

July 29, 2024

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Group14 Technologies – Battery Active Materials Factory Project (DOE/EA-2220D)

Dear Reader,

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) - National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) invites comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for the Group14 Technologies – Battery Active Materials Factory Project. The Draft EA can be found on DOE's NETL EA website at <https://netl.doe.gov/node/6939>.

The Draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and DOE's NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR Part 1021). DOE prepared the Draft EA to analyze the potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts of partially funding the construction of Group14 Technologies' commercial-scale facility in Moses Lake, Washington to produce a lithium-ion battery anode material for the growing electric vehicle market. The proposed project site includes construction of up to six process module buildings for production of the anode material. Other supporting buildings would include an administrative building, operations building, utility building, solid waste storage building, and nitrogen plant. Installation of parking, stormwater infiltration pond, wastewater conveyance, various utilities, and other associated facilities would be constructed to support operations. Once operational, the six process modules would be expected to produce 12,000 metric tons per year of anode material. The proposed project would enable the sourcing of critical battery materials from within the United States and reduce the dependence on foreign material suppliers. The proposed project would create more than 254 full-time jobs that offer benefits such as healthcare. Group14 also plans to offer community benefits to raise equity levels in the greater Moses Lake community. Together, these efforts would help revitalize the workforce and economy of the greater Moses Lake community for decades to come while significantly strengthening the U.S. lithium-ion battery industry.

A notice of availability will be published in the Columbia Basin Herald newspaper for three days starting on July 29, 2024, to announce the beginning of the 30-day public review and comment period. A hard copy of the Draft EA will be available for review at the Moses Lake Public Library at 418 East 5th Avenue, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Comments will be accepted on the Draft EA through close of business on August 27, 2024. All comments received during the public comment period will be addressed. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be addressed to the extent practicable. Comments should be marked "Group14 Technologies Draft EA Comments" and should include your name, address, and organization (if applicable). Individual names and addresses, including email addresses, received as part of the public comment period

normally are considered part of the public record. Persons wishing to withhold names, addresses, or other identifying information from the public record must state this request prominently at the beginning of their comments. DOE will honor this request to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations, businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be included in the public record and open to public inspection in their entirety.

Comments should be sent to Stephen Witmer via email (stephen.witmer@netl.doe.gov) or letter addressed to:

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To request a hard copy of the Draft EA, please submit your request (including the physical address where it should be sent) using the contact information above. For additional information, please contact Stephen Witmer using the contact information above, or at 412-386-7589.

Sincerely,



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NEPA Compliance Officer