



**WHITE OAK FEDERAL RESEARCH CENTER
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT SOLAR PANELS
Montgomery County, MD.**

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

January 26, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the proposed central utility plant solar panels for the Food and Drug Administration located at the White Oak Federal Research Center, Montgomery County, Maryland, as shown on NCPC Map File No 3104.00(38.00)41953.

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The General Services Administration (GSA), on behalf of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is submitting preliminary and final site and building plans for solar panels at the central utility plant for the White Oak Federal Research Center in Montgomery County, Maryland. FDA is proposing to install three solar panels to supplement the generation of electricity for the FDA campus. The tracking solar panels will be located approximately sixty feet south from the main central utility plant.

Staff has reviewed this proposal in accordance with 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1) . Staff notes that GSA's NEPA analysis demonstrates no significant environmental impacts from the planned action.

GSA has determined that the proposed project is consistent with the approved master plan and will not present any adverse effect to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Historic District or any other resources included or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Under the terms of the July 10, 2002 Memorandum of Agreement for the Federal Research Center at White Oak (MOA), GSA notified the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) of the proposed installation. On December 13, 2005 MHT concurred with GSA's determination. The project does not affect any other federal interests nor the planning and development of the National Capital.

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Executive Director