

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY - Thomas Jefferson Site Office**  
**Notice of Decision**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) FOR THE PROPOSED ACCELERATOR  
UPGRADES AND NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT THE THOMAS JEFFERSON  
NATIONAL ACCELERATOR FACILITY, NEWPORT NEWS, VA (DOE/EA-1534)**

The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) that evaluates the potential impacts from the proposed upgrade and operation of the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) and Free-Electron Laser (FEL) accelerator and the construction and use of buildings associated with the 2005 Ten-Year Site Plan at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) in Newport News, Virginia, has been issued.

After considering all comments received during the formal comment period (July 22 to September 30, 2006), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has completed the decision-making process and is rendering its decision. Based on the results of the impacts analysis reported in the EA, DOE has determined that the proposed action is not a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the context of NEPA. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not necessary, and DOE is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

Copies of the final EA and the FONSI are available for public reading in the Jefferson Lab CEBAF Center Main Public Reading Room and an electronic copy of the document will be available on the Jefferson Lab website at [www.jlab.org/ehs/NEPA/](http://www.jlab.org/ehs/NEPA/).

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