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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the National Institutes of Health Bethesda Campus proposed Master Plan in Bethesda, Maryland. The Master Plan outlines a strategy for accommodating potential campus development subject to NIH and Health and Human Services (HHS) priorities and the availability of resources. An electronic copy of the Master Plan can be found on a CD located on the back of the FEIS.

Three alternatives were considered in detail and are presented in the FEIS: the Proposed Action Alternative, the Maximum Development Alternative and the No Action Alternative (continue current NIH operations). The NIH's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action Alternative. The FEIS addresses concerns identified by NIH or raised during public scoping and the Draft EIS comment period. Following the 60-day comment period, the FEIS was prepared.

The required 30-day waiting period will be ending January 5th, 2015. Comments should be sent to Valerie Nottingham at, NIH, B13/2S11, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or nihnepa@mail.nih.gov.

Sincerely,

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