

would not substantially add to the precision of the project CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions or SC–GHG calculations. Appendix A, section 8, tables A–20 and A–21 of the Final HALEU EIS show that the project SC–GHG analysis is based only on carbon dioxide emissions.

DOE also received one comment from a member of the public expressing opposition. This commenter did not specifically oppose the Proposed Action or reasonably foreseeable activities but, instead, expressed general opposition against nuclear programs and technologies.

DOE considered the comments received following issuance of the Final HALEU EIS and finds that they do not present “substantial new circumstances or information about the significance of adverse effects that bear on the analysis” 40 CFR 1502.9(d); *see also* 10 CFR 1021.314(a); therefore, they do not require preparation of a supplement analysis or a supplemental EIS.

### Decision

As discussed in the Final HALEU EIS, the EIS provides information to support decisions regarding whether or not to acquire HALEU from commercial sources and to facilitate commercial HALEU fuel production capability. DOE has decided to implement the Proposed Action, its Preferred Alternative, as described in the Final HALEU EIS. DOE’s Preferred Alternative is to acquire, through procurement from commercial sources, HALEU enriched to at least 19.75 and less than 20 weight percent U–235 over a 10-year period of performance, and to facilitate the establishment of commercial HALEU fuel production.

### Basis of Decision

The Final HALEU EIS provided DOE decision-makers with important information regarding potential environmental impacts of alternatives and options for satisfying the purpose and need. DOE’s decision to implement the Proposed Action is based on consideration of Congressional direction, the need for agency action, the potential environmental impacts (including beneficial impacts related to climate change), as well as other factors, including public comments, strategic objectives, technology needs, safeguards and security, cost, and schedule.

### Mitigation Measures

As stated in this EIS, decisions regarding locations of specific activities are not part of the Proposed Action. Therefore, no location-specific mitigation measures are identified in this ROD.

However, implementation of the Proposed Action could result in HALEU fuel cycle facilities being sited at various locations. The environmental impacts of such HALEU fuel cycle facilities are expected to be evaluated by the appropriate regulatory authority (*e.g.*, the NRC, other Federal agencies, or Agreement States). Such site-specific environmental evaluations would be expected to identify mitigation measures and/or the implementation of best management practices to reduce impacts. Mitigation measures, if needed, would be expected to be executed and tracked as required.

### Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on December 20, 2024, by K. Michael Goff, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of DOE. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 8, 2025.

**Jennifer Hartzell,**

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer,  
U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Hanford

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a hybrid meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Hanford. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

#### DATES:

Wednesday, February 12, 2025; 8 a.m.–3 p.m. PST.

Thursday, February 13, 2025; 8 a.m.–3 p.m. PST.

**ADDRESSES:** The Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 4525 Convention Place, Pasco,

Washington 99301. This hybrid meeting will be held in-person at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites and virtually. To receive the virtual access information and call-in number, please contact the Designated Federal Officer, Kelly Snyder, at the telephone number or email listed below at least five days prior to the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly Snyder, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Environmental Management; Phone: (702) 918–6715; or Email: [kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov](mailto:kelly.snyder@em.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to provide advice and recommendations concerning the following EM site-specific issues: clean-up activities and environmental restoration; waste and nuclear materials management and disposition; excess facilities; future land use and long-term stewardship. The Board may also be asked to provide advice and recommendations on any EM program components.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

- Consideration of Draft Advice:
  - Fiscal Year 2027 Cleanup Priorities
- Tri-Party Agreement Agencies’ Updates
- Board Business

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The EM SSAB, Hanford, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Kelly Snyder at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or within five business days after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Kelly Snyder. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available at the following website: <https://www.hanford.gov/page.cfm/hab/FullBoardMeetingInformation>.

*Signing Authority:* This document of the Department of Energy was signed on

January 7, 2025, by David Borak, Committee Management Officer, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on January 7, 2025.

**Jennifer Hartzell,**

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U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25-19-000]

#### **Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Cedar Vale Compressor Station Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document, that will discuss the environmental impacts of the proposed Cedar Vale Compressor Station Project (Cedar Vale Project) involving the construction and operation of facilities by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) in Osage County, Oklahoma. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the

scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the NEPA Process and Environmental Document section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the Public Participation section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on November 18, 2024, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP25-19-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with State law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The

courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

Southern Star provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

### Public Participation

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP25-19-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the