

USAMRIID facilities within the National Interagency Biodefense Campus on Area A of Fort Detrick and near the biomedical research facilities of mission partners, including the Agricultural Research Service Foreign Disease-Weed Research Unit of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Integrated Research Facility, and the Department of Homeland Security's National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center. The existing USAMRIID facilities on Area A would be decommissioned and either demolished and/or re-used following occupancy of the new USAMRIID facilities.

The construction would occur in two stages. Stage 1 would provide approximately 700,000 gross square feet (gsf) of new building space for the replacement of outdated and compressed existing USAMRIID facilities in order to sustain the current mission and to expand medical test and evaluation (T&E) capacity in support of immediate Department of Defense (DoD) and national demand. Stage 2 would encompass approximately 400,000 gsf of new building space for the balance of USAMRIID's expanded mission and for additional capacity to meet intensified national requirements for medical test and evaluation in support of biodefense research as well as to accommodate increased collaborative efforts among USAMRIID's mission partners. In addition, approximately 200,000 gsf of the existing USAMRIID facilities may be renovated and re-used for laboratory or non-laboratory use, to be determined by evolving biodefense requirements.

The significant issues analyzed in the FEIS included: Safety of laboratory operations and demolition of the existing biocontainment laboratories; public health and safety; handling, collection, treatment, and disposal of research wastes; water supply and other utility requirements; traffic; pollution prevention; and analysis of other risks to include discussion of the risk of terrorist attack. In addition, possible adverse health and safety impacts on laboratory workers in the proposed new USAMRIID facilities and on nearby residents during the operational phase of the project were identified and evaluated. The risks were deemed to be negligible and mitigable through adherence to "Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories" (BMBL) and other standards for safe operational practices.

Three alternatives were considered: Construction and Operation of New USAMRIID Facilities and Decommissioning and Demolition of the

Existing USAMRIID Facilities on Area A of Fort Detrick, Maryland (Alternate I), Construction and Operation of New USAMRIID Facilities and Decommissioning and Partial Demolition of the Existing USAMRIID Facilities and Re-Use of the Remaining Facilities on Area A of Fort Detrick, Maryland (Alternate II), and the No Action Alternative, under which the proposed new USAMRIID facilities would not be built and operated and the existing USAMRIID facilities would not be decommissioned and demolished and/or re-used.

Following the end of the 30-day waiting period, a decision will be made by the U.S. Army as to which of the alternatives will be implemented. This decision will be based on consideration of a number of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, environmental considerations, laws and regulations, mission needs (at Fort Detrick as well as from a national perspective), budget considerations, schedule, and public concerns. A Record of Decision will then be executed.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. CP06-351-003]**

### Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC; Notice of Compliance Filing

December 21, 2006.

Take notice that, on December 15, 2006, Bluewater Gas Storage, LLC (Bluewater) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 1, Substitute Original Sheet No. 106, to be effective December 1, 2006.

Any person desiring to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Protests to this filing will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Such protests must be filed on or before the date as indicated below. Anyone filing a protest must serve a copy of that document on all the parties to the proceeding.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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### California Independent System Operator Corporation; Notice Inviting Comments

December 21, 2006.

On December 14 and 15, 2006, the Commission held a technical conference to address issues related to the California Independent System Operator Corporation's (CAISO) electric tariff, which reflects the Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU). The purpose of the technical conference was to provide parties an opportunity to identify and discuss solutions to resolve alleged MRTU-related seams issues that exist between the CAISO and neighboring systems, in accordance with the directive of the Commission's September 21, 2006 Order conditionally accepting the CAISO's proposed MRTU electric tariff.

All interested persons are invited to file written comments no later than January 16, 2007 in relation to the issues that were the subject of the technical conference. Those filing comments are encouraged to specifically identify any seams concerns they may have, prioritize which of those concerns they believe must be addressed prior to the