



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS

### Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Meeting Concerning the Proposed Federal Correctional Institution and Federal Prison Camp Letcher County, Kentucky

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed development of a Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Letcher County, Kentucky (the Proposed Action). To address the need for modern, cost efficient, and secure facilities, the FBOP proposes to develop a new medium-security FCI to house approximately 1,152 adults in custody (AIC) and an adjoining minimum-security FPC to house approximately 256 AIC (total 1,408 AIC) in Letcher County that would serve the needs of the FBOP's Mid-Atlantic Region. The DEIS has been prepared consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended in 2023; Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA, as amended May 20, 2022; and Department of Justice regulations implementing NEPA.

Federal agencies, Tribal, Commonwealth, and local governments, interested parties, and the public are invited to comment on the DEIS and the Proposed Action which will be the subject of a 45-day review period beginning March 1, 2024 and ending April 15, 2024. The DEIS and information about the Proposed Action can be found on the project website: <https://www.proposed-fci-letchercountyky.com>. Written comments and statements concerning the DEIS and Proposed Action must be received on or before April 15, 2024 to be considered and addressed in the Final EIS (FEIS). The FBOP is also using the NEPA process to support compliance with applicable procedural requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.3(b)(3).

Comments can be submitted in the following ways: delivered by mail or delivery service, enclosed in an envelope addressed to Kimberly S. Hudson, Chief, Construction and Environmental Review Section, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW, Room 901-5, Washington, DC 20534; or by email to: [kshudson@bop.gov](mailto:kshudson@bop.gov); or via the Comment tab on the project website. The FBOP does not consider anonymous comments. Please include your name, address, and email as part of your comment. The FBOP makes all comments, including personal identifiable information included in the comment, available for public review. Individuals can request that the FBOP withhold their personal identifiable information from the public record; however, the FBOP cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

During the 45-day comment period, FBOP representatives will host a simultaneous in-person and virtual DEIS public meeting in Whitesburg, Kentucky. The in-person public meeting will be held on March 28, 2024, at 6:30 PM EST at the Letcher County Central High School (cafeteria) located at 435 Cougar Drive in Whitesburg, Kentucky, 41858. The meeting will be recorded and the recording posted to the project website: <https://www.proposed-fci-letchercountyky.com>. Those interested will also be able to attend by way of a virtual meeting service that allows for participation using a computer, tablet or smartphone by dialing 301-715-8592, or using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84676485785>. Information as to how to participate during the public meeting and provide comments concerning the DEIS and the Proposed Action is available at the project website. Thank you for your interest.