DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, Maryland 20892

Proposed Action:	The National Institutes of Health (NIH) proposes to partially fund the construction of the Howard T. Ricketts regional biocontainment laboratory (RBL) by the University of Chicago at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Argonne National Laboratory in Argonne, Illinois
Sponsoring Agencies:	The National Institutes of Health (NIH) U.S. Public Health Service U.S. Department of Health and Human Services And U.S. Department of Energy
Environmental Determination:	FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The NIH and DOE, on completing an Environmental Assessment of this proposed action, have determined that this is not a major federal action that will have a significant effect on the human environment.

The Final Environmental Assessment is attached to this document. The Final Environmental Assessment, along with this Finding, have been distributed to: Ms. Kristin Richards, Office of the Governor, 207 State House, Springfield, IL 62706; and to Mr. Thomas V. Skinner, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604.

Additional information on the proposed project can be obtained by contacting Mr. Fred Khoshbin, Project Manager, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, 6610 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-9179; and information on the Environmental Assessment by contacting Ms. Valerie Nottingham, Chief, EQB, DEP, NIH, Building 13, Room 2W64, 13 South Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-7775.

APPROVED: Juanita M Mildenberg DATE: 11/26/2006

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