential environmental consequences of such an action are adequately taken into account prior to making a decision. This includes ensuring that the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action are minimized. documented, that required permits are obtained, and all applicable environmental statutes are followed including but not limited to: Clean Air Act of 1974 and state required air permits; Clean Water Act and Amendment and 401 authorizations and 404 permits; stormwater and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits; Hazardous Waste permits; consultations under section 7 of Endangered Species Act of 1973; the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA); Farmland Protection Policy Act, among other laws, regulations and Executive Orders. USGS will also conduct government-togovernment Tribal consultations consistent with Executive order 13175, Presidential priorities, and

Departmental policies, including 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 5.

The USGS will use the NEPA process to support compliance with consistent applicable procedural requirements under Section 106 of NHPA (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.3(b)(3), including public involvement requirements of Section 106. Historical and culture resources information gathered during the public participation and Section 106 consultation processes will be used to identify the potential impacts to cultural resources within the Proposed Action's area of potential effect.

Schedule for the Decision-Making Process

Agency coordination and public participation, including scheduled public meetings and workshops throughout the decision-making process, will be a key part of identifying potential impacts for this project. Upon completion of a Draft EIS, the USGS will publish a Notice of Availability (NOA) initiating a formal public comment period lasting no less than 45 days, during which time one more public meeting will be held. The notice will include information about the date, time, and location of the public meeting, the means to examine the Draft EIS, and opportunities and methods for the public to provide comments on the Proposed Action and Draft EIS. The USGS currently expects to issue the NOA in Winter 2023. After the public comment period ends, the USGS will review and address the comments as part of preparing the Final EIS. The USGS currently expects to make the Final EIS available to the public in Summer 2024. A Record of Decision (ROD) will be completed no sooner than 30 days after the Final EIS is released, in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.11.

Scoping Process

This NOI commences the public scoping process to identify issues and potential alternatives for consideration in the Draft EIS. The USGS will hold two in-person and one virtual public scoping meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. The In-Person Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023, at 5:30-7:30 p.m. CST and will be held at Vel Phillips Memorial High School, 201 S Gammon Road, Madison, WI 53717. Virtual meeting dates and times can be found on the project website listed below. Information regarding the scoping process and how to participate in the public scoping meetings and provide scoping comments is also available on the project website at https:// nwhceis.com/. Opportunities for

members of the public to be involved in the NEPA process are also described on the project website. Throughout the scoping process, Federal agencies, Tribal, State, and local governments, and the general public have the opportunity to help the USGS identify significant resources and issues, impactproducing factors, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigation measures to be analyzed in the EIS, as well as to provide additional related information.

Public Comments

Federal agencies, Tribal, State, and local governments, and other interested parties are requested to comment on the scope of the EIS, significant issues that should be addressed, and alternatives that should be considered. For information on how to submit comments, see the ADDRESSES section above. The USGS does not consider anonymous comments. Please include your name, address, and email as part of your comment. The USGS makes all comments, including the names, addresses, and other personally identifiable information (PII) included in the comment, available for public review online. Individuals can request that the USGS withhold their PII from the public record; however, the USGS cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Additionally, under section 304 of the NHPA, the USGS is required, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, to withhold the location, character, or ownership of historic resources if it determines that disclosure may, among other things, cause a significant invasion of privacy, risk harm to the historic resources, or impede the use of a traditional religious site by practitioners. Tribal entities and other parties providing information on historic resources should designate information that they wish to be held as confidential and provide the reasons why the USGS should do so. All submissions from organizations or agencies and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or agencies will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Request for Identification and Public Comment on Potential Alternatives, Information, and Analyses Relevant to the Proposed Action

The USGS requests data, comments, concerns, information, analysis, alternatives, or suggestions relevant to the Proposed Action from the public; affected Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments, agencies, and offices; the scientific community; industry; or any other interested party. Specifically, the USGS requests information on the following topics:

Potential effects that the Proposed Action could have on physical resources and conditions including biological resources, air quality, hydrology, wetlands, and other waters of the United States.

1. Potential effects that the Proposed Action could have on socioeconomic and cultural resources, including demographics, employment, economics, environmental justice, land use, utility services, traffic, and aesthetic and visual resources.

2. Other possible reasonable alternatives to the Proposed Action that the USGS should consider, including additional alternatives.

3. As part of its compliance with NHPA section 106 and its implementing regulations (36 CFR part 800), the USGS seeks comment and input from the public regarding the identification of historic properties within the Proposed Action's area of potential effects defined in a cultural resources study available on the project website at https:// nwhceis.com/, the potential effects on those historic properties from the Proposed Action, and any information that supports identification of historic properties under the NHPA. The USGS also solicits proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. The USGS's effects analysis for historic properties will be available for publicand consulting-party comment in the Draft EIS.

4. Information on other current or planned activities in, or in the vicinity of, the Proposed Action, their possible impacts on the Proposed Action, and the Proposed Action's possible impacts on those activities.

5. Other information relevant to the Proposed Action and its potential impacts on the environment.

To promote informed decisionmaking, comments should be as specific as possible and should provide as much detail as necessary to meaningfully and fully inform the USGS of the commenter's position. Comments should explain why the issues raised are important to the consideration of potential environmental impacts and possible alternatives to the Proposed Action as well as to economic, employment, and other impacts affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Draft EIS will include a summary of information submitted during the scoping process for consideration by the USGS with the alternatives and environmental analyses of the proposed action.

Charise White,

Acting Center Director, National Wildlife Health Center, U.S. Geological Survey. [FR Doc. 2023–19055 Filed 9–1–23; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4388–11–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[BLM OR FRN MO4500172774]

Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) will meet as follows.

DATES: The SMAC will hold a meeting Thursday, October 19, from 10:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time (PT), and Friday, October 20, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. PT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the BLM Burns District Office at 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon. Virtual attendance through the Zoom for Government platform will also be available. The final meeting agenda and Zoom link will be published on the SMAC web page at least 10 days in advance at https://on.doi.gov/2PnZRcl.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Thissell, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738; telephone: (541) 573–4519; email: *tthissell@ blm.gov*. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-ofcontact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SMAC was established on August 14, 2001, pursuant to the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–399), to provide recommendations to the BLM regarding new and unique approaches to management of the public lands within the bounds of the Steens



b) Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE Bug Tussel 1, LLC (Bug Tussel) proposes to construct a 300' guyed tower (304' overall) along County Rd. D, in Westboro, Taylor County, WI (Job #58839).

overall) along County Rd. D, in Westboro, Taylor County, WI (Job #58839). In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the 2005 Nationwide Programmatic Agreement, Bug Tussel is hereby notifying the public of the proposed undertaking and soliciting comments on Historic Properties which may be affected by the proposed undertaking. If you would like to provide specific information regarding potential effects that the proposed undertaking might have to properties that are listed on or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and located within 3/4 mile of the site, please submit the comments (with Job #58839) to: Ramaker, Contractor for Bug Tussel, 855 Community Dr, Sauk City, WI 53583 or via e-mail to history@ramaker.com within 30 days of this notice.

via e-mail to history@ramaker.com within 30 days of this notice. Bug Tussel is filing an FCC ASR Form 854 for the new guyed tower located along County Rd. D, Westboro, WI 54490 Taylor County; Latitude 45-20-53.5° North and Longitude 90-34-54.5° West. The height of the tower is 92.7 meters above ground level and 511.8 meters above mean sea level. The tower will include MDUAL lighting. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file number A1252364 and may raise environmental concerns about the project by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that project is project is published date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review on-Ine at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentatreq uest. Parties wishing to submit the request by paper may do so by mailing the request to "FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washing-ton, DC 20554." WSJ: Sectember 5. 2023 175232

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INVITE TO PROPOSE-LEGAL NOTICE Dane County Dept. of Waste & Renewa-bles, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713, will receive Bid bles, 191 Madison,

Madison, WI 53713, will receive Bid Proposals until: 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 - RFP NO. 323031, DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE & RENEWA-BLES, SUPPLY OF DESULFURIZATION MEDIA VESSELS, LOCATED AT 7102 US HWY 12 & 18 MADISON, WI. Dane County is inviting Bids for supply of Desulfurization Media Vessels. RFP document may be obtained after 2:00 p.m., August 29, 2023 from procurement .opengov.com/portal/countyofdane. Call Michael Wyrick, Project Engineer, 608 405-9230 with any questions. WSJ: August 29 & September 5, 2023 174135 WNAXLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2023 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

23-3486 FITCHBURG, WISCONSIN TIME AND PLACE FOR BIDDING Notice is hereby given by the City of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, that it will receive Bids for the 2023 SIDEWALK REPLACE-MENT until 11:00 a.m. CST on Septem-ber 19, 2023, via electronic bid service through www.guestdom.com.

bids will be received for the proposed work which generally consists of removal and replacement of approximately 8,000 SF of sidewalk removal and replacement, and related miscellaneous items and

and replacement of approximately 6,000 SF of sidewialk removal and replacement, and related miscellaneous items and work. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS Bidding Information can be downloaded at www.questcdn.com using QuestCDN Project #8675080. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info @questcdn.com for assistance in mem-bership registration, downloading this digital project information and vBid Online Bid Submittal. To submit a vBid online bid (which is required for this project) you must download the project bid document file from QuestCDN for a non-refundable fee of \$22 which will add you to the plan holders list and gain you access to vBid Online Bidding. All questions regarding the proposal shall be submitted to the Right-of-Way Engineer (zac.laundrie @fitchburgwi.gov) by 5:00 p.m. local time on September 15, 2023. SUBMITTING PROPOSALS No Bids will be considered unless submitted on the questcdn.com vBid form. The City of Fitchburg reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City. No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the actual time of opening Bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in the amount five percent (5%) of the Bid, payable to the Treasurer of the City of Fitchburg, as a guarantee that the Bidder, if the Bid accepted, will execute and file the proposed Agreement and Bonds within 15 days after award of the Contract. The Bid Bond or Certified Check is returnable to the Bidder immediately after the signing of the Agreement and Bonds within 15 days after award of the Contract. The Bid Bond or Certified Check is returnable to the Bidder immediately after the signing of the Agreement and Bonds within 15 days after award of the Contract. The Bid Bond or Certified Check is returnable to the Bidder immediately after the signing of the Agreement and Bonds within 15 days after award of the Contract. The Bid Bond or Certified Check is returnable to the Bidder immediately after the

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY Case No. 23-CV-1057 Code No. 30301 Westby Co-op Credit Union Plaintiff,

LEGAL NOTICE

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 1,

2023. 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St, Madison, Wisconsin, Room 1000. 6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are velocate

unknown. The names or addresses of the following

Interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable: Decedent's cousins: the children (and/or their issue) of the siblings of Donald Crounse and of Mabel Nickelson Crounse and of Mabel N Crounse, the decedent's parents. If you require reasonable accommoda-tions due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-266-4311 TTY4625 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. DATE SIGNED: August 17, 2023 Electronically signed by Benjamin Balk Deputy Probate Registrar Form completed by:

Deputy Probate Registrar Form completed by: Walter R. Stewart W.R. Stewart & Associates, S.C. 110 E. Main St., Suite 813 Madison, WI 53703 608-256-7902 Bar Number 1009649 WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173293 WNAXLP

Donna Jean Femrite PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

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Arr application for minormal administra-tion was filed.
 The decedent, with date of birth 11-27-1942, and date of death 3-15-2023, was domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 4610 Starker Ave. Madison, WI 53716.
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starter Ave. Madison, WI 53716.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12-1-2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison, Wisconsin 53703, Room 1005.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT (s/ Benjamin Balk

/s/ Benjamin Balk Benjamin Balk 8-16-23 Deputy Registrar In Probate WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173132 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY NOTICE OF ADJOURNED FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 23-CV-000469 Branch 1 University of Wisconsin Credit Union Plaintiff, of Wisconsin Credit Union Ve

vs. Jamie Johnson, Joel Vincent Byrne a/k/a Joel Byrne, State of Wisconsin, Depart-ment of Children and Families and Summit Credit Union

Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on May 22, 2023 in the amount of \$324,663.16 the Sheriff will sell the described premises a bubble action as follows:

at public auction as follows: ORIGINAL TIME: August 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. ADJOURNED TIME: October 3, 2023 at

ADJOURNED TIME: October 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirma-tion of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

liens and encumbrances. PLACE: Room 354 of the City County Building 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Madison, WI

Madison, WI DESCRIPTION: Lot 2, Cardinal Glenn, in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin

DESCRIPTION: EDT 2, Caronal Gienn, In the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. Tax Parcel #251/070828103039 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 513 Stone Arbor Tri Verona, WI 53593-9125 DATED: August 28, 2023 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt. WSJ: September 5, 12, 19, 2023 174568 WNAXLP

Madison, Wi 53705 Nid Lee 204 Bayview Madison, WI 53715 It is recommended, but not required, that Case No. 23 PR 580 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF you have an attorney help or represent vou.

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Small Claims complaint in that county. Plaintiff/Attorney /s/ Dustin A. McMahon August 18, 2023 Markoff Law LLC 29.N. Wacker Dr. #1010

Attorney's State Bar Number 1086857 WSJ: September 5, 2023 175015 WNAXLP

Divorce- 40101 Case No. 23FA888 IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF

Petitioner Nid Lee

the court at:

and

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Publication Summons

and Respondent KOUA PAO LEE THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RE-SPONDENT: You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you. You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication.

publication. The demand must be sent or delivered to

the court at: Clerk of Court, Dane County Courthouse, Address 215 S. Hamilton St. Room 1000 Madison, WI 53703

29 N. Wacker Dr. #1010 Chicago, IL 60606 866-913-2453

you. If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided

be incorrect in the Petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of

property. You are further notified that if the parties You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis Stats. (Interfer-ence with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment: If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon your request from the Clerk of Court. You are notified of the availability of information from the Circuit Court Com-missioner as set forth in §767.105, Wis. Stats.

Stats. §767.105 Information from Circuit Court

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(2) Upon Request of a party to an action affecting the family, including a revision of judgement or order under sec. 767.59 or 767.451:
(a) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall, with or without charge, provide the party with withen information on the following, as appropriate to the action commenced:

The procedure for obtaining a judgement or order in the action.
The major issues usually addressed in such an action.
The community resources available to assist the parties.
The coredure for setting, modifying, and enforcing legal custody or physical placement judgement or orders.
(b) The Circuit Court Commissioner shall provide a party, for inspection or or purchase with a copy of the statutory provisions in this chapter generally pertinent to the action.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court date. Please note that the court date. Please note that the court date. Source and the spection.
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attend an in-person public scoping meeting scheduled for Thursday, Septem-ber 21, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Vel Phillips Memorial High School, 201 S Gammon Rd, Madison, WI 53717. The public accepting meeting will cardidate public scoping meeting will provide additional information about the Proposed Action and an opportunity for members of Action and an opportunity to members of the community to submit comments on USGS's proposal. The information shared at the meeting will also be available on the project website for public review, consideration, and comment at: https:// www.nwhceis.com/.

may also be submitted to Jordan D. Sizemore, NEPA Project Manager, United States Geological Survey, NWHC 6006 Schreeder Road Madison, WI 53711, telephone (360) 929-0783, or email

telephone (360) 929-0783, or email jsizemore@usgs.gov. Although com-ments can be submitted to USGS any time during the EIS process, scoping comments are requested by Friday, October 20, 2023, to ensure full consider-ation in the Draft EIS. Please note that before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your com-ment(s), the entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available. The USGS is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations to participate in this public meeting. If you require a special accommodation, please

equire a special accommodation, please contact Paulina Lopez at (210) 810-4932

or paulina.lopez@wsp.com at least 7 days prior to the meeting. We will do our best to fulfill requests received in a timely manner. Thank you for your interest. WSJ: September 5, 2023 174717 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 23PR562 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Bonald L. Numbers

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Ronald L. Numbers PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administra-tion was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/03/1942, and date of death 07/24/2023, was domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 155 E. Wilson St., #403. All interested persons waived notice

augress of 155 E. Wilson St., #403. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11-22-2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison, Wisconsin, 53703 Room 1005. BY ORDER OF THE COURT /s/ Benjamin Balk

61 OKDER OF THE COOKT (3/ Benjamin Balk Benjamin Balk 8-7-23 Deputy Registrar In Probate Form completed by: Janet S, Swain WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 T/3130 WNAXLP

Open Meeting Notice A meeting of the Members Loan Committee of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority will be held on September 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Wisconsin Housing and Ec opment Authority Meeting of the Members Loan Committee WHEDA 1 (608) 338-1377 Passcode number: 428 055

Passode number: 428 055 677# SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

contact

July 27, 2023 Zack Jones July 27, 2023 Associate Planner WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 472160 WNAXLP www.nwnceis.com/. Please submit your written comments through the project website at: https:// nwhceis.com/contact/. Written comments

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said cul-de-sac 307.11 feet along the arc of a curve to the right with a radius of 60.00 feet and a chord of N88°47'00"W, 66.00 feet to the West right-of-way line of

Blaney Road; thence along said West line, N01°13'00"E, 1330.10 feet; thence

continuing along said West line, thence N01°58'00"E, 200.22 feet to the Point of

At the above indicated time, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to

PUBLIC HEARING September 19, 2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plan Commission of the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fitchburg City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711 on Rezone request RZ-2521-23 by Toni Prestigiacomo, Agent for Prestigia-como Joint Trust, to rezone property from R-HA (Pre-1986 R-4 Zoning) to B-G (General Business) to allow for commer-cial uses on property associated with cial uses on property associated with 5130E Verona Road, more fully described

as: Outlot 1 of Willow Run At the above indicated time, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to speak. August 31, 2023

Zack Jones Associate Planner WSJ: September 5, 12, 2023 175189 WNAXLP

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PUBLIC HEARING September 19, 2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plan Commission of the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fitchburg City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711 on Rezone request RZ-2522-23 by Edward Hoyt, Agent for Hartung Brothers Inc. to rezone properties from PDD-GIP Edward Hoyt, Agent tor Hartung Brothers Inc, to rezone properties from PDD-GIP (Planned Development District – General Implementation Plan) to PDD-SIP (Plan-ned Development District – Specific Implementation Plan) to develop a multi-family facility on property associated with 2622 Blaney Road, more fully described as: with 2622 Blaney Road, more fully described as: Part of a parcel of land located in all 1/4's of the NE 1/4, the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 and the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 14, T6N, R9E, City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin to-wit At the above indicated time, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to sneak speak. August 31, 2023 Date Date Zack Jones Associate Planner WSJ: September 5, 12, 2023 175191 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Amended Summons and Complaint (Small Claims) Case No. 2023SC003648 Claim for money (\$10,000 or less) 31001 Plaintiff:

Plaintiff: Catalyst on Main Holdings, LLC 1314 O'Keeffe Avenue Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Sun Prairie, WI 53590 -vs-To: Defendant(s): Alexander Piet and Amanda Greenlee 301 Cannery Square #305 Sun Prairie, WI 53590 If you require reasonable accommoda-tions due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call _ prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transporta-tion. tion.

Economic Development Authonity will be held on September 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. In order to promote and protect the safety of both the public and staff in light of the COVID-19 virus and pursuant to various Emergency Orders of the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, no physical meeting location will be utilized. Instead, a teleconference line is being provided for interested persons to utilize in lieu of physical presence at the public meeting. This meeting is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1 (608) 338-1377, passcode number: 428 055 677#. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. The items to be discussed are included below. Note that the Members Loan Committee will close the meeting as stated in the agenda below. Agenda Wisconsin Housing and Economic Devel-opment Authority tion. SUMMONS To the Defendant(s): You are being sued as described on the attached complaint. If you wish to dispute this matter: You must file a written answer and provide a copy to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney on or before the date and time stated.

stated f you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.

plaintin hay win this case and a fudginetic entered for what the plaintiff is asking. When to Appear/File an Answer Date Sep 08, 2023 Time 9 A.M. Place to Appear/File an Answer DANE COUNTY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, ROOM 1000 215 SOUTH HAMILTON STREET MADISON, WI 53703-3285 Date Summons Issued Aug 11 2023 Clerk/Attorney Signature /s/ Carlo Esqueda COMPLAINT Plaintiffs Demand: The plaintiff states the following claim against the defendant(s): 1. Plaintiff demands judgment for Claim for Money \$453.36 Plus interest, costs, attorney fees, if any, and such other relief as the court deems proper.

Passode number: 420 cos 677# SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 8:30 a.m. A. Call to Order and Roll Call B. Approval of the Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Meeting C. Closed Session. "The nature of the business to be considered at the closed session is conducting specified public business where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The business to be considered involves deliberation regarding the making or modification of certain multifamily or economic development loans or tax credit awards to the projects or borrowers listed on the agenda. The specific statutory exemption by which the closed session is claimed to be authorized is Section 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes. This announcement shall become a part of the record of the meeting." D. Closed Session Decision Items 1. Riverwest Workforce Apartments & Food Accelerator 4%, Second Loan Amendment 2. The Diffuess Apartments LLC, Conduit and such other relief as the court deems proper. 2. Brief statement of dates and facts: (If this is an eviction action and you are seeking money damages, you must also state that claim on this form.) Plaintiff and defendant(s) had a lease agreement for the premises located at: 641 W. Main Street #123 Sun Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin, pursuant to which defendant(s) agreed to pay \$1427 per month for rent. Defendant(s) have NOT paid delinquent rent and damages in the amount of \$483.36. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I am the: plaintiff. *Isi* Andrew Schmidt Andrew Schmidt 1314 O'Keeffe Avenue Sun Prairie, WI 53590 Amendment 3. The Driftless Apartments LLC, Conduit andrews@rentfmi.com 608.285.8691 11/18/2021 WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173311 WNAXLP WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173311 WNAXLP MEETING NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a remote meeting of the employee leadership council of the Madison Metro-politan Sewerage District at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, September 6. The meeting will be available for participation via teleconference on a computer, smart-phone or tablet using this link: https:// teams.microsoft.com//meetup-join/ 19%3ameeting.M2NimODA4YTAtZDc3N y00YWMwLWE3ZJUMDp1OWJhZmZIN DJh%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Ti d%22%3a%22tba3d66-571e-437f-9e 16-faee87415b87%22%22%220id %22%3a%22463d66-571e-437f-9e 16-faee87415b87%22%22%220id %22%3a%22463d66-571e-04-42e-8f80-f 8ee36d9558b%22%7d. The employee leadership council will consider, and may take action, on the matters set forth on the attached agenda. If any matter on the agenda is to be considered in closed session of the employee leadership council, please be advised that following the closed session the employee leadership council will reconvene into open session for purposes of taking any action based on the closed session and concluding its agenda. Date: September 5, 2023 D. Michael Mucha, P.E. Chief Engineer and Director Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilites Act that requires the meeting or materials from the meeting to be in an accessible format must contact the chief engineer and director at 608-222-1201 at least 24 hours prior to the commence-nent of the meeting so that any necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate each requests. 1. Check-in and announcements. 2. Agenda review and approval. 3. Discuss issue requests. 4. Review action items. 5. Adjournment. WNAXLP

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copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demond to the delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 demand tor said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a judgment awarding money may become

against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin August

22, 2023. KOHN LAW FIRM S.C. ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/DANIEL E. KELLUM DANIEL E. KELLUM State Bar No. 1094987 Attorney for Plaintiff WSJ: September 5, 12, 19, 2023 174275 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY Case No. 23-CV-1684 Our File No. 1497934 Ford Motor Credit Company LLC

Plaintiff

Plaintiff vs. Wesley E Puczylowski 112 W Wilson St Apt 2 Madison WI 53703 Defendant(s). PUBLICATION SUMMONS TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after August 24, 2023, you wits respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Clerk of Circuit Court, whose address is 215 S Hamilton St, Madison, WI 53703-3285, and to Gurstel Law Firm, P.C., whose address is 622 N Water St, Suite 400, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help you.

WI 53202. You may have an attorney help you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated: August 17, 2023 GURSTEL LAW FIRM P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

Attorneys for Plaintiff Electronically signed by Chad F. Kowa-

Lectoritically signed by Grad F. Rowa-lewski State Bar No. 1032968 P.O. Address: 622 N. Water St., Suite 400 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Phone: (877) 344-4002 WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173347 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration) Case No. 2023 PR000370 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Colleen T. Putman A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

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mailing address of 634 Center St., Black Earth, Wisconsin 53515. 2. All interested persons waived notice. THE COURT ORDERS: 1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 24, 2023. 2. A claim must be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, Madison, Wisconsin, Room 1005. 3. BY THE COURT: 4. DATE SIGNED: August 8, 2023 5. Electronically signed by Ben J. Schulenburg 6. Court Commissioner Form Completed by: Corey G. Lorenz, Esq.

Esq. 150 E. Gilman St. Suite 2000 (608) 255-6663 Bar Number 110145 WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173271 WNAXLP

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the total bid price, together with an executed Agreement in form prescri-bed by the City of Fitchburg, will be required of the successful Bidder for each project.

WAGE RATES Prevailing wages are not required for this project. CITY OF FITCHBURG

Julia Arata-Fratta, Mayor Tracy Oldenburg, City Clerk WSJ: September 5, 12, 2023 175199 WNAXLP

Our File # W112712 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, BRANCH DANE COUNTY Case No. 23CV01512 Automax Financial LLC DBA CNAC

Plaintiff, vs. Shenkia D Crayton

Plaintiff, vs. Shenkia D Crayton Defendant. PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: Shenkia D Crayton 4601 Atticus Way Apt 104 Madison, WI 53711 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within forty (40) days after Augusta 2023, you must respond with a within answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, ib the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is CLERK OF COURTS, DANE COUNTY, 215 HAMIL-TON ST, MADISON WI 53703-3285 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff s attorney, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Miwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If no Complaint accompanies this Sum-mons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorney, at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may besore a line against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 8, 2023 KOHN LAW FIRM S.C. ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C. ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY: /S/ DANIEL E. KELLUM DANIEL E. KELLUM DANIEL E. KELLUM State Bar No. 1094987 Attorney for Plaintiff WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 172748 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Amended Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration) Case No. 23PR529 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Robert Douglas Crounse PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: . An application for informal administra-on was filed.

tion was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth May 31, 1930 and date of death December 29, 2021 was domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 50 S. Marquette St., Madison, WI 53704.

WI 53704. 3. The application will be heard at the Dane (by telephone only 608-266-4331) County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison, Wisconsin, Room 1005, before presiding Court Commissioner, Probate Registrar, on October 5, 2023 at 8:30.

v. LISA B. JOHNSON XYZ Unknown Defendant,

Defendants PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a Defendant:

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a Defendant: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action. Within 40 days (after August 22, 2023) of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk, of Circuit Court, Dana County Courtiouse, 215 S. Hamilton St. Madi-zon, WI 53703, and to Plaintiff's attornay, whose mailing full ss is PO Box 1473, Wausaul, Wisconsin S4408-1473, You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not distride a proper Answer within 40 days (after August 22, 2023), the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action: requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judament may be enforced in povided by laber Hustons full states in court and grant Judgment ragainst you for the award of money or other legal action: requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A Judament may be enforced in povided by laber Hustons full starting and a state source a feet days and your this totin Gay of August 22, 2023, the court is totin Gay of August 22, 2023, the court is totin Gay of August 23, 2024 and the state source a feet faginst any real may also and a feet days at a state source of plaintiff By: /s/Altorney Justin J. Bates Justin J. Bates

Plaintiff By: /s/Attorney Justin J. Bates Justin J. Bates State Bar No. 1066128 PO Box 1473 Wausau, WI 54402-1473 (715) 843-5599

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, Dane COUNTY Publication Summons and Notice

(Small Claims

(Small Claims) Case No.23 SC 4640 If you require reasonable accommoda-tions due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-266-4311 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Plaintiff(s): OPPORTUNITY FINANCIAL, LLC c/o Markoff Law LLC 29 N. Wacker Dr. #1010 Chicago, IL 60606 vs-

Annualor, is content -vs-Defendant(s): KARILE JOHNSTON 7 FAIRLANE COURT MADISON, WI 53713-3350 Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S): Values are being stied by the person(s)

AS DEPENDANI(S): You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small daims court:

Small claims court: Dane Courty Courthouse Telephone Number of clerk of court: 608-266-4311

Courtroom/Room Number: Address: 215 S. Hamilton St. Madison, WI 53703

on the following date and time: 9/15/2023 9:00AM

on the following date and time: 9/15/2023 9:00AM If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a

WSI: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 173291 WNAXLP NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING October 10, 2023 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Com-mon Council of the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fitchburg City Hall, 5520 Lacy Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711 for the purpose of soliciting comments on: A proposed Ordinance 2023-O-10: An Ordinance to Adopt the Spring 2023 Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, Amending Map 4.3 Future Land Use Plan Map for Property associated with 2735 Rimrock Road, as a parcel of land lying in and being a part of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 36, Township 7 North, Range 9 East, in the City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin (Parcel Numbers: 225 /0709-363-9400-8). This amendment would change the future land use designation in Map 4.3 Future Land Use Map for property along Rimrock Road from Low-Density Residential (LDR) to Medium-Density Residential (MDR). A copy of this proposed 2023 Compre-hensive Plan amendment may be ob-tained from the City Council or City Hall. You may contact Deama Schmidt, City Planner, for additional information regard-ing the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Ordinance. You may also view the information on the City Website at: https://www.fitchburgwi.gov/2646/Com prehensive-Plan-2030 At that time, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to speak. August 17, 2023 Deate Deanna Schmidt City Planner / Zoning Administrator

Deanna Schmidt City Planner / Zoning Administrator WSJ: September 5, 2023 173789 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN DANE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF: LOIS A. NELSON 2007 ADMINISTRA-TIVE TRUST

INCE TRUST NOTICE OF CLAIMS DEADLINE Pursuant to Section 701.0508, Wis. Stats., Susan V. Sprunt, as Trustee of the Lois A. Nelson 2007 Administrative Trust, with power to pay the debts of Lois A. Nelson, who died domiciled in Dane County, Wisconsin on June 27, 2023, hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing claims for the above-named trust is four (4) months after the date of the first insertion of this notice. Creditors' claims must be filed on or before such date at the address shown below. Attorney Thomas S. Vercauteren Boardman & Clark LLP P.O. Box 927 Madison, WI 53701-0927 WSJ: August 29, September 5, 12, 2023 174272 Nettice of Intern to Breaser an NOTICE OF CLAIMS DEADLINE

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 WNAXLP STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) (Informal Administration) Case No. 23PR591 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Rodney P. Pflaum PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administra-tion was field. Rodney P. Pflaum PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administra-tion was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 1/6 /1958 and date of death 5/6/2023, was domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 316 Concord Dr, Oregon, WI 53575. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12/8/2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison 53703, Wisconsin, Room 1005. DATE SIGNED: August 23, 2023 Electronically signed by Benjamin Balk Deputy Probate Registrar Form completed by: Matthew J. Underwood 6041 Monona, WI 53716 608-571-4464 Bar Number 1076279 WSJ: August 29, September 5, 12, 2023 WAND WSJ: August 29, September 5, 12, 2023 174100 WNAXLP

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persor

August 31, 2023 Date Zack Jones

Associate Planner WSJ: September 5, 12, 2023 175194 WNAXLP

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the Wisconsin characteristic described as: All of Blaney Road being part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 9 East, City of Fitchburg, Dane County, Wisconsin, containing 111,839 square feet (2.567 acres) described as follows:

described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 14; thence S88°02'00'E, 467.00 feet along the North line of said NE1/4 to the Point of Beginning (POB); thence continuing S88°02'00'E, 66.00 feet; thence S01°57'59'W, 199.78 feet along the East right-of-way line of Blaney Road; thence continuing along said East line, S01°13'00'W, 1329.67 feet to the Blaney Road cul-de-sac; thence along

Adjournment

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Our File #W116200 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH DANE COUNTY Case No. 23CV001488 CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff,

vs. BRITTANY L TOWNSEND

Defendant. PUBLICATION SUMMONS THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO: BRITTANY L TOWNSEND 2405 MONTEREY DR #6

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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within Forty (40) days after September 5, 2023, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF COURTS, DANE COUNTY, 215 S HAMILTON ST, MADISON Wi 53703-3285 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St, Suite 1300, Milwaukee, Wi 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

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 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRC UIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Amended Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR653
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Richard D. Schears D.O.D. 7-31-2022
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 An application for informal administra-tion was filed.
 The decedent, with date of birth 9-7-1939, and date of death 7-31-2022, was domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3401
 Maple Grove Drive, Madison, WI 53719.
 All interested persons waived notice.
 The decedent's estate is 12-1-2023.
 A chadine for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 72-1-2023.
 A claim may be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison 53703, Wisconsin, Room 1005.
 DATE SIGNED: August 18, 2023
 Electronically signed by Benjamin Balk Deputy Probate Registrar Form completed by: Attorney Dawn P. Gergen 105 Front Street Gergen 105 Front Street P.O. Box 453 Beaver Dam, WI 53916 920-887-0371 Bar Number 1017362 920-887-0371 Bar Number 1017362 WSJ: August 22, 29, September 5, 2023 WNAXLP WISJ. Adgust 22, 25, September 5, 2023
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRC UIT COURT, DANE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 23PR574
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeffrey C. Wilson PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
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2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/31/1958 and date of death 08/29/2016, was domiciled in Dane County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1517 Matthew Way, Stought-on, WI 53589.
3. All Interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadine for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 11/22/2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Dane County Courthouse, 215 S. Hamilton St., Madison 53703, Wisconsin, Room 1005. DATE SIGNED: August 11, 2023
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Please submit your written comments through the project website at: https://wwhceis.com/contact/. Written comments through the project website at: https://whoeis.com/contact/. Written comments may also be submitted to Jordan D. Sizemore, NEPA Project Manager, United States Geological Survey, NWHC 8006 Schroeder Road Madison, WI 53711, telephone (360) 929-0783, or email jsizemore@usgs.gov. Although com-ments can be submitted to USGS any time during the EIS process, scoping comments are requested by Friday. October 20, 2023, to ensure full consider-ation in the Draft EIS. Please nole that before including your address, proteer personal identifying information in your com-ment(s), the enline comment, including parsonal identifying Information, may be made publicly available. The USGS is committed to providing sccess and reasonable accommodations to participate in this public meeting. If you require a special accommodation, please contact Paulina Lopez at (210) 810-4832 or paulina lopez@wsp.com at least 7 days prior to the meeting. We will do our best to fulfil requests received in a timely manner. Thank you for your Interest. WSU: September 5, 2023 174717 WNAXLP



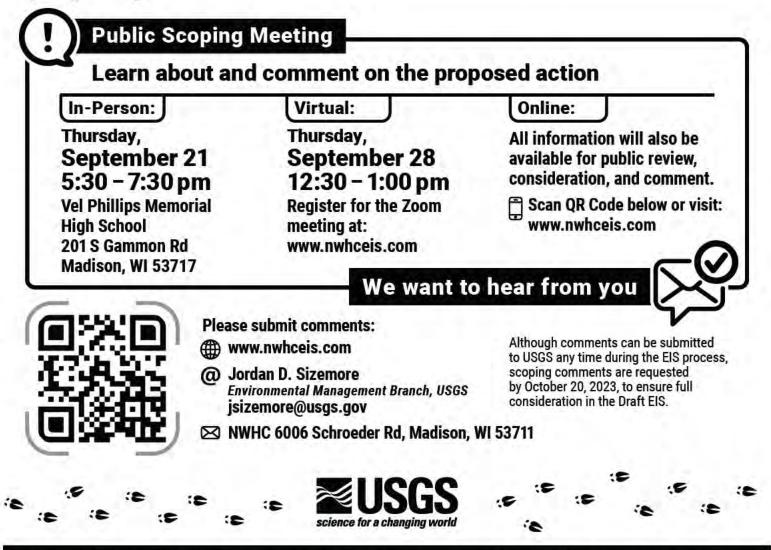
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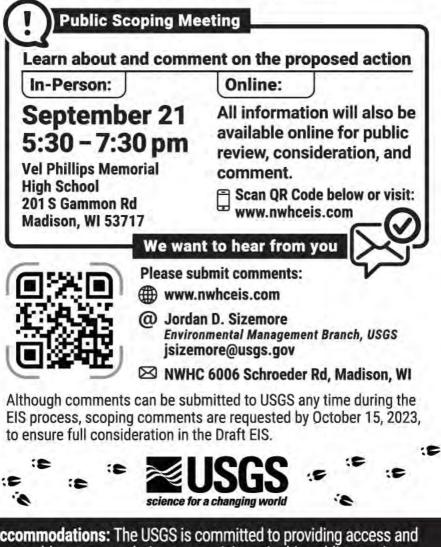
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PRO TENNIS Gauff reaches her first US Open semifinal; Djokovic 13th

HOWARD FENDRICH Associated Press

NEW YORK - Coco Gauff dealt just fine with the heat, the humidity, her big-hitting opponent and the task of trying to reach the U.S. Open semifinals for the first time, defeating 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko 6-0, 6-2 on Tuesday.

Gauff, a 19-year-old from Florida, is the first American teenager to reach the final four at Flushing Meadows since Serena Williams was the runner-up to her older sister, Vemus, in 2001.

"Last year, I lost in the quarterfinal stage, and I wanted to do better this year," Gauff said. "Still have a long way to go, but I'm happy and I'm ready to get back to work for the next one."

This was the 16th victory in her past 17 matches for Gauff - a firstround exit at Wimbledon in July sure feels like ages ago. Her best Grand Slam showing so far was making it to the final at Roland Garros last year.

Gauff lost that title match to Iga Swiatek and those two could have met again in the U.S. Open quarter-



MANU FERNANDEZ, ASSOCIATED PRESS Coco Gauff reacts to the crowd after defeating Jelena Ostapenko during Tuesday's quarterfinals of the U.S. Open in New York.

instead losing to Ostapenko in the fourth round. That defeat not only ended Swiatek's title defense but also meant she will relinquish her spot at No. 1 in the WTA rankings to Aryna Sabalenka next week.

When she is on the mark, as she was Sunday night against Swiatek,

finals. But Swiatek didn't make it, Ostapenko can be as challenging an opponent as there is because she goes for broke on nearly every stroke. If the balls land in, she is in business. When they don't, she is in trouble. She finished with 36 unforced errors Tuesday; Gauff had 14.

"Ididn't feel comfortable at all the whole match, even on match point.

I know the game she plays. She has Fritz and 13-0 in U.S. Open quarthe ability to come back, no matter the scoreline," said Gauff, who lost to Ostapenko at the Australian Open ing a tie with Roger Federer for the in January, "so I was just really trying to get every point, trying to play every ball."

In the semifinals Thursday, Gauff will face No. 10 Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic or No. 30 Sorana Cirstea of Romania. They were scheduled to play Tuesday night.

The women's quarterfinals on Wednesday will be Sabalenka of Belarus vs. No. 23 Zheng Qinwen of China, and Wimbledon champion Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic vs. No. 17 Madison Keys, an American who was the runner-up at the 2017 U.S. Open.

In Tuesday's first men's quarterfinal, which was played with the Arthur Ashe Stadium roof partly closed to offer some shade to fans and players with the temperature above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) and the humidity above 50%, 23-time major champion Novak Djokovic of Serbia defeated No. 9 Taylor Fritz of the United States 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

Djokovic improved to 8-0 against

terfinals, while making it to his 47th Grand Slam semifinal overall, breakmost by a man.

Djokovic will now meet No. 10 Frances Tiafoe or unseeded Ben Shelton, who had joined Fritz in making this the first time since 2005 that three U.S. men were in the final eight in New York.

Gauff, naturally, had the pro-American crowd on her side. They applauded and yelled for her even before she stepped out on court, reacting when she was shown on the arena's video screens during a prematch TV interview.

The roars crescendoed when Gauff was introduced before play began.

And once it did, she got off to about as good a start as possible, grabbing 12 of the opening 15 points to go up by two breaks for a 3-0 lead after just 10 minutes.

Only one of those points for the American arrived via her own clean winner. She didn't need to produce those sorts of shots, though.

BREWERS

Woodruff allows just two hits, two-game skid ends

JOHN PERROTTO **Associated Press**

PITTSBURGH - Brandon Woodruff pitched seven shutout innings and Mark Canha's tworun single capped a six-run fifth inning as the NL Central-leading Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-3 on Tuesday night.

hits, singles to Ji Hwan Bae in the first inning and Endy Rodriguez in the fifth. Woodruff also had six strikeouts and two walks while improving to 14-3 with a 2.36 ERA in his last 29 starts dating to last season.

"I thought it was a good outing and that he got stronger as the game went on and then really got on cruise control and every pitch started working well," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "Just a great outing."

Brewers 7, Pirates 3

Key: Pittsburgh starter Andre Jackson gives up five walks and six runs in 41/3 innings.

Next: 11:35 a.m. Wednesday, at Pittsburgh, BSW.

Woodruff (4-1) allowed just two losses, the Brewers entered the night 21/2 games ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL Central race.

Woodruff missed nearly four months with right shoulder inflammation before returning Aug. 6. He is beginning to feel comfortable again after making six starts.

"I expect to go out there and pitch well but coming off this injury it's a weird deal where I expect to go out there and perform yet not have many expectations because I don't have a full season to work with," Woodruff said. "I'm Coming off back-to-back trying to go out there and have fun

far. Thankfully, it's working out so far."

Connor Joe broke up the Brewers' shutout bid by hitting a threerun home run in the ninth inning off Clayton Andrews for just his second hit in his last 29 at-bats. The Pirates had runners on first and second with two outs, but Elvis Peguero got Miguel Andujar to hit a game-ending ground out.

Andre Jackson (1-2) was charged with six runs in 4th innings and walked five as the Pirates lost for just the second time in eight games.

The Brewers broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fourth on a double-play grounder by Canha after Jackson walked the bases loaded.

Milwaukee extended its lead to 0 with the big fifth inning.

Andruw Monastario drove in

and go pitch to pitch. I'm kind of the first run with a triple to the ting streak. just working inning to inning so 410-foot mark in left-center. Brice Turang hit an RBI single, Christian Yelich lofted a sacrifice fly and Carlos Santana doubled in a run before Canha delivered his two-run single to left field.

"As a hitter, you're waiting for the pitch to make a mistake and he made one to me," Monasterio said. "We started hitting mistakes in that inning. When you do that, you do damage at home plate."

Jackson retired the Brewers in order in each of the first three innings before struggling in the fourth and fifth.

"Command of the zone," Shelton said when asked what caused Jackson's problems. "It didn't look like the stuff ticked down a little bit. It's just he wasn't on the plate."

Milwaukee's William Contreras walked twice but went 0-for-3 to end his career-best 14-game hit-

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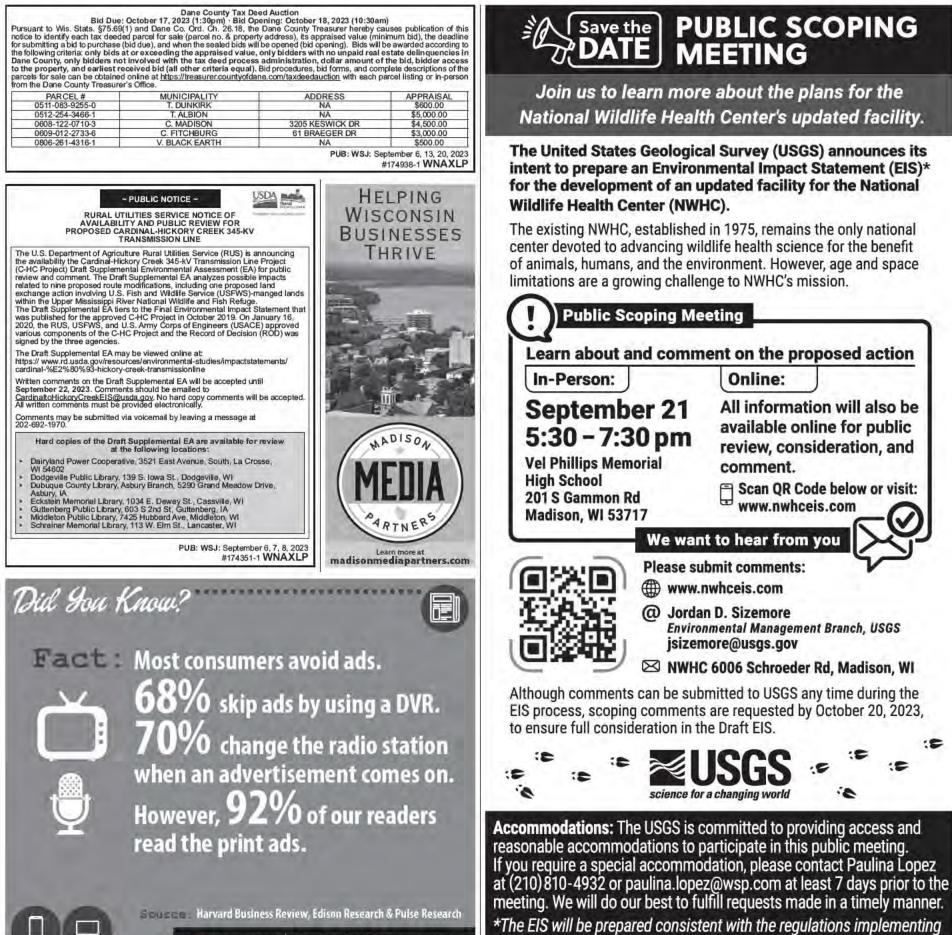
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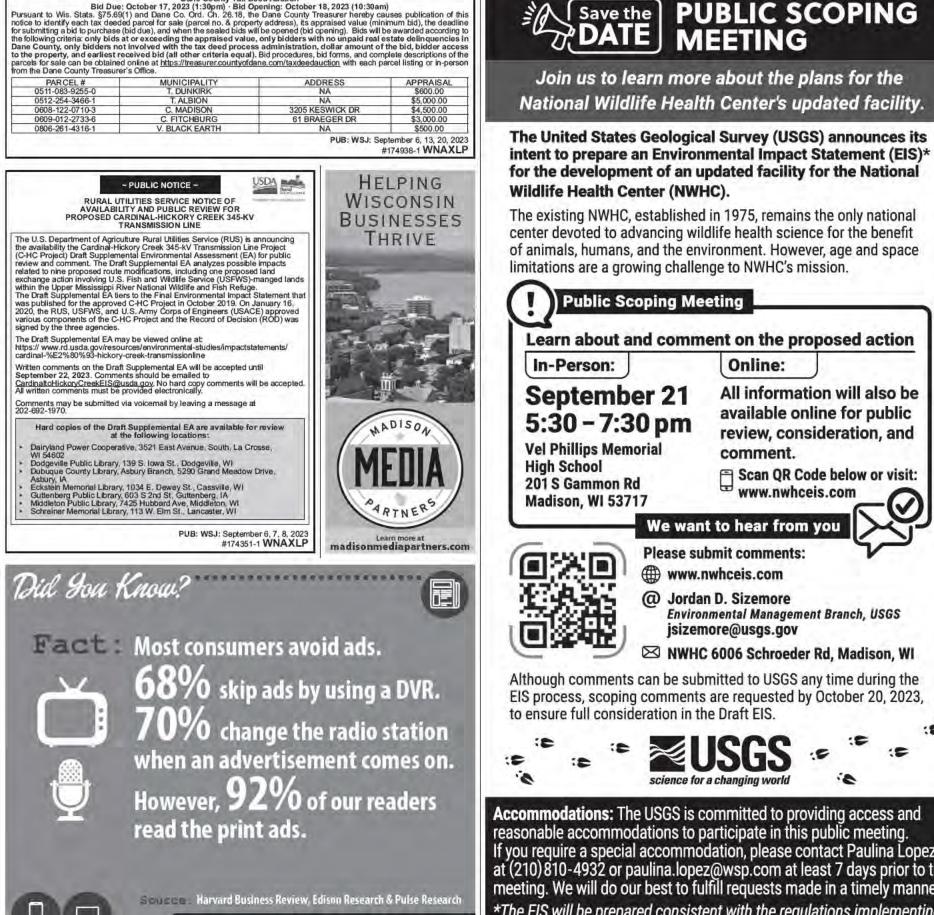
The Pirates shut down righthander Paul Skenes, the first over all pick in this year's amateur draft, for the rest of the season at Double-A Altoona to limit his innings.

Skenes pitched 6th innings over five games at three levels of the minor leagues. That came after he logged 122th innings while leading LSU to the College World Series title earlier this year.

General manager Ben Cherington said the Pirates player development made the recommendation to end Skenes' season.

"They looked at Paul like he's checked all the boxes that we wanted him to check post-draft as a pro in 2023," Cherington said. "They made the recommendation of, 'Hey, this is good. We're good for this year. Let's focus on a full offseason and full 2024.""





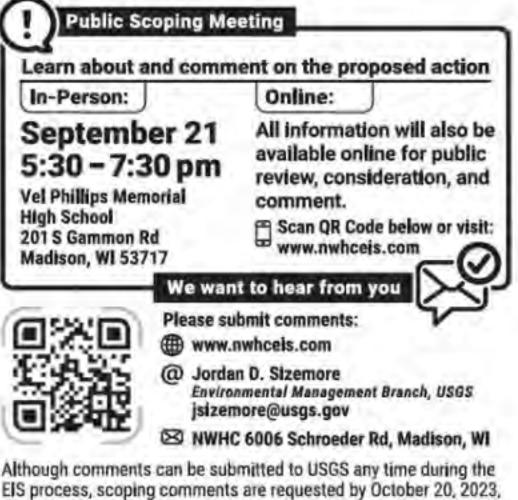
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EIS process, scoping comments are requested by October 20, 2023, to ensure full consideration in the Draft EIS.



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Taking justice into their own hands

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New group aims to help people transition from incarceration

BY FRANCESCA PICA

After spending years in the criminal justice system, Johnnie Walton wants to give others support and resources he wasn't given when he was young.

Walton, who grew up in poverty in Chicago, spent much of his youth in juvenile detention centers for selling cocaine. But, he said, the support of people who believed in him helped him find a better life after incarceration. Walton now runs Me to We, a Madison-based organization that offers coaching services for people who have been incarcerated.

"The goal is to work with the youth and adults that are negatively impacted by the justice system," Walton told the Cap Times. "Because, for me, it was growing up wishing someone saved me, helped me."

Walton hopes to provide counseling, education and job training for people in the area's jails and prisons through his partnership with the Madison Justice Team, a newly formed organization dedicated to reforming the criminal justice system and providing resources to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people.

"What the Madison Justice Team is doing is figuring out a way that we can ... be able to directly work with the prisons, first-time offenders, nonviolent offenders," Walton said. In the program, people "would have the opportunity to get a degree, either finish high school, go to college, start a business or just find a vocation."

The idea for the Madison Justice Team started with Diane Ballweg, who is owner of steel manufacturer Endres Manufacturing Co., as well as a music and aviation teacher and philanthropist. Last year, Ballweg enrolled in Harvard University's Advanced Leadership Initiative, a program for experienced community leaders to foment strategies to make an impact on a key issue facing their communities. She decided to focus on reforming the criminal justice system and providing resources for formerly incarcerated people in the Madison area after hearing stories from those who lived in poor conditions

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COURTESY OF SHALICIA JOHNSON. ARROWSTAR PHOTOGRAPH Iohnnie Walton, of Madison, lounded Me to We LLC, a nonprofit that coaches people who were formerly incarcerated.

while incarcerated and who struggled to find resources after they left prison.

Since then, the all-volunteer organization has grown to include more than 80 people with representatives from more than 30 local organizations, from the Black Men Coalition of Dane County, to the Christ Presbyterian Church, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Odyssey Project, which provides lowincome and formerly incarcerated adults access to accredited English courses.

The Madison Justice Team is composed of six committees, each with a specific focus: education in prison and beyond, amenities in the new county jail building, job training and employment upon release from prison, recruitment and social engagement, housing security for formerly incarcerated people and reforming laws related to jail, bail and prison protocols. Members of the committees represent the various organizations who specialize in their specific issues, and they meet with the rest of the team to discuss their initiatives. -+

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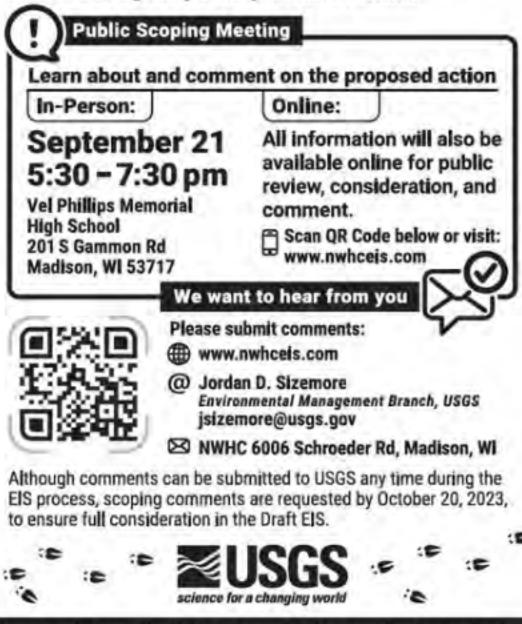
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Join us to learn more about the plans for the National Wildlife Health Center's updated facility.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* for the development of an updated facility for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC).

The existing NWHC, established in 1975, remains the only national center devoted to advancing wildlife health science for the benefit of animals, humans, and the environment. However, age and space limitations are a growing challenge to NWHC's mission.



Accommodations: The USGS is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations to participate in this public meeting. If you require a special accommodation, please contact Paulina Lopez at (210)810-4932 or paulina.lopez@wsp.com at least 7 days prior to the meeting. We will do our best to fulfill requests made in a timely manner. *The EIS will be prepared consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.



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National Wildlife Health Center in Madison is building a new home and wants public input

Gayle Worland | Wisconsin State Journal Sep 28, 2023



Photos on a wall at the USGS National Wildlife Health Center in Madison display some of the animals that have been studied at the facility. At left is David Blehert, branch chief of laboratory services. AMBER ARNOLD, STATE JOURNAL

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S et behind a wooded entrance, down a driveway bordered by a restored prairie, 6006 Schroeder Road houses the only national center in the country dedicated to wildlife disease detection, control and prevention — the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center.

Its labs investigate scourges such as avian flu, West Nile virus and chronic wasting disease, among many others. But the two main buildings on site, dating from the 1970s and '80s — plus a garage and a double-wide trailer dubbed a "modular office building" for overflow — are due for replacement.

Architectural plans are already in the works for a \$160 million, three-story Prairie styleinspired building to house the center's work, with construction expected to start late next year or in early 2025. The public is invited to learn more and to offer comments during a virtual meeting at noon Thursday.

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Buildings that house laboratories at the USGS National Wildlife Health Center will be replaced in the coming years under a plan to be discussed in a public virtual meeting at noon Thursday. AMBER ARNOLD. STATE JOURNAL

If you go

What: Virtual meeting to learn about the work of the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, ask questions and give feedback for an environmental impact assessment

When: Noon to 1 p.m. Thursday

Online link: Register at www.nwhceis.com/public-involvement.

Comment period: Additional comments are requested by Oct. 20. See **www.nwhceis.com/publicinvolvement** for details.

"One of the big things we're going to accomplish with the new building is — we're really energy dense right now, very energy- and maintenance-intensive, given the work we do and the age of the facility," acting center director LeAnn White said.

With the new facility, "We'll have additional solar panels all over the building," plus a geothermal field below some of the restored prairie to create a more energy-efficient heating and cooling system.

The plan would move the new building somewhat closer to Schroeder Road, making it more visible to passersby and the adjoining prairie space more accessible to the public, said David Blehert, branch chief of laboratory services.





"Sharks are a really great sign for a healthy, sustainable ecosystem, and they are what keeps our ecosystem in check," says PhD candidate at University of California. Which is why Davis is fighting to protect sharks in the San Francisco Bay. Buzz60's Chloe Hurst has the story! ZMG - Buzz60

About 100 people work on the 24-acre site, about 80 of them federal employees and the rest contractors, White said. The planned new building, being designed by Madison firm Flad Architects, will house two floors of offices and labs, and on the third level the necessary mechanical services for a research facility.

The center was established within the Department of the Interior in 1975 through a memorandum of understanding with UW-Madison "which is why it wound up in Madison," White said. In fact, the National Wildlife Health Center was first housed in the university's livestock pavilion, and its relationship with the university continues to this day.

Unlike the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, focused on public health, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, focused on agriculture, "our focus is primarily the impact of disease on wildlife and wildlife conservation," White said. The center has tackled sicknesses in wildlife from lead poisoning to cholera, avian botulism, monkeypox, plague, snake fungal disease and SARS-CoV2.

"The wildlife disease field is really interesting because you're still dealing with a lot of the old diseases while you're dealing with new, emerging diseases," White said. Realistically, however, there's never a "silver bullet" to eradicate a wildlife disease, she said, but rather tools to develop to help manage it, such as vaccines, habitat modifications or regulations on imported species.

The center is doing research, for example, on the best methods for vaccinating bats against white-nose syndrome, a fungus that has devastated bat populations.

A vivarium at the National Wildlife Health Center, with no public access, houses live animals; labs are strictly controlled. The center constantly replaces equipment to keep labs secure and up to date, Blehert said.

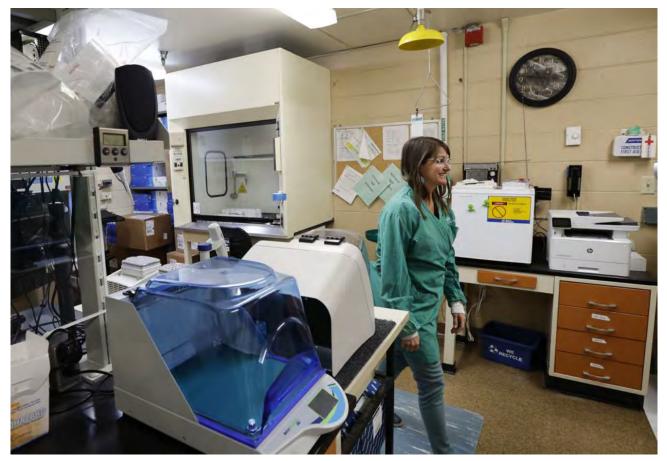
Thursday's online public meeting with be a "scoping" meeting, with background on the center and its work and a chance for the public to give input for an environmental impact assessment on the new facility.

White expects some valuable feedback.



Plans for a new USGS National Wildlife Health Center include a three-story building, as shown in this conceptual illustration, to be built on the site of the current facility on Schroeder Road. FLAD ARCHITECTS

The scoping process, she said, is based on the possibility "that the people in the community where you're doing the work have information that you, as a person working at the facility, might not know or consider," she said. "So it really invites the public to be a part of the process."



LeAnn White, acting director at the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, works in one of the labs at the facility, which is slated for replacement. AMBER ARNOLD, STATE JOURNAL



Clean bat dishes are stored in the cage washroom at the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison. The center has been at the forefront of developing a vaccine for white-nose syndrome, a life-threatening disease in bats. AMBER ARNOLD, STATE JOURNAL



The existing 20th-century buildings at the USGS National Wildlife Health Center on Schroeder Road will be replaced with a new three-story, state-of-the-art facility in coming years.

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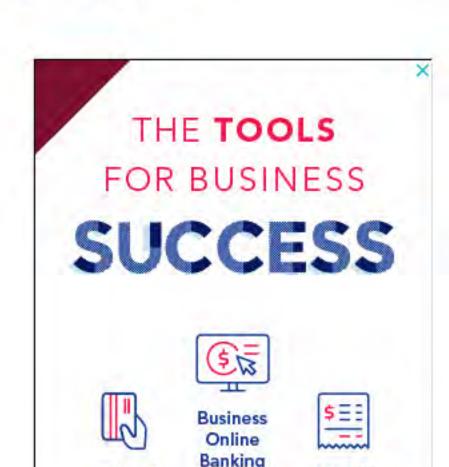
ing to the 1970s–1980s, will be moving to a new home, the *Wisconsin State Journal* reports. Its labs, currently located at 6006 Schroeder Road, house the only national center in the country dedicated to wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention, investigating scourges such as avian flu, West Nile virus, chronic wasting disease, and others.

Industries

Architectural plans are underway for a \$160 million, three-story prairie style-inspired building to house the center. It will have two floors of offices and labs and a third level of necessary mechanical services for a research facility. Construction is expected to begin late next year or in early 2025. A recent virtual meeting solicited public commentary on the building plans, which also include solar panels and an energy-efficient heating and cooling system.

The new building would sit closer to Schroeder Road, increasing visibility to passersby and making the adjoining prairie space more publicly accessible.





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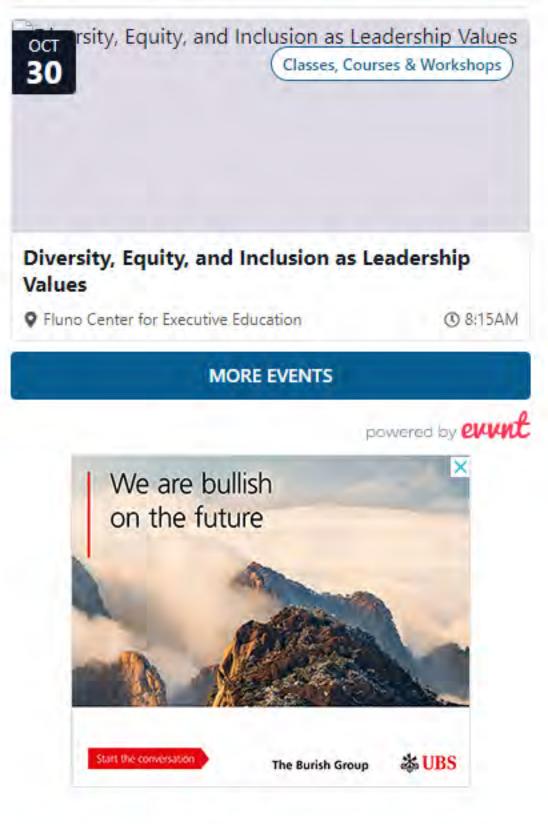
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Barbara Harrington-McKinney	Alder, City of Madison, District 20	Council member
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Water Engineering Staff-General	Water Utility Administrative Office	
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Anne Justice-Allen	Arizona					
Jennifer Ballard	Arkansas					
Deana Clifford	California					
Mary Wood	Colorado					
Howard Kilpatrick Dan Rausch	Connecticut D.C.					
Joe Rogerson	Delaware					
Mark Cunningham Tina Johannsen	Florida					
Lainie Berry	Georgia Hawaii					
Stacey Dauwalter	Idaho					
Chris Jacques Mitch Marcus	Illinois Indiana					
Rachel Ruden	lowa					
Shane Hesting	Kansas					
Chrissy Casey	Kentucky					
Jim Lacour James Connolly	Louisiana Maine					
Cindy Driscoll	Maryland					
Susan McCarthy	Massachusetts					
Megan Moriarty Michelle Carstensen	Michigan Minnesota					
Anthony Ballard	Mississippi					
Sherri Russell	Missouri					
Jennifer Ramsey Todd Nordeen	Montana Nebraska					
Nate LaHue	Nebraska Nevada					
Dan Bergeron	New Hampshire					
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ndrew DiSalvo	Pennsylvania			
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lohn Tracey	Virginia			
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Ali Garfield	The Cap Times	Local Government Reporter		
	The Cap Times	City Desk		
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Thom Kupper	Star Tribune	Assistant Managing Editor/News		
Sophie Carson	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Reporter, General Assignment		
Mark Johnson	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Reporter, Health and Science		
Duke Behke	Post Crescent	Local Government Reporter		
Larry Gallup	Post Crescent	Editor		
Jason Adrians	Wisconsin State Journal	Executive Editor		
Jessie Garcia	Telemundo Wisconsin/CBS 58 Fox47	News Director News Director		
Tom Kurtz	Spectrum 1 News	Managing Director		
Dani Maxwell	WKOW 27	News Director		
Jessica Laszewski	WMTV - NBC15	News Director		
Lyle Banks	News 3 Now/Channel3000.com	General Manager		
Rafael Viscarra	La Comunidad News	Founder		
Judith Davidoff	Isthmus Media	Editor/President		
Ernest Jones	The Madison Times Weekly Newspaper	Editorial Director		
Janani Sundar	The Badger Herald	Editor-in-Chief		
Andy Hall	Wisconsin Watch	Executive Director		
Dulce Maria Danel	PBS Wisconsin	Impact		
Jeffrey Potter	Wisconsin Public Radio	Marketing Director		
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Suzanne Hanson	MARC Services	Executive Director				
Umar Warsi	Madinah Academy of Madison	Principal				
Mohammed Asadullah	Madinah Community Center - Masjid	President				
Ben Stuart	West Madison Little League	Executive Director				
Christie Howell-Yrios	Animal Crackers Child Care Center	Executive Director				
Kyle O'Brien	Wisconsin Hospital Association	Senior Vice President, Government Relations				
Dr. Robert Craig	Wisconsin Citizen Action	Executive Director				
John Schnabl	Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc	Executive Director				
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Shelagh DeLiberto							
Peter Szotkowski							
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lichard Spotts							
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Clinton Allen	USGS						
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ag Evers	City of Madison Common Council	Alder, District 13					
Derek Field	City of Madison Common Council						
isa Subeck	Wisconsin State Legislature	State Representative, District 78					
Thomas DeLiberto	USDA						
Andrew Mendyk	Alliant Energy	Lead Forecast Analyst					
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Hannah Faber	USGS	Research Biologist					
Megan Winzeler	USGS	Biological Science Laboratory Technician					
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ravis Phillips	Vogel Bros Building Company	Project Manager					
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any Bexson Jauren Gritzmacher	USGS	Laboratory Researcher					
Jennie Demjanick	U.S. Department of the Interior	Attorney					



g) Adjacent Properties and Environmental Justice Outreach: Call Log

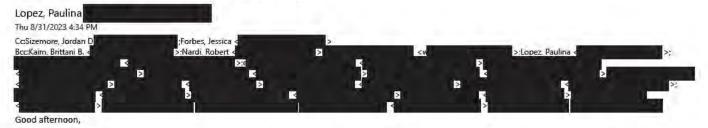
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Josh Wescott	Dane County Office of the County Executive	Chief of Staff				Voicemail	
Ariana Vruwink	Dane County Office of the County Executive	Director of Communications				voicemail	
CITY OF MADISON MUNICIPA	City of Madison	Neighborhood Associations				Voicemail	
Angela Puerta	City of Madison	Neighborhood Associations				Voicemail	
LOCAL BUSINESSES AND BUSI			-				
Zach Brandon Helen Stewart	Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce	President Managing Director Operations	-			Voicemail Voicemail	
Camille Carter	Madison Black Chamber	President				Yes	Spoke to CEO
Jessica Cavazos	Latino Chamber of Commerce of Dane County	President and CEO				Yes	Spoke to Staff and they'll print flyers and distribute digital flyer
Jason R. Rae	Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce Inc.	President and CEO				Voicemail	
Jean Marie Thiel	American Indian Chamber of Commerce of WI	President (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa)				Voicemail	
Saul Newton	Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce	President and CEO	-			Voicemail	
Linda Brewer	Highlands of Seminole Neighborhood Association	President	-			Voicemail	
Miguel Dominguez	Highlands of Seminole Neighborhood Association	Vice President				Voicemail	
ENVIRONMENTAL AND CIVIC	ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC INTEREST G	ROUPS					
Renee Moe	United Way of Dane County	President and CEO				Yes	Spoke with staff they will share flyers
Karen Soraya Burch Charlene Mouille	United Way of Dane County United Way of Wisconsin	President and CEO President and CEO				Yes	Spoke with staff and shared information Spoke with staff and will review information
Rev. Dr. Alex Gee	Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development	President	-			Voicemail	
Harry Hawkins	Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development Community Action Coalition for South Central	Executive Vice President				Voicemail	
Amber Duddy	Wisconsin	Executive Director				Voicemail	
Ruben L. Anthony Jr. Ph.D	Urban League of Greater Madison	President and CEO	-			Yes	Staff confirmed they received information via email and will share with members
Gregory Jones	NAACP Dane County Branch #36AB	President				Voicemail	
Christine Neumann-Ortiz Mahnker Dahnweih Bianca Gomez Chai	Voces de la Frontera	Executive Director				Yes	Will share information with members
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Houses of Worship							
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Rev. Everett Mitchell	Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church	Senior Pastor	-			Voicemail	
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	Centro Hispano of Dane	Executive Director					Spoke with staff and they will share information with the Pastor
Karen Menéndez Coller	Centro Hispano of Dane Iglesia Jesus Principe de Paz Pentecostal	Executive Director Pastor				Yes	Spoke with staff and they will share information with the Pastor

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PUBLIC-AT-LARGE/OTH Ruben L. Anthony	LKS Urban League of Greater Madison	President and CEO				Voicemail	
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	Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin	Empowerment President				Voicemail	Spoke with staff and shared information
Melissa Bjerke Markgraf	Realtors' Association of South Central Wisconsin	President				Voicemail	
Gary Goyke Joseph Gallina	Wisconsin Apartment Association The Gal ina Companies	Legislative Liaison CEO				Voicemail Yes	Spoke with staff and shared information
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Chelsea Prochnow Joe Duperre	Milele Ch kasa Anana Elementary School West Towne Mall	Principal General Manager				Voicemail Voicemail	
	Preserve West Apartments					Yes	Spoke with staff and shared information
Andrea Chaffee Rebecca Carlin	Madison Ice Arena Theresa Terrace Neighborhood Center	Marketing Director Executive Director				Voicemail Voicemail	
Rebecca Carrin	Orchard Ridge Nursery School	Executive Director				Yes	Spoke with staff and they will share information with the Director
	Country Meadows Apartments United States Postal Service					Voicemail Voicemail	
Pastor Tia Sierra	Lighthouse Christian School	Principal				Voicemail Voicemail	
	Madison Waldorf School MARC Services	Administrator Executive Director				Yes Voicemail	Spoke with staff and they will share information with the Director
Umar Warsi	Madinah Academy of Madison	Principal				Voicemail Voicemail	
Mohammed Asadullah	Madinah Community Center - Masjid West Madison Little League	President				Voicemail Voicemail	
	West Madison Little League Animal Crackers Child Care Center	Executive Director Executive Director				Voicemail	
	Wisconsin Hospital Association	Senior Vice President Government Relations				Voicemail	
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h) E-mails to Stakeholders

National Wildlife Health Center - Proposed New Facility



I am reaching out on behalf of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) about the development of a new National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) in Madison, Wisconsin.

As a valued stakeholder, the USGS wants to inform you about the project, its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and upcoming opportunities for your input.

The USGS plans to construct an updated NWHC facility on the site of the existing NWHC at 6006 Schroeder Road in Madison. This new facility will allow the center to continue to play a pivotal role in evaluating the impact of diseases on wildlife and exploring the intricate connections between wildlife health, human well-being, and the environment.

The existing NWHC, established in 1975, remains the only national center devoted to advancing wildlife health science for the benefit of animals, humans, and the environment. A growing challenge to performing the NWHC's mission, however, is the age and space limitations associated with the current center. To keep advancing wildlife health science effectively, they are embarking on the development of a new modern and efficient facility.

In line with their commitment to environmental stewardship and compliance with NEPA, the USGS will soon be publishing a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register. This notice will mark the initiation of the public scoping phase of the NEPA process. During this important period, we eagerly anticipate engaging with officials, agencies, stakeholders, and the public to discuss the proposed project and its potential environmental implications.

You can learn more about this project by visiting our website at https://www.nwhceis.com/ and reviewing our project summary document. The website will also be updated with information about how to participate in the public scoping meeting and ways to provide comments on the proposed action and plans for the EIS.

Your insights are valuable for us, and we are eager to gather your feedback as the project progresses.

Thank you,





Update: National Wildlife Health Center - Proposed New Facility



1 attachments (209 KB)

NWHC Notification Letter (The Honorable Sondy Pope, State Representative) August 2023.pdf;

Dear State Representative Pope,

Please find attached an update regarding the proposed development of a new National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) at the site of the existing NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the project further, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jordan Sizemore, cc'ed here and full contact details enclosed.

Sincerely, Brittani Kaim On behalf of the U.S. Geological Survey



Brittani Kaim

Vice President Director, Communications & Public Involvement Practice | US Texas & Midwestern States (She/her/hers)



Update: National Wildlife Health Center - Proposed New Facility

Lopez, Paulina <	>	
Fri 9/8/2023 10:28 AM		
To	>	
Cc:Sizemore, Jordan D	;Forbes, Jessica	

1 attachments (827 KB)

Tibbles, Kirsty - Alaska Boards of Game and Fisheries - NWHC Notification Letter.pdf;

Dear Executive Director, Board of Game Tibbles:

Please find attached an update regarding the proposed development of a new National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) at the site of the existing NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin.

We are eager to receive comments on the proposed action of developing a new NWHC and invite you to provide comments during the scoping period, which extends from September 5 to October 20, 2023, to: Jordan D. Sizemore, NEPA Manager, United States Geological Survey, NWHC 6006 Schroeder Road Madison, WI, or by e-mail to: jsizemore@usgs.gov.

We have also established a project website which can be used to submit comments and view announcements, meeting notices, and other relevant information: <u>https://nwhceis.com/</u>.

Thank you for your support. Sincerely,

Paulina Lopez

On behalf of C. LeAnn White, PhD, MPH, Acting Center Director, USGS National Wildlife Health Center, U.S. Geological Survey

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Paulina López, MPA

Communications and Public Involvement Specialist U.S. Advisory Services

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i)Newsletter

Your Input Matters: Proposed New NWHC Facility in Madison, WI

National Wildlife Health Center EIS Update <noreply@consultationmanager.com>

Wed 10/18/2023 8:46 AM

To:Lopez, Paulina



The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to develop a new National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) facility on the grounds of the present NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin.

Why is a new facility needed?

The NWHC, e tabli hed in 1975, i a biomedical laboratory dedicated to a e ing the impact of di ea e on wildlife and play a crucial role in wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention in the United States.

However, an increasing challenge to NWHC operation is the age and space limitation of the pre ent center, including crowded laboratorie and admini trative area, inefficient u e of pace, aging infra tructure, and increasing costs associated with operation and maintenance. Developing a new NWHC is necessary to meet contemporary standards and practices.



Due to the potential impact on the environment, USGS is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) The NEPA proce allow for public input during public scoping and after the publication of the Draft EIS. As a valued member of our community, we want to keep you informed about updates regarding the proposed new facility.



Recent Community Engagement and Public Scoping Meetings:

Thank you to the community member who attended the recent in per on public coping meeting on September 21, 2023, at Vel Philip Memorial High School, and the virtual scoping meeting on September 28, 2023.

These meetings provided an opportunity to share details about the proposed new facility, an wer the community' que tion and gather input



Not able to attend? View the virtual public meeting recording and review meeting material online



View Recording

Meeting Materials



Submit Your Comments:

During the 45-day scoping period, we encourage agencies, organizations, and the public to provide valuable input on potentially affected re ource and environmental considerations.

We kindly request scoping comments by **Friday**, **October 20**, **2023**, to ensure full consideration in the Draft EIS. Submit directly through the website u ing the Comment Form, email, or write to u





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Email Jordan D. Sizemore

NEPA Project Manager, USGS

Email Comments

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Comment Form

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2) Public Scoping Meetings

a) In-Person Public Scoping Meeting



NWHC Public Scoping Meeting Sign-in – Staff Thursday, September 21, 2023: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Vel Phillips Memorial High School, 201 S Gammon Rd, Madison, WI 53717 Title Organization **Phone Number** Email Name Michael Microbiologist 11545 Bonds NWHC issica WSP OPM Forbes PI Specialist Brittani WSP Kam Jordan NEPA Project manager USGS Sizemore Davil Branch Chief, USGS Blehar Laboratory Sciences LeAnn 61 Acting CD White Julia Active Deputy CD WGS 1 =nKton Regional Dove Communications which USGS DZMAN

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Public Comment Form

Use this form to submit written comments concerning the proposal for the new National Wildlife Health Center located on the existing property in Madison, WI. The U.S. Geological Survey is interested in your questions and comments about the project as it begins preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

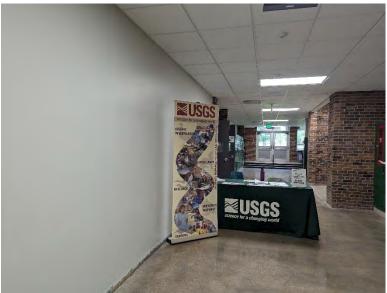
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Although comments can be submitted to USGS any time during the EIS process, scoping comments are requested by October 20, 2023, to ensure full consideration in the Draft EIS.



c) Public Scoping Meeting Pictures















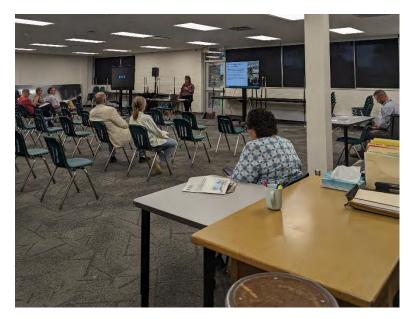




























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3) Figures (Exhibits/Handouts)

a) PowerPoint Presentation



Proposed development of the new National Wildlife Health Center

Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting | 9.21.2023



Welcome

- Introductions
- Scoping meeting purpose
- About the National Wildlife Health Center
- Proposed action
- National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Public review and comment process
- Questions

Introductions



- LeAnn White, Acting NWHC Director
- Michael D. Bonds, Safety & Environmental Program Coordinator
- Jordan D. Sizemore, NEPA Project Manager
- Martin T. Smith, Chief, Project Management Branch
- David Ozman, Public Affairs Regional Director

Jessica Forbes, Deputy Project Manager
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Scoping Meeting Purpose

- Provide information regarding the proposal to develop a new NWHC in Madison.
- Solicit comments and input concerning the proposal prior to the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other laws, regulations, and Executive Orders.

United States Geological Survey

- Established by Congress on March 3, 1879, to classify nation's public lands and examine the geological structure and natural resources of the national domain.
- Sole scientific agency for the Department of the Interior and the nation's largest water, earth, and biological science and civilian mapping organization.
- Focuses on significant societal issues and contributes to the well-being of the nation and world through five science mission areas: Core Science Systems, Natural Hazards, Ecosystems, Energy and Minerals, and Water Resources.







National Wildlife Health Center Purpose and History

- Established in 1975 as the first biomedical laboratory dedicated to assessing impact of disease on wildlife; transferred to USGS in 1996.
- Only national center devoted to advancing wildlife health science for the benefit of animals, humans, and environment; designated as a "mission essential" facility.
- Emergence of wildlife diseases has become a highpriority concern in the U.S. and the world. <u>https://www.usgs.gov/centers/nwhc/history-nwhc</u>





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UW-Madison Stock Pavilion, 1975 🥖



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Main Building

NWHC Facilities, 1988

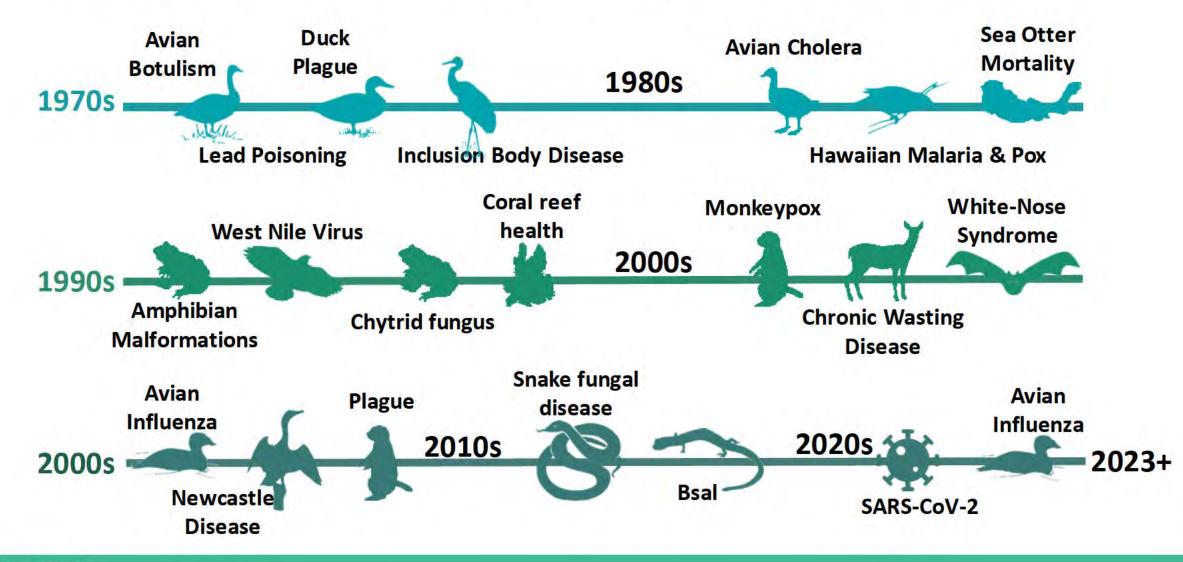


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Emerging Diseases Investigated by NWHC







NWHC Capabilities

Diagnostics

- Cause of death determination
- Pathogen discovery and characterization
- Diagnostic test methodology and development

Epidemiology & Partnerships

- Outbreak investigation
- Designed surveillance
- Data and information management
- Risk assessment and decision support

Research

- Develop vaccines, models and other management tools
- Disease ecology and prediction
- Human dimensions

NWHC Facility Today

Only national center devoted to advancing wildlife health science; designated a "mission essential" facility.

Location: 6066 Schroeder Rd Madison, WI 53711





Challenges Facing National Wildlife Health Center

- Crowded laboratories and administrative areas
- Inefficient use of space
- Aging buildings
- Aging equipment
- Aging infrastructure
- Increasing costs of operation and maintenance

Proactive efforts to repair systems and facilities to maintain operational status provided only short-term relief.

Renovations are impractical and cost prohibitive.

NWHC age and space limitations are affecting ability to perform its mission.







Proposed Action

- Since 2008, USGS has conducted multiple studies, each revealing NWHC to be outdated, inefficient and the need of significant repairs and renovations.
- USGS evaluated alternatives; conclusion was to develop new NWHC on existing grounds.
- New NWHC would provide efficient, safe, and secure facility to meet current and future needs.

Concept Renderings – New NWHC





Goals and Objectives

- Meet NWHC's administrative, operational, health, and safety standards and requirements.
- Provide custom-built spaces needed to research wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention and other programs that support NWHC mission.
- Incorporate latest technologies and best practices to ensure health, safety, and well-being of staff, visitors, and public.
- Utilize modern lab equipment, mechanical systems, and best practices to reduce potential for exposure to pathogens and risks to staff.





Goals and Objectives

- Make effective use of staff with design that minimizes internal movements.
- Apply innovative design, quality construction, highly efficient mechanical and electrical systems, to achieve and maintain peak performance.
- Elevate quality of work environment.
- Use advanced building design and construction materials that are sustainable and resilient.



Project Description



Three-story structure including:

- Administrative offices
- Biosafety Level 2 (BSL2) and BSL3 laboratories
- Vivarium (animal habitats)
- Support spaces

Modern laboratory containment systems

Expand use of solar energy and possible use of geothermal energy

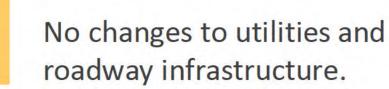


Project Description



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New parking areas, walkways, energy-efficient lighting, directional and other signage, etc.



Maintain NWHC operation during construction.

Maintain/restore prairie area for continued public access and use.







National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

Established U.S. national policy promoting the enhancement of the environment.

Encouraged public to play role in protecting environment.

Require federal agencies to consider how actions affect the environment and account for impacts in decision-making process.

Provide opportunities for public input prior to Draft EIS preparation. "Citizens often have valuable information about places and resources" (A Citizens Guide to NEPA).





NEPA Process

- Notice of Intent to Prepare Draft EIS
- Public Scoping Meeting
- Agency/public engagement
- Publish Draft EIS
- Public Review of Draft EIS with Public Meeting
- Publish Final EIS
- Public Review of Final EIS
- Record of Decision





NEPA Process

Scoping

- · Identify purpose and need for action and scope of proposal
- Identify environmental issues
- Seek public input prior to starting analysis

Alternatives Development

 Formulate alternatives that meet proposal's Purpose and Need, including a "No Action" alternative.

Impact Analysis

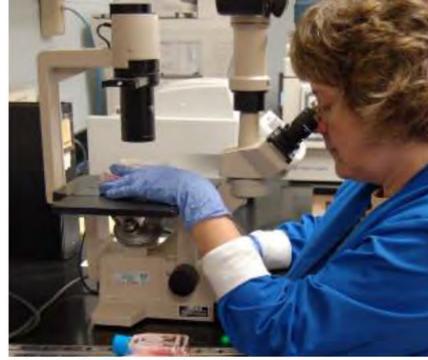
• Establish conditions in/around project site, analyze environmental impacts of alternatives, and propose measures to mitigate potential impacts

NEPA Document

- Document analysis (Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements)
- Make analysis available for review

Record of Decision

- Document agency's decision
- Maintain record of process and substance of decision









What's included in the Environmental Impact Statement

- Purpose and regulations, under which EIS is conducted
- Background, history, and mission of NWHC.
- Purpose and Need for new NWHC.
- Alternatives considered, including "No Action"
- Affected environment
- Potential impacts and mitigation measures
- Secondary, indirect, cumulative impacts
- References, preparers







Draft EIS Subject Areas

Topography, Geology and Soils

Water Resources

Biological Resources

Historic and Cultural Resources

Hazardous and Biohazardous Materials

Visual and Aesthetic Resources

Socioeconomics







Draft EIS Subject Areas (cont.)

Environmental Justice

Land Use

Community Services

Utilities

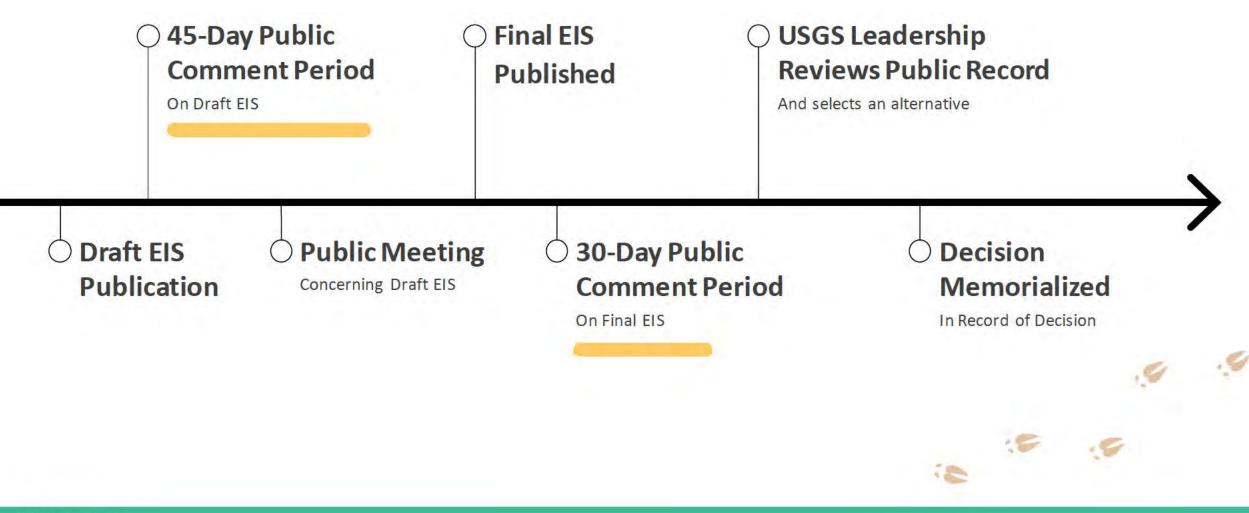
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Noise



Public Review Process





Project Schedule

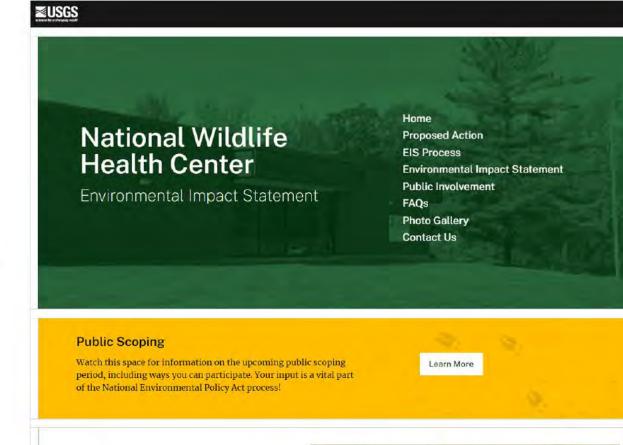
Anticipated Date	Milestone
September 5, 2023	Notice of Intent published; public scoping begins (start 45-day comment period)
September 21, 2023	Public Scoping Meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m.
September 28, 2023	Virtual Public Scoping Meeting 12:00-1:00 p.m.
October 20, 2023	Public scoping period ends
Winter 2024	Publish Draft EIS (start 45-day comment period)
Winter 2024	Hold Draft EIS Public Meetings
Spring 2024	Publish Final EIS (start 30-day waiting period)
Summer 2024	Record of Decision announced



NWHC EIS Project Website:

- Facilitate communications about NWHC project
- Provide a central location for project-related information
- Provide access to meeting notices, announcements, recordings, etc.
- Provide means to submit comments, questions, join email list, receive EISs, etc.





Welcome

Welcome to the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS's) website for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)! The USGS is preparing an EIS for the proposed development of a new NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin. This website provides information on the EIS process, the proposed action, and opportunities to get involved and provide comments.

Learn More





To Submit Comments



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Join email list: Include name, affiliation (if any), and email on form and submit.

Scoping process ends October 20, 2023



Thank You! Questions?

USGS

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b) Project Summary



PROJECT SUMMARY

Proposed Development of the New National Wildlife Health Center - Madison, Wisconsin

Prepared for: United States Geological Survey

September 2023





PROJECT SUMMARY Proposed Development of the New National Wildlife Health Center – Madison, Wisconsin

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to develop a new National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) in Madison, Wisconsin. In the months ahead, USGS will be undertaking preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, among other federal regulations. During this time, USGS will also be engaging federal, state, Tribal, and local officials, regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and the public to assist in determining the scope of issues to be addressed in planning for a new NWHC.



Background

The National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) was established in 1975 in Madison as the first biomedical laboratory dedicated to assessing the impact of disease on wildlife and identifying the role of various pathogens in contributing to wildlife losses. It remains today as the only national center devoted to wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention in the United States.

The emergence of wildlife diseases has become a high-priority concern in the United States and the world. In addition to their harmful effects on natural wildlife populations and ecosystems, there is the potential for the spread of zoonotic diseases to humans, and for causing economic losses associated with livestock morbidity and mortality. The NWHC is responsible for providing research and for investigating and responding to known and

National Wildlife Health Center, Madison, Wisconsin

emerging wildlife diseases and wildlife mortality outbreaks throughout the United States.

The NWHC is located on a 24-acre tract of federal property which, along with a vacant building, were acquired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 1978 to consolidate USFWS expertise into a single program and provide a permanent facility for the NWHC. The Main Building was constructed in the 1960's and underwent an extensive renovation in 1982 with a second building, the Tight Isolation Building (TIB), constructed in 1985 and modified in 1989. Portions of the property not occupied by buildings, access and service driveways, and parking areas were restored to native prairie in 1988. An interpretive nature trail has also been developed through the prairie and adjacent wooded area and is actively visited by the public.



NWHC, circa 1988



NWHC scientists at work

In 1996, the NWHC, along with other U.S. Department of the Interior research functions, was transferred to the U.S. Geological Survey (USCS) where it is one of many entities that provides the independent science that forms the basis of sound management of the nation's natural resources. Created by Congress in 1879, USCS is an agency of the federal government where scientists study the nation's landscape, its natural resources, and the natural hazards that threaten it. USCS is also a research organization whose work spans biology, geography, geology, and hydrology.

The NWHC provides information, technical assistance, and research on national and international wildlife health issues. It also monitors and assesses the impact of disease on wildlife populations; defines ecological relationships leading to the occurrence of disease; transfers technology for disease prevention and control; and provides guidance, training, and assistance for reducing wildlife losses. As a Level 2 Security Facility under the U.S. Department of Justice Standards for Federal Facilities, the NWHC is required to operate under criteria established by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Biological Safety Level 3 (BSL-3) containment.

The NWHC functions as an integrated program involving disease diagnosis, field response to disease outbreaks, research, animal welfare, and training of others in disease identification and control. Collaboration with and technical assistance is also provided to a wide variety of agencies and organizations within the federal, state, and private sectors. This has resulted in an extensive network of interaction and today the NWHC is the focal point for information, technical assistance, and research on wildlife health issues.

Designated as a "mission essential" facility, NWHC functions to advance wildlife health science for the benefit of animals, humans, and the environment. However, a growing challenge to performing its mission is the age and space limitations associated with the present NWHC. Therefore, starting in 2008, USGS began conducting studies of the NWHC from which conditions hampering efficient operations were identified. Among the findings were crowded laboratories and administrative areas, deteriorating casework, cracking walls, doors, window seals and window frames requiring frequent maintenance, lack of consolidated freezer space, and use of animal housing rooms for general storage, among many others.

In follow-on studies conducted in 2011 and 2016, many of the same conditions remained. The condition of key systems, infrastructure, and equipment continued aging with numerous items requiring repair or replacement. Even with proactive efforts to repair systems and facilities, the efforts and expenditures have provided only shortterm relief, focused only on those necessary to its operation. Repairs have proven costly while resulting in only modest and short-term improvements to the buildings, systems, and infrastructure which support NWHC operation. The extensive renovations needed for NWHC to meet the requirements of its mission has resulted in a cost prohibitive situation. Overall, the NWHC is outdated, inefficient, and in need of significant renovations, replacements and repairs. It has been the findings of the various studies that the mission and function of the facility, along with the interests of the USGS, which oversees the NWHC, would be best served by replacing the NWHC with a new facility. The consequence is the need to design and construct a modern new facility to:

- > Meet USGS and NWHC's administrative, operational, health, and safety standards and requirements.
- > Provide the spaces needed to conduct research into wildlife disease detection, control, and prevention and other programs that support the mission of the NWHC.
- > Incorporate the latest technologies and best practices to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of staff, visitors, and the public.
- > Further reduce risk for exposure to pathogens and the risks faced by staff by utilizing more modern laboratory equipment, mechanical systems and operating and management approaches.
- > Make effective use of operating staff with a design that minimizes internal movements.
- > Elevate the quality of the work environment for staff and visitors.
- Apply advanced building design approaches and construction materials that are sustainable and resilient against the hazards associated with climate change and other outside forces while reducing energy consumption and the facility's carbon footprint.
- Optimize the cost of operation by applying innovative design, quality construction, highly efficient air handling, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, and facility maintenance programs to achieve and maintain peak performance standards.

Developing a new NWHC will also demonstrate that the combination of a modern facility and contemporary best management practices can deliver better results, improve worker and public safety, and control operating costs.

National Wildlife Health Center

Since its establishment, the NWHC has been located at 6006 Schroeder Road, approximately five miles southwest of downtown Madison. The Main Building, comprising approximately 33,000 square feet of floor space, contains necropsy and associated disease diagnostic laboratories; general support laboratories for biological media and reagent preparation, glassware preparation and other special use areas; and administrative support areas with a conference room. staff offices. data processing and records areas. Solar voltaic panels to generate electricity, along with other conservation measures, are employed to reduce energy consumption and control operational costs.

The TIB is located approximately 150 feet northeast of the Main Building and while the buildings are physically separated, there is not a complete separation of functions, with some researchers working in both buildings. The TIB contains specialized research laboratories and support areas, staff offices for investigators and BSL-3 biocontainment animal research areas. The animal isolation wing is self-contained with cage and glassware cleaning, necropsy, and incineration facilities. Entry into the area requires use of specialized clothing and footwear, changes of clothing and footwear for each room entered, and a mandatory shower which is activated upon entering the exit chamber from the animal area



NWHC location, 6006 Schroeder Rd

Other small structures are also on the property including a maintenance garage, an array of solar voltaic panels located behind the parking area, and a modular trailer added in the 2000's and used as employee offices.

Proposed National Wildlife Health Center

The proposed NWHC is envisioned as a low-rise structure consisting of three stories and a basement containing administrative offices; BSL2 and BSL3 laboratories; vivarium ABSL-2, ABSL-3 and BSL3-AG; and support spaces. The new NWHC is intended to present a visually unified physical structure that is compatible with its surroundings. The structure would be fire-resistant and meet applicable building code requirements. In addition to the new facility itself, the proposal includes the following:

- New internal service driveways and parking to accommodate visitors, students, government vehicles, and staff.
- All utilities would remain functional to serve the current facility until completion of the new NWHC.
- Containment within NWHC laboratories to prevent staff exposure to biological and chemical agents, the escape of harmful pathogens, contamination of assay systems, reagents, and other materials, and crosscontamination between investigations.
- Incinerators may be replaced with more energy efficient systems for biological waste disposal.
- Expanding use of photovoltaic systems to provide for a portion of the energy needed to operate the proposed NWHC.
- Installation of a geothermal field to supplement the mechanical and PV systems in meeting a portion of the new facility's energy requirements.
- A utility yard where emergency generators, for redundancy and to maintain the chillers, would be placed.
- > Continued use of the maintenance garage.
- Maintaining/restoring the prairie area and keeping it available for public access and use.
- New energy-efficient lighting along internal walkways and parking areas along with new directional and other signage.

A range of alternatives for developing a new NWHC, including the No Action alternative (i.e., maintaining the status quo) and developing a new NWHC at its current location, will be described and analyzed within the EIS.









Conceptual Renderings of Proposed NWHC

A Culture of Safety

The NWHC has a strong safety culture with biosafety and biosecurity achieved through engineering controls, administrative controls, and personal protective equipment. Adherence to these controls is evaluated and maintained through both internal and external inspection with the culture that emphasizes safety evidence of the success of the program.

Engineering controls prevent the release of contaminants into the workplace and the environment. Among the engineering controls at the NWHC are maintaining all BSL3 and ABSL3 spaces under negative air pressure, with unidirectional airflow, and approximately 12 air changes per hour; entrances to laboratories through two self-closing and interlocked doors; performing all work involving infectious agents or toxins within an appropriate, annually certified biosafety cabinet; decontaminating all laboratory wastes via incinerators and autoclaves; having all BSL3 and ABSL3 exhaust air HEPA-filtered before discharge, and heat treating and pasteurizing wastewater in decontamination systems prior to discharge.

Administrative controls are safety policies, rules, supervision, schedules, and training with the goal of reducing the risk, duration, frequency, and severity of exposure to biological hazards. NWHC's primary administrative control involves having all research with biological agents and toxins reviewed and approved by the Institutional Biosafety Committee. Researchers submit a biosafety protocol to the Committee with information about the personnel involved and their level of training and experience, the research space(s), and potential hazards associated with the work, and planned risk mitigation measures. In addition, the NWHC has an



NWHC Laboratory (typical)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee that reviews and approves all studies involving the use of live animals. Administrative controls also include medical surveillance of laboratory workers, up- todate Safety Manual, annual staff biosafety and biosecurity training, and a building security plan.

Proper personal protective equipment (PPE) is the final layer of control with staff using PPE for laboratory and animal work as proscribed under biosafety protocols. Personnel also attend the respiratory protection program which requires annual training, annual fit test for respirators, and medical clearance.

Laboratories and animal spaces are also inspected annually to make sure that the facility is operating properly. NWHC leadership also evaluate whether the researchers are following the approved biosafety practices and procedures. In addition to formal inspections, NWHC leadership also checks periodically as part of the post approval monitoring process.

The National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA requires consideration of environmental issues in federal agency planning and decisionmaking. It does so by having federal agencies such as USGS prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or EIS for any federal action, except those that are determined to be "categorically excluded" from further analysis. An EIS is prepared for those federal actions that may significantly affect the quality of the human and natural environments, such as development of a new NWHC, or where the impacts are unknown or controversial. The EIS is also intended to disclose significant environmental impacts and inform decision makers, stakeholders, and the public of reasonable alternatives that would avoid or minimize adverse impacts or enhance the quality of the human environment.

USGS will soon begin preparation of a Draft EIS (DEIS) to ensure that the potential environmental impacts are thoroughly documented, that the environmental consequences are adequately taken into account, and that compliance is achieved with NEPA and other statutes including but not limited to the Clean Air Act of 1974 and amendments; the Clean Water Act and Amendments, the Endangered Species Act of 1973; the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; and the Farmland Protection Policy Act, among other laws, regulations and Executive Orders. Preparation

Public Outreach and Engagement

Public outreach and engagement is a key component of the environmental planning and review process, ensuring that public concerns and issues are identified and addressed in the DEIS. The process includes undertaking scoping, including holding public scoping meetings, as one of the first steps in developing the DEIS. Undertaking scoping early in the process provides all interested individuals and entities with an opportunity to understand the proposed NWHC project in light of its possible environmental consequences and to provide comments and express their views on the scope and significant issues to be addressed in the DEIS.

To aid in the process, USGS has established a NWHC EIS website to host communications, public announcements, and other relevant information and to facilitate public access to project-related information (*https://nwhceis.com/*). In addition, USGS recently published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for the development of a new NWHC in the Federal Register thereby initiating a scoping period. Coinciding with publication of the NOI, USGS also published a similar notice in of NEPA documentation, and its consideration by federal, state, and local officials, regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and the public, will be conducted to demonstrate that USGS understands and has fully considered the potential environmental impacts associated with new NWHC development during the decision-making process.

local newspapers inviting government agencies, officials, organizations, and the public to participate in the public scoping and DEIS process. During the scoping process, federal, state, Tribal, and local governments, and the public have an opportunity to help USGS identify significant resources and issues, impact-producing factors, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigation measures to be analyzed in the DEIS, as well as to provide additional information.

Once completed, USCS will issue the DEIS for a public comment period lasting no less than 45-days, at which time parties with an interest in the project will have an opportunity to review the evaluations, inquire about any areas of concern, and offer additional information that should be considered by USCS during the decision-making process. A Notice of Availability of the DEIS will be published in the Federal Register and in local newspapers at the time of its release and providing information about the means to examine the document and provide comments on the proposed action and DEIS. During the public comment period USCS will host additional public meetings.

Draft EIS Published 45-day Public Comment Period on Draft EIS

Public Meeting Concerning Draft EIS Final EIS Published 30-day Public Comment Period on Final EIS USCS Leadership Reviews Public Record and Decides Whether to Proceed with Proposed Action

Decision Memorialized in Record of Decision

Overview of NEPA Process

Following the end of the DEIS public comment period, USGS will prepare and publish a Final EIS (FEIS) which will incorporate additional data which may become known and respond to comments received on the DEIS. The FEIS will be subject to an additional public review period lasting no less than 30 days. No action will be taken to implement any of the proposed alternatives until completion of the FEIS review period and issuance of a Record of Decision by USGS.



We want to hear from you

Questions or comments concerning the proposed action can be submitted in any of the following ways:



By using the Comment Form

available on the NWHC EIS website at https://nwhceis.com/

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By email

Jordan D. Sizemore, REM NEPA Project Manager, United States Geological Survey jsizemore@usgs.gov



By mail or delivery service

enclosed in an envelope labeled

"NATIONAL WILDLIFE HEALTH CENTER EIS" Jordan D. Sizemore, REM NEPA Project Manager Environmental Management Branch United States Geological Survey NWHC 6006 Schroeder Rd Madison, WI 53711

Throughout the planning process, interested parties can request to be added to the contacts database to directly receive via email future announcements and notifications, including upcoming public meetings and the availability of the DEIS and FEIS documents, by submitting your contact information (name, affiliation if any, and email address) through the website or to Jordan D. Sizemore at USGS (jsizemore@usgs.gov).

Thank you for your interest and participation.





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USGS National Wildlife Health Center Modernization

By National Wildlife Health Center



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USGS is seeking public comment on the proposed new facility. Learn more about public scoping meetings and how to leave a comment.

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The Environmental Impact Statement process was initiated in 2022 to assess the impact of a new NWHC facility.

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Since 2008, NWHC has conducted multiple planning studies to identify and evaluate options for modernizing the facilities. The preferred option that emerged from this process is to build an entirely new facility on the grounds of the present NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin.

The current NWHC Milton Friend Building was originally built in 1969 as a private chemical research center and fire protection product manufacturing facility. The building and surrounding land was purchased by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the original governmental home of NWHC) in 1978, with renovations and additional construction completed in 1983. The NWHC Tight Isolation Building was completed in 1985 and houses biocontainment facilities required for live animal work.



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Since the 1980s, the NWHC mission and capacity have expanded; age and space

Entrance to the Milton Friend Building at the current National Wildlife Health Center.

Contacts

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limitations of the present facilities pose a growing challenge to achieve our mission. Consequently, there is a need to design and construct a new facility to support our mission and cutting-edge science into the future.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (PL 116-260), \$55,500,000 was appropriated by Congress for the first phase of the renovation of the NWHC. This appropriation "supports the work of the National Wildlife Health Center and its important role in zoonotic research for detecting novel pathogens and emerging infectious diseases, developing rapid diagnostic tests, conducting disease surveillance, and designing vaccines used to control these diseases."

In 2022 a contract was awarded to Flad Architects to design the new building. The full design process, which began in November 2022, is scheduled to take approximately two years to complete and will ultimately result in final construction plans. The new NWHC will be a single, integrated, multistory, state-of-the-art building that will include offices, laboratories (BSL-2 and BSL-3), and vivarium (ABSL-2, ABSL-3, and ABSL-3 Ag). The new building will be constructed on the NWHC's current site in Madison, Wisconsin.



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Preliminary conceptual illustration of the future USGS National Wildlife Health Center, courtesy of Flad Architects.

Concurrent with the design phase, USGS is conducting an environmental impact assessment on the potential impacts of this project. Additional information and opportunities for public comment will be shared in the near future.



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Preliminary conceptual illustration of the future USGS National Wildlife Health Center, courtesy of Flad Architects.

Timeline

- 2008 NWHC initiated design scoping and cost analysis studies.
- 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 appropriated \$55,500,000 towards the first phase of renovation of the NWHC.
- 2022 Contract awarded to Flad Architects to design the new building.
- 2022 Environmental Impact Assessment initiated.
 - Publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) in the Federal Register on September 5, 2023.
 - Public Scoping Meetings: September 21, 2023 (In-person) and September 28, 2023 (Virtual). More information on meeting times and location at https://www.nwhceis.com/public-involvement/

Additional Information

• Environmental Impact Assessment website

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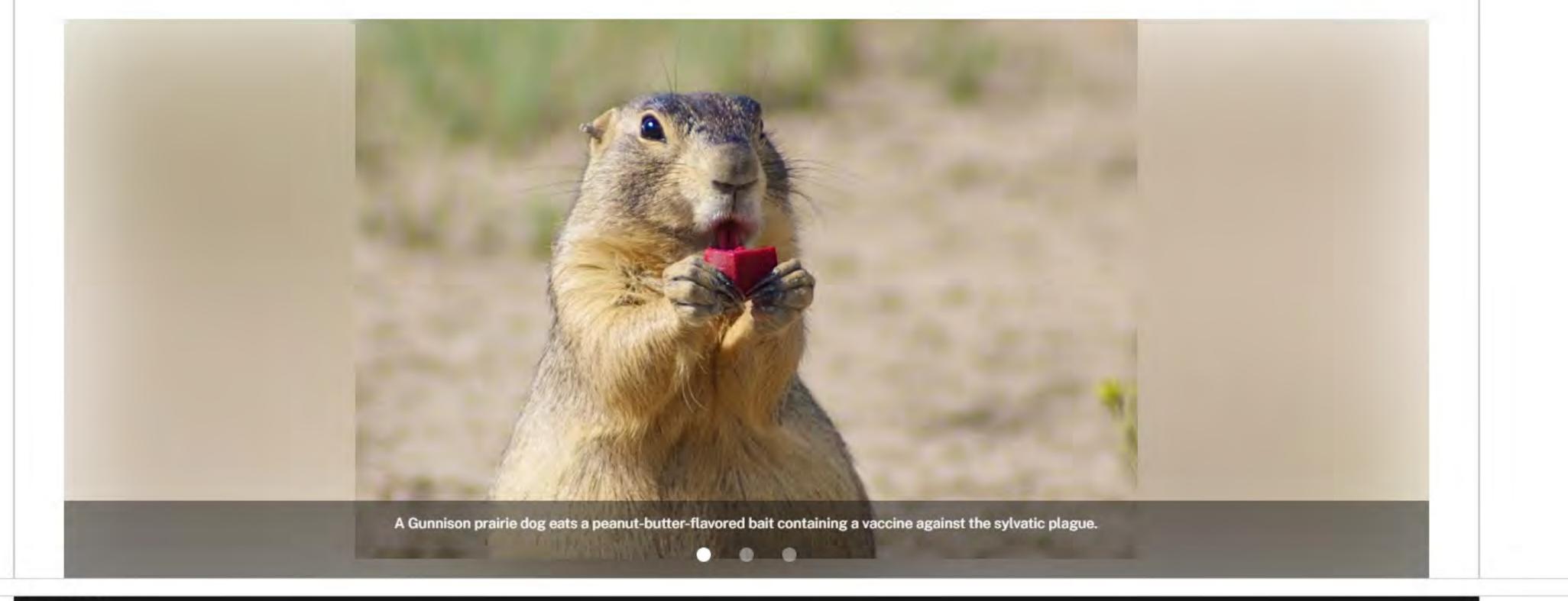
Welcome

Welcome to the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS's) website for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)! The USGS is preparing an EIS for the proposed modernization of the NWHC in Madison, Wisconsin. This website provides information on the EIS process, the proposed action, and opportunities to get involved and provide comments.





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The public scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was initiated with the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Draft EIS (DEIS) in the Federal Register on September 5, 2023.

The publication of the notice initiates a 45-day scoping period. During this time USGS is seeking input on the proposed action from agencies, organizations, and the public on potentially affected resources and the environmental issues to be considered.

USGS invites the community to attend an in-person public scoping meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2023 or the virtual public scoping meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023. The public scoping meetings will provide additional information about the Proposed Action and an opportunity for members of the community to submit comments on USGS's proposal. The meetings will present the same information.

In-Person Public Scoping Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Vel Phillips Memorial High School 201 S Gammon Rd Madison, WI 53717

Virtual Public Scoping Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2023 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. <u>Recording</u>

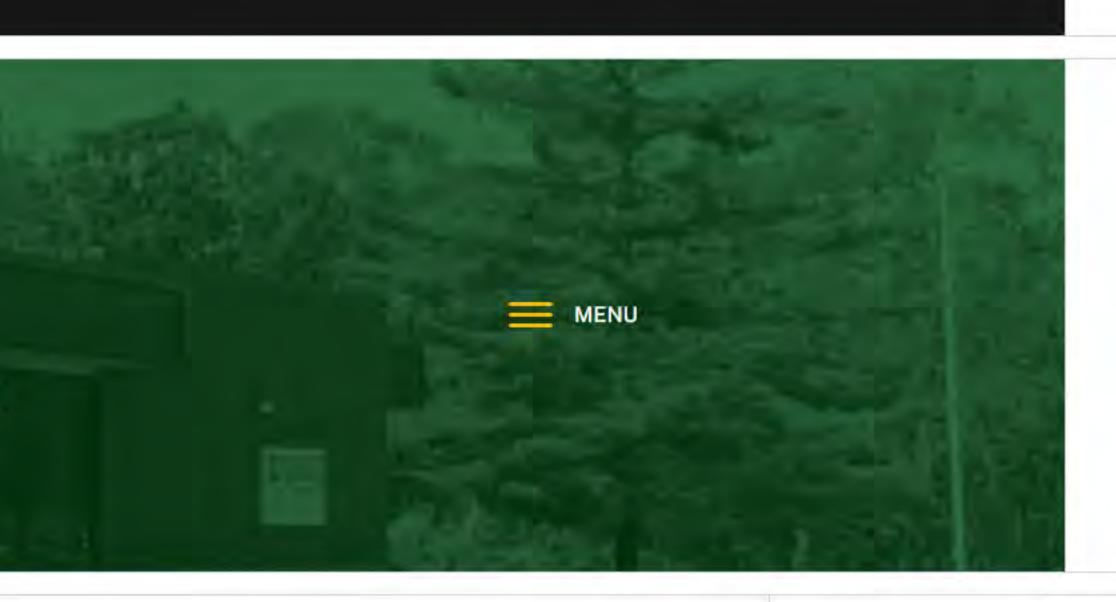
Although comments can be submitted to USGS any time during the EIS process, scoping comments are requested by October 20, 2023, to ensure full consideration in the Draft EIS.

Scoping materials will be made available on the Public Involvement Materials tab as the scoping process continues.

Public Scoping

The scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement started September 5, 2023 and will end on October 20,2023. Find out more about the project, scoping meetings, and other ways you can participate. Your input is a vital part of the National Environmental Policy Act process!





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Animal Welfare Institute

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October 20, 2023

Re: National Wildlife Health Center Environmental Impact Statement Public Comments Submitted electronically by email to Jordan D. Sizemore, REM, NEPA Project Manager, United States Geological Survey, Email: jsizemore@usgs.gov

Dear United States Geological Survey Staff:

The Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the National Wildlife Health Center's (NWHC) Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed new NWHC facility. Because the NWHC uses animal experimentation to further its mission, AWI wishes to ensure the renovation will focus on the best interests of the animals involved. The USGS-proposed action notes challenges such as "crowded laboratories" and "aging infrastructure," both of which raise animal welfare concerns.¹ AWI is supportive of any measures that would improve animal care and comfort and rectify existing deficiencies,² including updates to NWHC's facilities, *as long as* the updates focus on animal-centered improvements rather than expanding in-house animal experiments. As noted below, such efforts are critical not only to the welfare of the animals, but also to the integrity of the resulting research.

We appreciate USGS's statement that "AAALAC standards are part of the design requirements to ensure the new facility meets these standards"³ and hope that animal welfare continues to be a focus of the renovation planning moving forward. However, USGS should recognize that AAALAC accreditation standards should be seen as a minimum starting point, not as a sufficient goal. **We urge USGS to consider meeting higher standards than those promulgated by AAALAC.** As a government institution with a goal focused on protecting animals in the wild, NWHC should serve as a "poster child" for animal welfare protections in their laboratories by striving to go above and beyond basic welfare requirements. **AWI strongly encourages USGS to involve animal behavior and welfare specialists early-on in the facility design process, either as consultants or on a scientific advisory committee, to create a truly animal-centric facility that will protect both the welfare of the animals and the integrity of the research in which they are used.**⁴

¹ See USGS Proposed Action: https://nwhceis.com/proposed-action/

² See PEER: https://peer.org/usgs-inches-toward-accreditation-of-wildlife-disease-lab/

³ Email from USGS Director David Applegate to PEER: https://peer.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/09-14-2022-Email-Applegate-PEER.pdf

⁴ Sørensen, D., Cloutier, S., Gaskill, B. (Eds.). 2021. Animal-centric Care and Management - Enhancing Refinement in Biomedical Research. CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL.

In addition, while we appreciate NWHC's call for a mock site visit from AAALAC,⁵ AAALAC accreditation is not a panacea and should not be taken as evidence that the facility meets those standards: AAALACaccredited facilities have a documented history of not upholding proper animal welfare standards; Envigo and Inotiv are recent examples.⁶ We hope that USGS remains committed to going *beyond* AAALAC accreditation⁷ to ensure that NWHC's research meets "contemporary standards and practices."⁸ **To this effect, we call on NWHC to also voluntarily request an APHIS inspection of the new facility and, more importantly, to join the APHIS inspection regime long term**. While AAALAC conducts *announced* site visits once every three years without the force of law, APHIS can use regular *unannounced* inspections that may discover problems AAALAC has missed.⁹ Due to the exception in the Animal Welfare Act, the NWHC is not subject to *required* APHIS oversight, which we believe to be a significant loophole in the animal protection regulatory scheme. However, by *requesting* APHIS inspections, and committing to remedy any issues discovered, NWHC can show a commitment to go further than the minimum standards set by AAALAC and show a good faith desire to be open and transparent in efforts to improve animal welfare as part of this construction project. Doing so is also critical to NWHC's ability to protect the integrity of the research being conducted with those animals.

It is particularly important that NWHC emphasize stringent scientific standards and welfare requirements given the zoonotic nature of some of the diseases studied at NWHC, such as SARS-CoV-2.¹⁰ Along with deficiencies in care of the animals, the 2017 PEER Complaint notes "inadequate training of individuals working with research animals."¹¹ Inadequate training may result in mistakes, and in the context of zoonotic diseases, mistakes can be life-threatening for animals, handlers, and the general population.¹²

An upgraded physical facility, by itself, will not address all of the issues at NWHC that were raised in the 2017 PEER complaint, including inadequate training of staff and non-compliance with "accepted

⁵ See USGS Memo to Leon Carl: https://peer.org/wp-

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⁶ See Animal Welfare Institute (2019) Incredible: USDA Secretly Curtails Oversight of AAALAC-Accredited Laboratories. Retrieved from https://awionline.org/awi-quarterly/fall-2019/incredible-usda-secretly-curtails-oversight-aaalac-accredited-laboratories and Animal Welfare Institute (2012) Animal Abuse Abundant in Spite of AAALAC Accreditation. Retrieved from https://awionline.org/awi-quarterly/2012-spring/animal-abuse-abundant-spite-aaalac-accreditation

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⁹ See Animal Welfare Institute (2022) Envigo/Inotiv. Retrieved from: https://awionline.org/content/envigoinotiv ¹⁰ Hall, J. S. (2020) Experimental challenge of a North American bat species, big brown bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), with SARS-CoV-2. *Transboundary and Emerging Diseases*. 68(6), 3443-3452. https://doi.org/10.1111/tbed.13949 ¹¹ See Complaint Summary: Loss of Scientific Integrity: https://peer.org/wp-

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¹² For example, see Keju, W. (2019) Brucellosis confirmed in 65 people from Lanzhou veterinary institute. *China Daily*. Retrieved from

https://web.archive.org/web/20200324150030/https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201912/06/WS5deb4fe7a310c f3e3557c92a.html and ABC News (2016) Researcher infected with Zika Virus during laboratory accident in Pittsburgh. Retrieved from https://abcnews.go.com/Health/researcher-infected-zika-virus-laboratory-accident-pittsburgh/story?id=39736836

scientific standards."¹³ New facility space should be viewed as merely one step in a multi-step process, including voluntary inspections.

We have one final recommendation: The statement that "the existing NWHC must remain operational during construction of the new facility,"¹⁴ raises concerns about the potential impact of the construction on any living animals present at the center. While we understand that, due to the health-centered nature of NWHC's research, work cannot stop entirely, **we would urge NWHC to avoid conducting live animal experiments during construction and take steps to avoid undue stress on the animals during that time.** "The use of heavy construction equipment often results in loud noise and vibration. If close enough in proximity, the animals can detect this noise and vibration, which often promotes decreased breeding efficiency, abortion, cannibalism, and aggression. These effects, in turn, can lead to problems with establishing breeding schemes, the loss of data, and project delays."¹⁵ If such activities cannot cease, they should be constrained to the minimum number of animals necessary, and appropriate steps should be taken to minimize any animal discomfort from nearby construction, especially noise and smells, taking into account the particular sensitivity of many animal species to these sorts of stimuli. Such measures might include "installing equipment to monitor vibration and noise" or using sound dampening measures or anti-vibration pads.¹⁶

As noted above, attention to the welfare of the animals during this process is critical not only to the well-being of the animals, but also to the validity and integrity of the research that results from their use.

We would be happy to assist in an advisory capacity if that would be helpful in your efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Hoover, JD, MA, MLS Senior Policy Analyst Animals in Laboratories Program

¹³ See Complaint Summary: Loss of Scientific Integrity: https://peer.org/wpcontent/uploads/attachments/1_12_17_Complaint_animal%20welfare.pdf

¹⁴ USGS Proposed Action: https://nwhceis.com/proposed-action/

¹⁵ See Rogers, K. & Glowacz, S. (2020) Construction effects on laboratory animals: Communication is key. *Lab Animal*. 49, 271. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41684-020-0640-z



October 20, 2023

Mr. Jordan D. Sizemore NEPA Manager USGS National Wildlife Health Center 6006 Schroeder Rd Madison, WI 53711

Re: Scoping for the National Wildlife Health Center EIS (Agency Docket Number: GX23AE38EMBOE00, FR Doc. 2023–19055)

Dear Mr. Sizemore:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed action to develop a new facility for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) on the grounds of the current facility in Madison, Wisconsin. Since it was established in 1975, the NWHC has been a resource for state wildlife management agencies for the investigation and response to wildlife mortality and morbidity events. Specifically, scientists at the NWHC have been instrumental in identifying the infectious agent for White Nose Syndrome, developing an oral vaccine for the management of sylvatic plague, and providing vital diagnostic support during the recent highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak.

Under Title 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Department, by and through the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, has jurisdictional authority and public trust responsibilities to conserve and protect the state fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the Department manages threatened and endangered species through authorities of Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and the Department's Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit. It is the mission of the Department to conserve and protect Arizona's diverse fish and wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. For your consideration, the Department provides the following comments based on the agency's statutory authorities, public trust responsibilities, and special expertise related to wildlife resources and recreation.

The NWHC is the only Level 3 Biosafety facility dedicated to detecting, investigating, and researching wildlife diseases and as such it represents a unique and valuable resource for the protection of human and animal health (wildlife and domestic) in the United States. Construction of a new modern facility is vital in order to sustain the important work being done by researchers, epidemiologists, and pathologists at NWHC. Due to the aging infrastructure, there have been several times when the center had to modify the sample submission process and were unable to provide assistance to the Department as well as others. This meant that the Department

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had to find other means to investigate mortality events. Therefore, the Department is supportive of building a new modern facility that will incorporate the many technological advancements that have occurred in the field of wildlife disease investigations. Incorporation of these advancements and their procedural developments will result in a more efficient, safe, and productive resource.

The Department looks forward to a continuing productive partnership with the USGS NWHC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Anne Justice-Allen at <u>ajusticeallen@azgfd.gov</u> or 623-236-7351.

Sincerely,

Josh T/Avey

Terrestrial Wildlife Branch Chief

AZGFD # M23-09133605



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October 16, 2023

Jordan D. Sizemore U.S. Geological Survey National Wildlife Health Center 606 Schroeder Road Madison, WI 53711

Re: EPA Scoping Comments - Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Updated Facility for the National Wildlife Health Center; Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Sizemore,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Geologic Survey's (USGS) Federal Register Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the development of an updated facility for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) located in Madison, Wisconsin. EPA has also reviewed Public Involvement materials¹ on the project website. The NOI and Public Involvement materials are hereafter referred to as the Scoping Materials. This letter provides EPA's comments on the Scoping Materials pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA Implementing Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The NWHC is located at 6006 Schroder Road in Madison, Wisconsin. Ansul Chemical Company (Ansul) operated on the subject property from 1969 to 1974; Ansul's main building (the Ansul laboratory) was constructed in 1969. The Ansul laboratory building served as a chemical research center and fire protection product manufacturing facility until 1974 when a joint venture company purchased the property, after which it sat vacant for three years. In 1978, the Ansul Laboratory building and 23 adjacent acres were purchased by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to consolidate agency expertise into a single program and provide a permanent facility for the NWHC². After the building's purchase in 1978, the USFWS developed plans to renovate the Ansul laboratory building to become what is now the main building of the NWHC. Funds were requested from Congress in 1978 for the construction of a separate tight isolation facility and for the development of an entrance road, park, and landscaping at the site. The Ansul laboratory building (TIB), was constructed in 1985 and modified in 1989. Portions of the property not occupied by buildings, access and service driveways, and parking areas were restored to native prairie in

¹ <u>https://nwhceis.com/public-involvement/</u>

² The NWHC was founded in 1975 to consolidate USFWS expertise into a single program designed to provide the technical assistance necessary to identify, control, and prevent wildlife losses from diseases as well as conduct research to understand the impact of diseases on wildlife populations and devise methods to manage these disease threats more effectively.

1988. In 1993, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) transferred the NWHC from the USFWS to the National Biological Survey (NBS), later changed to National Biological Service³. In 1996, the DOI transferred the NBS to the USGS, and the USGS has operated the NWHC since that time.

According to the Scoping Materials, the NWHC needs a modern facility with sufficient space and modern technologies to support mission-essential research. The need for the project is to update the aging NWHC facility, incorporate technological advances in biosafety engineering and equipment, and add additional space for enhanced animal care and research. Studies undertaken in 2011 and 2016 identified overcrowded laboratories and administrative areas, inefficient infrastructure (e.g., heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems) that does not meet current standards for energy efficiency, and extensive wear and tear due to the age of the buildings and associated equipment. Project alternatives identified in the NOI include the No Action Alternative and one action alternative (build new facilities for the NWHC.) USGS currently prefers the alternative to build new facilities for the NWHC. The New Build NWHC Alternative proposes constructing new facilities on the 24-acre property of the existing NWHC and demolishing the current facilities in a phased manner over an approximately three-year period.

EPA's detailed comments on the Scoping Materials are enclosed with this letter. We recommend that the forthcoming DEIS address these comments and our recommendations, which generally relate to project alternatives, energy efficiency and green building practices, environmental justice and children's health, and climate change.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide scoping comments on this project. When the Draft EIS is released, please notify our office electronically at <u>R5NEPA@epa.gov</u>. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the lead NEPA Reviewer, Liz Pelloso, at 312-886-7425 or via email at <u>pelloso.liz@epa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Krystle Z. McClain, P.E. NEPA Program Supervisor Tribal and Multimedia Programs Office

Enclosures (2): EPA Detailed Scoping Comments Construction Emission Control Checklist

Cc (with enclosures): USACE St. Paul District Regulatory Branch (<u>USACE Requests WI@usace.army.mil</u>) Nick Utrup, USFWS (<u>nick_utrup@fws.gov</u>)

³ NBS formed in 1993 through the consolidation of certain biological research functions of the USFWS, including the NWHC, the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Minerals Management Service, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, USGS, and Bureau of Reclamation.

EPA Scoping Comments: Updated facility for the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) Madison, Wisconsin

October 16, 2023

PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

The "Business Case Analysis of the National Wildlife Health Center – Madison Campus and Alternative Sites" document, in which an update to the 2016 NWHC consolidation and modernization plan was made, specified other potential project alternatives. This document noted that cost estimates and building case analysis identified significant expenditures associated with the construction of all new NWHC facilities. As such, it was recommended that USGS expand and explore other opportunities to accomplish the construction of new facilities for the NWHC.

An option noted in the "Business Case Analysis of the National Wildlife Health Center – Madison Campus and Alternative Sites" document included seeking partnerships with institutions of higher education to share resources for research and housing of NWHC labs and offices. Three alternatives sites were explored as a part of analyzing solutions for the NWHC facility needs including: 1) Relocation to the University of Wisconsin campus at the Veterinary School's new animal hospital; 2) Relocation to the University of Wisconsin Research Park; and 3) Relocation to Colorado State University - Foothills Campus, located in Fort Collins Colorado. However, the Federal Register (FR) notice stated that the forthcoming Draft EIS (DEIS) will study the No Action Alternative and the USGS's preferred action, a new build alternative on the existing property.

The "USGS Madison Area Consolidation and Facility Modernization Plan" document, in contrast, identified other potential options, including: 1) Finding a third-party developer to identify alternate property, purchase, and build new facilities for NWHC and all Madison area DOI agencies. USGS would engage in a lease to own arrangement with the third-party developer; 2) Partner with the National Park Service and locate new NWHC facilities on 400+ acres of NPS-owned property located south of Madison; and 3) Seek partnerships with institutions of higher education to share in resources for research and housing of NWHC (as noted above in the Business Case Analysis document).

Recommendations for the DEIS: The forthcoming DEIS must first identify, and then substantiate, the purpose and need for the proposed project. The project purpose and the project need statements for the proposed action(s) should be clear and concise. The No Action alternative and all action alternatives that would satisfy the substantiated purpose and need and are determined to be reasonable should be carried forward and fully studied in the DEIS. This should include the opportunities at the three alternative sites noted above. The DEIS should identify any alternatives identified and considered but dismissed from further consideration and should provide elimination criteria and clear explanations for their elimination.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICES

• Energy efficient design and material selection could reduce operations costs and promote a high-quality work environment, while also better protecting the environment. Recyling construction debris also preserves valuable landfill space and makes use of materials that have high embodied energy.

Recommendations for the DEIS: USGS should consider committing to the following:

o Achieving Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification at the platinum

level (or design for net-zero energy usage) for all new buildings associated with the project. Best practices for energy efficiency and sustainable building design can include the use of energy-efficient building materials, such as south-facing skylights and windows, motion sensored lighting, solar, wind, and/or geothermal power, and Energy Star certified windows and doors. In addition to reducing the overall environmental footprint, green building certification programs promote health by encouraging practices that protect indoor air quality. At a minimum, EPA encourages USGS to commit to analyze the strengths and feasibility of these strategies;

- Constructing proposed roads, parking lots, sidewalks, or other surfaces slated for driving or walking with using permeable pavement or porous pavers to reduce runoff;
- Identifying and implementing of opportunities for additional green stormwater management practices. Opportunities include, but are not limited to, green roofs, bioswales, and rain gardens;
- Ensuring areas around all new buildings associated with the project which are not planned for operations be considered for conversion to native habitats, increasing the area which can be beneficially used for wildlife, stormwater infiltration or detention, and aesthetics, among other functions;
- Discussing to what extent USGS will require energy efficiency measures, greenhouse gas reductions, and other sustainability measures, per Executive Order 13693;
- Incorporating electric vehicle charging stations in new parking areas and designating priority parking spots for carpools and low emission vehicles;
- Committing to recycle a high percentage of construction and demolition debris;
- Replacing raw materials with recycled materials for infrastructure components. Options include, but are not limited to:
 - Using recycled materials to replace carbon-intensive Portland Cement in concrete as "supplementary cementitious material;"
 - Using tire-derived aggregate in lightweight embankment fill and retaining wall backfill; and
 - Using recycled materials in pavement applications, such as crushed recycled concrete, recycled asphalt pavement, and rubberized asphalt concrete. Also, in some circumstances, demolished onsite asphalt can be re-used (e.g., cold in-place recycling or full depth reclamation).

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

• USGS should analyze if construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project will impact communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns. Our recommendations below suggest opportunities to further analyze, disclose, and reduce such impacts.

Recommendations for the DEIS:

- Identify the presence of low-income and/or minority communities within the project area and within the broader area that could experience environmental impacts from the proposed project. Disclose demographic information and summarize input from community members.
- Describe past activities and future plans to engage minority populations, low-income populations, and Tribes during the environmental review and planning phase, and, if the project commences, during construction and operations.
- Evaluate the impacts of this proposal on low-income and/or minority communities and sensitive receptors (e.g., children, people with asthma, etc.).

- Include an analysis and conclusion regarding whether the Proposed Action or any action alternatives may have disproportionately high and adverse impacts on low income or minority communities, as specified in CEQ's Environmental Justice Guidance.⁴
- Compare project impacts on low-income and minority populations with an appropriate reference community to determine whether there may be disproportionate impacts. Consider risk of exposure to hazardous/toxic materials associated with the proposed construction and operation and air quality and noise impacts due to construction.
- Consider any disproportionate non-project-related pollution exposures that communities of concern may already be experiencing, as well as any disproportionate non-pollution stressors that may make the communities susceptible to pollution, such as health conditions, other social determinants of health, and disproportionate vulnerability related to climate change.
- Identify measures to (1) ensure meaningful community engagement; (2) minimize adverse community impacts; and (3) avoid disproportionate impacts to communities with EJ concerns.
- Use census-tract-level information to initially help locate communities with EJ concerns. For initial screening, use EPA's EJSCREEN⁵ mapping tool.
- In conducting the EJ analysis, utilize resources such as the <u>Promising Practices Report</u>⁶ and the <u>Community Guide to EJ and NEPA Methods</u>⁷ to appropriately engage in meaningful, targeted, community outreach, analyze impacts, and advance environmental justice principles through NEPA implementation.
- Consider cumulative environmental impacts to minority populations, low-income populations, Tribes, and indigenous peoples in the project area within the environmental justice analysis and disclose conclusions on those impacts.
- Provide an analysis and findings as to whether the Proposed Project and all alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, would likely have disproportionate adverse impacts on minority populations, low-income populations, or Tribes. Identify what those impacts may be and include measures in the DEIS that USGS will take to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts.
- Establish material hauling routes away from places where children live, learn, and play, to the extent feasible. Consider homes, schools, daycares, and playgrounds. In addition to air quality benefits, careful routing may protect children from vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Identify potential material hauling routes in the DEIS.

WETLANDS/STREAMS/AQUATIC RESOURCES

• Fill into wetlands, or fill into, relocation of, or encapsulation of streams on the property may trigger Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permitting and CWA Section 401 water quality certification.

Recommendations for the DEIS: A formal wetland and Waters of the U.S. delineation should be completed to know definitively where wetlands, streams, and other regulated Waters of the U.S. are located. This delineation should be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for review and a jurisdictional determination. EPA

⁴ CEQ's Environmental Justice Guidance Under the National Environmental Policy Act. See Section III, Part C-4. <u>https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-</u>

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⁵ <u>http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen</u>

⁶ <u>https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-08/documents/nepa_promising_practices_document_2016.pdf</u>

⁷ https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2019/05/f63/NEPA%20Community%20Guide%202019.pdf

strongly recommends that this delineation be completed before and included in (as an appendix to) the DEIS, along with a copy of the jurisdictional determination from the regulatory agencies.

CLIMATE CHANGE

 Executive Order 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad states, "The United States and the world face a profound climate crisis. We have a narrow moment to pursue action...to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of that crisis and to seize the opportunity that tackling climate change presents." The U.S. Global Change Research Program's National Climate Assessment provides data and scenarios that may be helpful in assessing trends in temperature, precipitation, and frequency and severity of storm events.⁸

Any Action Alternative for a new or modified facility would directly release greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during construction from trucks hauling materials, workers' vehicles, and operation of construction equipment. It is important for the DEIS to fully quantify and adequately disclose the impacts of the GHG emissions from the No Action alternative and all action alternatives and discuss the implications of those emissions in light of science-based policies established to avoid the worsening impacts of climate change.

In addition, estimates of the social cost of greenhouse gases (SC-GHG⁹) are informative for assessing the impacts of GHG emissions. SC-GHG estimates allow analysts to monetize the societal value of changes in GHG emissions from actions that have small, or marginal, impacts on cumulative global emissions. Estimates of the social cost of carbon (SC-CO₂) and other greenhouse gases (e.g., social cost of methane (SC-CH₄)) have been used for over a decade in Federal government analyses. Quantification of anticipated GHG releases and associated SC-GHG comparisons among all alternatives (including the No Action Alternative scenarios) within the DEIS would inform project decision-making and provide clear support for implementing all practicable measures to minimize GHG emissions and releases.

On January 9, 2023, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published interim guidance to assist Federal agencies in assessing and disclosing climate change impacts during environmental reviews¹⁰. CEQ developed this guidance in response to Executive Order 13990 - Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis. This interim guidance was effective immediately. CEQ indicated that agencies should use this interim guidance to inform the NEPA review for all new proposed actions and may use it for evaluations in process, as agencies deem appropriate, such as informing the consideration of alternatives or helping address comments raised through the public comment process. EPA recommends the DEIS apply the interim guidance as appropriate, to ensure robust consideration of potential climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation issues.

Recommendations for the DEIS: USGS should apply the interim guidance as appropriate, to ensure robust consideration of potential climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation issues. Additional

⁸ Information on changing climate conditions is available through the National Climate Assessment at: <u>http://nca2018.globalchange.gov</u>

⁹ EPA uses the general term, "social cost of greenhouse gases" (SC-GHG), where possible because analysis of GHGs other than CO₂ are also relevant when assessing the climate damages resulting from GHG emissions. The social cost of carbon (SC-CO₂), social cost of methane (SC-CH₄), and social cost of nitrous oxide (SC-N₂O) can collectively be referenced as the SC-GHG.

¹⁰ <u>https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/09/2023-00158/national-environmental-policy-act-guidance-on-consideration-of-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-climate</u>

recommendations are as follows:

Emissions & SC-GHG Disclosure and Analysis

- Include a detailed discussion of the project's reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect GHG emissions in the context of actions necessary to achieve Wisconsin's policies and GHG emission reduction goals¹¹ as well as national policy and GHG emission reduction goals over the anticipated project lifetime, including the U.S. 2030 Paris targets and the 2050 goal for net-zero energy emissions.
- Quantify estimates of all direct and indirect GHG emissions¹² from the proposed project over its anticipated lifetime for all alternatives, including the No Action Alternative, broken out by GHG type. Include and analyze potential upstream and downstream GHG emissions.
- Use SC-GHG estimates to disclose and consider the climate damages from net changes in direct and indirect emissions of CO₂ and other GHGs resulting from the proposed project. To do so, EPA recommends a breakdown of estimated net GHG emission changes by individual gas, rather than relying on CO₂-equivalent (CO₂e) estimates, and then monetize the climate impacts associated with each GHG using the corresponding social cost estimate (i.e., monetize CH₄ emissions changes expected to occur with the social cost of methane (SC-CH₄) estimate for emissions).¹³ When applying SC-GHG estimates, just as with tools to quantify emissions, USGS should disclose the assumptions (e.g., discount rates) and uncertainties associated with such analysis and the need for updates over time to reflect evolving science and economics of climate impacts.
- Use comparisons of GHG emissions and SC-GHG across alternatives to inform project decisionmaking.

Resilience and Adaptation

- Describe changing climate conditions (i.e., temperatures and frequency and severity of storm events) and assess how such changes could impact the proposed project and the environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives.
- Incorporate robust climate resilience and adaption considerations into (1) project design and engineering; (2) construction oversight; (3) commitments for protective measures related to stormwater and erosion; and (4) routine monitoring during operations. The DEIS should

¹¹ Wisconsin's Clean Energy Plan puts Wisconsin on a path for all electricity consumed within the state to be 100 percent carbon-free by 2050; <u>https://osce.wi.gov/pages/cleanenergyplan.aspx</u>

¹² As discussed in Section IV(A) of CEQ's 2023 interim guidance, "agencies generally should quantify all reasonably foreseeable emissions associated with a proposed action and reasonable alternatives (as well as the no-action alternative). Quantification should include the reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect GHG emissions of their proposed actions. Agencies also should disclose the information and any assumptions used in the analysis and explain any uncertainty. In assessing a proposed action's, and reasonable alternatives', reasonably foreseeable direct and indirect GHG emissions, the agency should use the best available information."

¹³ Transforming gases into CO₂e using Global Warming Potential (GWP) metrics, and then multiplying the CO₂e tons by the SC-CO₂, is not as accurate as a direct calculation of the social costs of non-CO₂ GHGs. This is because GHGs differ not just in their potential to absorb infrared radiation over a given time frame, but also in the temporal pathway of their impact on radiative forcing and in their impacts on physical endpoints other than temperature change, both of which are relevant for estimating their social cost but not reflected in the GWP. See the Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases' February 2021 *Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon, Methane, and Nitrous Oxide Interim Estimates under Executive Order 13990* for more discussion and the range of annual SC-CO2, SC-CH4, and SC-N2O estimates currently used in Federal benefit-costs analyses.

describe how USGS has addressed such considerations and provide a rationale for any reasonable alternatives to enhance resilience that were not adopted or discussed in detail.

Reduction and Mitigation

 Identify practices to reduce and mitigate GHG emissions; include commitments to do so in the DEIS. We recommend USGS consider practices in the enclosed <u>Construction Emission Control</u> <u>Checklist</u>.

TRANSPORTATION

• The build alternative proposes construction of a new site entrance from Forward Road and increasing the current 98 parking spaces with 150 spaces.¹⁴

Recommendations for the DEIS: Describe any changes to local traffic patterns or traffic management systems that will occur as a result of each alternative (including the No Acton alternative). We recommend USGS take into consideration any special events that may happen in the area, and the impact on site access during both construction and during normal operations.

OTHER COMMENTS

• The Federal Register Notice stated that the DEIS will include a summary of information received during the scoping process but did not state how USGS plans to respond to comments.

Recommendations for the DEIS: In the DEIS, create an appendix to include all comments received during the DEIS comment period – including any applicable transcripts of comments from the public, and all comment letters received. For all government agency letters received, include USGS responses to specific comments from each letter. EPA also recommends that the appendix include all correspondence sent to and received from the resource agencies regarding the project.

¹⁴ This contrasts with the "USGS Madison Area Consolidation and Facility Modernization Plan" document which states on page 47 that the site development plan is to provide parking for 275 cars.

<u>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u> <u>Construction Emission Control Checklist</u>

Diesel emissions and fugitive dust from project construction may pose environmental and human health risks and should be minimized. In 2002, EPA classified diesel emissions as a likely human carcinogen, and in 2012 the International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded that diesel exhaust is carcinogenic to humans. Acute exposures can lead to other health problems, such as eye and nose irritation, headaches, nausea, asthma, and other respiratory system issues. Longer term exposure may worsen heart and lung disease.¹ We recommend USGS consider the following protective measures and commit to applicable measures in the Draft EIS.

Mobile and Stationary Source Diesel Controls

Purchase or solicit bids that require the use of vehicles that are equipped with zero-emission technologies or the most advanced emission control systems available. Commit to the best available emissions control technologies for project equipment to meet the following standards.

- On-Highway Vehicles: On-highway vehicles should meet, or exceed, the EPA exhaust emissions standards for model year 2010 and newer heavy-duty, on-highway compression-ignition engines (e.g., long-haul trucks, refuse haulers, shuttle buses, etc.).²
- Non-road Vehicles and Equipment: Non-road vehicles and equipment should meet, or exceed, the EPA Tier 4 exhaust emissions standards for heavy-duty, non-road compression-ignition engines (e.g., construction equipment, non-road trucks, etc.).³
- Marine Vessels: Marine vessels hauling materials for infrastructure projects should meet, or exceed, the latest EPA exhaust emissions standards for marine compression-ignition engines (e.g., Tier 4 for Category 1 & 2 vessels, and Tier 3 for Category 3 vessels).⁴
- Low Emission Equipment Exemptions: The equipment specifications outlined above should be met unless: 1) a piece of specialized equipment is not available for purchase or lease within the United States; or 2) the relevant project contractor has been awarded funds to retrofit existing equipment, or purchase/lease new equipment, but the funds are not yet available.

Consider requiring the following best practices through the construction contracting or oversight process:

- Establish and enforce a clear anti-idling policy for the construction site.
- Use onsite renewable electricity generation and/or grid-based electricity rather than dieselpowered generators or other equipment.
- Use electric starting aids such as block heaters with older vehicles to warm the engine.
- Regularly maintain diesel engines to keep exhaust emissions low. Follow the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule and procedures. Smoke color can signal the need for maintenance (e.g., blue/black smoke indicates that an engine requires servicing or tuning).
- Where possible, retrofit older-tier or Tier 0 nonroad engines with an exhaust filtration device before it enters the construction site to capture diesel particulate matter.
- Replace the engines of older vehicles and/or equipment with diesel- or alternatively-fueled engines certified to meet newer, more stringent emissions standards (e.g., plug-in hybrid-electric

<u>3 https://www.epa.gov/emission-standards-reference-guide/epa-emission-standards-nonroad-engines-and-vehicles</u> <u>4 https://www.epa.gov/emission-standards-reference-guide/all-epa-emission-standards</u>

¹ Carcinogenicity of diesel-engine and gasoline-engine exhausts and some nitroarenes. *The Lancet.* June 15, 2012

² <u>http://www.epa.gov/otaq/standards/heavy-duty/hdci-exhaust.htm</u>

vehicles, battery-electric vehicles, fuel cell electric vehicles, advanced technology locomotives, etc.), or with zero emissions electric systems. Retire older vehicles, given the significant contribution of vehicle emissions to the poor air quality conditions. Implement programs to encourage the voluntary removal from use and the marketplace of pre-2010 model year on-highway vehicles (e.g., scrappage rebates) and replace them with newer vehicles that meet or exceed the latest EPA exhaust emissions standards, or with zero emissions electric vehicles and/or equipment.

Fugitive Dust Source Controls

- Stabilize open storage piles and disturbed areas by covering and/or applying water or chemical/organic dust palliative, where appropriate. This applies to both inactive and active sites, during workdays, weekends, holidays, and windy conditions.
- Install wind fencing and phase grading operations where appropriate and operate water trucks for stabilization of surfaces under windy conditions.
- When hauling material and operating non-earthmoving equipment, prevent spillage and limit speeds to 15 miles per hour (mph). Limit speed of earth-moving equipment to 10 mph.

Occupational Health

- Reduce exposure through work practices and training, such as maintaining filtration devices and training diesel-equipment operators to perform routine inspections.
- Position the exhaust pipe so that diesel fumes are directed away from the operator and nearby workers, reducing the fume concentration to which personnel are exposed.
- Use enclosed, climate-controlled cabs pressurized and equipped with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to reduce the operators' exposure to diesel fumes. Pressurization ensures that air moves from inside to outside. HEPA filters ensure that any incoming air is filtered first.
- Use respirators, which are only an interim measure to control exposure to diesel emissions. In most cases, an N95 respirator is adequate. Workers must be trained and fit-tested before they wear respirators. Depending on the type of work being conducted, and if oil is present, concentrations of particulates present will determine the efficiency and type of mask and respirator. Personnel familiar with the selection, care, and use of respirators must perform the fit testing. Respirators must bear a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health approval number.

NEPA Documentation

- Per Executive Order 13045 on Children's Health⁵, EPA recommends the lead agency and project proponent pay particular attention to worksite proximity to places where children live, learn, and play, such as homes, schools, and playgrounds. Construction emission reduction measures should be strictly implemented near these locations in order to be protective of children's health.
- Specify how impacts to sensitive receptors, such as children, elderly, and the infirm will be minimized. For example, locate construction equipment and staging zones away from sensitive receptors and fresh air intakes to buildings and air conditioners.

⁵ Children may be more highly exposed to contaminants because they generally eat more food, drink more water, and have higher inhalation rates relative to their size. Also, children's normal activities, such as putting their hands in their mouths or playing on the ground, can result in higher exposures to contaminants as compared with adults. Children may be more vulnerable to the toxic effects of contaminants because their bodies and systems are not fully developed, and their growing organs are more easily harmed. EPA views childhood as a sequence of life stages, from conception through fetal development, infancy, and adolescence.

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION



BUREAU OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Jordan D. Sizemore, REM, NEPA Project Manager Environmental Management Branch, United States Geological Survey National Wildlife Health Center 6006 Schroeder Road Madison, WI 53711

The Pennsylvania Game Commission fully supports the modernization of the National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC). The NWHC plays a critical role in the research of and surveillance for existing and emerging wildlife pathogens of high consequence, enabling early detection of biological threats to animals, humans, and the environment. To fulfill that mission, the NWHC requires appropriate facilities, personnel, and funding. Since 2008, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) has identified that the NWHC is in dire need of updates to their infrastructure to increase their operational efficiency and would best be served with the construction of a new building. For decades, the Game Commission has collaborated with and depended on the NWHC. We look forward to continuing to work with them as they undertake these essential improvements.

Sincerely,

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Governor Jim Justice

Jordan D. Sizemore NEPA Manager U.S. Geological Survey, NWHC 6006 Schroeder Road Madison, WI 53711

Dear Mr. Sizemore,

I am writing to express the general support of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources for the proposed work to construct an updated facility for the U.S. Geological Survey- National Wildlife Health Center (NWHC) in Madison, WI. Modernization and improved capacity and capability at NWHC should result in an improved ability of NWHC to conduct essential wildlife disease research, engage in productive partnerships with other North American wildlife health laboratories and research institutions, and provide critical information as related to wildlife health issues to state wildlife conservation agency partners across the United States.

Significant wildlife health challenges continue to beleaguer our valued public trust wildlife resources, and the deleterious effects of climate change, existing pathogen changes and mutations, and new pathogen spillovers at the human-wildlife and agriculture-wildlife interfaces are likely to contribute to these growing challenges in the coming decades. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) continues its march across North America, both via natural animal dispersal events and, significantly, as aided by human actions in transporting live cervids. The H5N1 2.3.4.4b Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak that began in late 2021 continues to cause morbidity and mortality events among wild birds and has not yet subsided as past outbreaks typically have done. Spillover of the recently emerged Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) into wildlife populations illustrates a recent potential One Health challenge. These are but a few examples of the health issues currently affecting North American wildlife and do not account for emerging and foreign animal diseases, the introduction of which is always of concern in today's global trade network.

A modernized NWHC could, with the assistance of partner wildlife health research institutions and agencies, better perform in its mission to be an important asset in identifying emerging disease threats, understanding current disease issues, and determining potential control and mitigation strategies for the benefit of our treasured wildlife resources across the country. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

Sincerely,

Ethan P. Barton Wildlife Disease Specialist West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

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PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #8 DETAIL

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Submission :

I strongly support and applaud the proposal to modernize the National Wildlife Center in Madison Wisconsin. This proposal is reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest. I hope that this work will be successful. Thank you.

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #9 DETAIL

Status :	Ready for Coding/Delimiting
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Last name :	Public
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Submission :

public comment on federal register

the usda already has reserach facilities and ag laboratories all over the entire usa. nj has an a lab in trento nj. nebraska has animal reseach labs that the ny times did an expose on to show how ruthlessly the animals were treated there. usda research labs are already ther. does usgs know that there are already usda labs doing reserach on animals. iowa has labs like that, utah has labs like that. i believe every states has a lab like that. i fail to see the necessity for an entirely new building in wisconsin. i think we can update the bilding that is there but see absolutely no need for a new building. if you need new equmet, of course you would get that. taxpayers are already suffering to pay for somuch with the out of control spending of the biden administraion. he has spent alrelady on pandemic wheere namials were studied endlessly for war purposes. i am afraid that is what we will do with these wildlife center - use them to use animals bodies for warefare to develop viruses that can kill our enemies. i dont want any more of that. we have done enough in that area. the biden administration has allowed the cdc to cause a pandemic with theout of control reserach on animnals that dr fauci paid for in wuhan china. we spend us taxpayers in wuhan china and we are alreay pahying for animal labs in ukraine and all throughout europe. why do we need more more more. i see absolutely no need. is usgs aware of all the labs taxpayers are already paying for. youi ought to start catchng up. russia even knows we hav eanimals labs in ukraine.

i am also against this idea because the only thing we humans seem to do to animals is to hurt them and harm them for our ends. we will cut their bodies up into little pieces, cut into thei brains, take their hearts with not any sense of compassion for the sancity of their life at all. no way am i in favor or more labs. we have more than enoguh labs. i WOULKD NEVER FAVOR ANY NEW BUILDINGS IN WISCONSIN UNTIL WE HAVE A FULL ANALYSIS OF HOW MANY RESERACH LABS THE TAXPAYERS ARE ALREADY PAAYING FOR ALL AROUND THE WORLD AND ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. HUNDREDS OF THEM. IF NOT THOUSANDS OF THEM. I DONT BELIEVE THERE IS A NEED HERE AT ALL

WHY WOULD YOU NEED ROOM FOR STUDENTS IN A LAB? WHY WOULD YOU NEED VISITORS IN A LAB DONIG RESERCH WORK THAT SHOULD BE KEEPIN OUT SUCH VISITORS. WHO IS AFTER SO MUCH PARKING? THE STAFF IN ANY LAB SHOULD BE SMALL AND CONTAINED.

WE DO NOT WANT MORE FACILITIES FOR BIOWARFARE. WE HAVE ENOUGH FACILITIES TO EXAMINE WILDLIFE FO THEIR WELFARE ALREADY. YOU ARE PUSHING THIS WORK FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE. WHY WOULD YOU HAVE A MEETING ON THIS IN WISCONSIN? WHY NOT WASHINGTON DC WHERE IT IS COVERED BY THE PRESS?SOMEHOW I DONT THINK THI SIS TO HELP WILDLIFE. NOTING HELPS WILDLIFE.NOTHING HELPS ANIMALS. LOOK AT HOW ANIMALS ARE KEPT IN FACTORY FARMS TO SEE THE WAY PEOPLE PRACTICE ABUSE AND NASTINESS TO THEM CONSTANTLY SO THEY NEVER HAVE A MINUTE OF PEACE. LOOK AT HOW THESE NAIMALS ARE TREATED IN LABORATORIES WHERE THEY ARE USED IN EXPERIMENTS OVER AND OVER INENDLESS PAIN UNTIL THEY ARE KILLED AND MURDERED BYUNFEELING HUMANS NI LABS. THESE PEOPLE IN LABS ARE NOT NICE. AND ARE THEY WORKING FOR AMERICA. AFTER SEEING THE DEC AT WORK I KNOW THAT THESE AGENCIES ARE NOT WORKIN FOR THE GOOD OF AMERICA. MONEY IS WHAT THEY ARE ALL ABOUT. MONEYMAD PEOPLE. THE ANIMALS SUFFER AND SUFFERAND SUFFER.

NO WE DONT NEED MORE LABS. WE HAVE ENOUGH WTH THE THOUSANDS TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING FOR ALREADY. This commetn is for the public record please recweipt. jean publee jeanpublic1@gmail.com

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #11 DETAIL

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Thanks for making the information available!

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Submission :

Mr. Sizemore,

Congratulations! We are very pleased to see that you are planning your new facility, and are grateful for the opportunity to have input in this tremendous resource. Through the decades, we have fought to have the National Wildlife Health Center remain in Madison and also remain fully operational. We feel a certain pride of ownership and look forward to this project moving forward to completion.

We are both retired DNR Conservation Biologists with WDNR and have worked closely with your staff. Susan served as a volunteer on a committee that worked with sylvatic plague bait development with prairie dogs and also with white-nose syndrome. Mark has worked in the trapping, data collection, plague vaccination, microchipping and release of black-footed ferrets in South Dakota, a task that he thoroughly enjoyed.

Our concern for your new building is the many glass windows and the threat that that poses to songbirds. We ask that you consider using bird-safe glass or consider embellishing the windows with the many different choices now available to stop or lessen the impacts to songbird deaths through window strikes. Madison Audubon / Badgerland Bird Alliance is a valuable resource for information on this important topic.

Many thanks for the opportunity to have a voice in this wonderful and much needed new facility. We wish you and your staff all the best and we will see you at the open house!

Susan Foote-Martin Mark Martin Resident Managers, Goose Pond Sanctuary

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #15 DETAIL

Status :	Ready for Coding/Delimiting
Record Date :	10/10/2023
First name :	JEAN
Last name :	PUBLIE
Attachments :	15_publie_original.pdf (1 kb)

Submission :

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS NEW BUILDING. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE ARE GETTING CORRECT ANALYSES OF THE HEALTH OF WILDLIFE AT THE PRESENT TIME SO SEE NO NEED FOR ENHANCED WORK. CUT TH BUDGET IS MORE LIKELY

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #19 DETAIL

Status :	Ready for Coding/Delimiting
Record Date :	10/18/2023
First name :	jean
Last name :	publie
Attachments :	19_publie_original.pdf (1 kb)

Submission :

i am not in favor of taxpayers payin for a new building. i think an addition and better use of space can achieve enough. frankly, this agency cant be trusted to be accurate in regard to wildlife disease n the first place imo. i dont think their work is of high quality at all. the cwd in deer has been festering for over 25 years now with no steps taken to control it. it was one state, colorado, now its 35 states. they did nothing at this agency location. nothing.

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #20 DETAIL

Status :	Ready for Coding/Delimiting
Record Date :	10/18/2023
First name :	Shane
Last name :	Hesting
Attachments :	20_Hesting_original.pdf (1 kb)

Submission :

Build a new one if the money can be found. Seems we give a lot of money to other countries and can't take care of our own nation.

If the building will replace an old one, there is little impact on the environment. I guess it is just required paperwork.

Maybe they can upgrade testing and cases submission qualifications and accept more things with a new lab.

National Wildlife Health Center - RECORD #21 DETAIL

Status :	Ready for Coding/Delimiting
Record Date :	10/18/2023
First name :	Richard
Last name :	Spotts
Attachments :	21_spotts_orginal.pdf (1 kb)

Submission :

I vigorously support and applaud this proposed modernization of the National Wildlife Health Center in Madison Wisconsin. This proposal is reasonable in light of the current antiquated facility and the rapidly escalating challenges facing wildlife health and conservation issues. The climate and extinction crises are getting much worse. The planning, design, and construction of the new facility should include positive actions in response to these overlapping crises. Fossil fuel use should be discouraged and clean alternative energy used instead. Solar panels with battery backups are always good. Vehicle charging stations should be installed, along with modern water and energy conservation features. Native vegetation should be used in all landscaping, including pollinator friendly plants. Composting of solid food waste should enrich the soil. Please continue this excellent work. Many thanks!