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NNSA solicits public comment regarding its Draft Environmental Assessment For transfer of current Kansas City Plant

Kansas City, Mo. (Feb. 12, 2013) –The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has published a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing the potential environmental impacts associated with transferring the Kansas City Plant at the Bannister Federal Complex to a potential new owner(s).

After more than 60 years, the NNSA's Kansas City Plant is moving from its current location at the Bannister Federal Complex in south Kansas City to a new facility at 150 Highway and Botts Road, also in Kansas City. Upon completion of this move, the current location will no longer be needed by NNSA and will be available for transfer to a new owner. The government agency is conducting this EA to determine how a property transfer could impact the environment.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the EA considers the potential environmental impacts of the NNSA proposed action to transfer excess property (land and facilities). By conveying the title of its excess property at KCP, the NNSA would reduce its operational footprint and lower operational and maintenance costs.

To review the EA document electronically, go to the following website address: <http://nnsa.energy.gov/nepa/bfcea>. A copy of the document is also available at the Mid-Continent Public Library, 9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138. Additional information may be requested by emailing the following address: KCPEAComments@nnsa.doe.gov

A public hearing will be held to provide information and receive comments on the draft Environmental Assessment on Wednesday, March 5, at the IBEW Local Union 124 Meeting Hall, 301 E 103rd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114. An open house will begin at 6:30 pm; the meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The public comment period will end March 14, 2013.

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National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

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