

**Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for
Improvements at Administrative United States Penitentiary (AUSP) Thomson
Thomson, Illinois**

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) announces the availability of an EA, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, for the proposed action to construct facility improvements at AUSP Thomson. The Illinois Department of Corrections built the prison in 2001, and it was acquired by the Bureau in October 2012. The proposed improvements evaluated in the EA have been deemed necessary for the new federal mission at AUSP Thomson. The proposed action is not expected to have significant environmental effects; therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not contemplated at this time. A final determination as to the anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed action will be made after the consideration of any comments submitted during the public comment period.

The EA can be accessed on the Bureau's North Central Regional Office webpage at http://www.bop.gov/locations/regional_offices/ncro, and is also available for review at the following libraries: Chadwick Public Library District, Chadwick, IL; Lanark Public Library, Lanark, IL; Mount Carroll Township Public Library, Mount Carroll, IL; Savanna Public Library District, Savanna, IL; Milledgeville Public Library, Milledgeville, IL, and York Township Public Library, Thomson, IL. Please submit comments on the EA to Mike Bettaker, Tetra Tech, Inc., 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 340, Fairfax, VA 22030 or by email mike.bettaker@tetrattech.com. Comments will be accepted for 30 days from the publication of this notice. For additional information, please contact Mr. Bettaker at the previously mentioned addresses.