

May 13, 2003

**CEQA**  
**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Notice is hereby given pursuant to California Public Resources Code Sections 21092 and 21092.3 that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has prepared and proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration in connection with the project described in this notice.**

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**Project Title:** Sandia National Laboratories' request for an Authority to Construct and Permit to Operate from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for the proposed Glass Furnace Combustion and Melting Lab Project (BAAQMD Permit Application #3107)

**Project Location:** Sandia National Laboratories, 7011 East Avenue, Livermore, California, which is located in Alameda County.

**Project Description:** Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) is a U.S. Department of Energy facility located in Livermore, CA. This facility conducts a variety of government sponsored research operations.

For this application, SNL is proposing to construct a new Combustion Research Facility (CRF) in a current vacant laboratory in Building 906. The CRF will investigate problems relating to heat transfer, melting chemistry, furnace control, diagnostics, and modeling for the glass manufacturing industry. The CRF will include raw material and cullet (crushed glass) storage areas, raw material and cullet weigh hoppers, a batch mixer, 3 screw conveyors, a bucket elevator, a feed hopper (for the mixed batch), a glass melting furnace, a quench tank, a drag conveyor (for moving the quenched cullet to the storage area), and two dust collectors.

SNL is also expecting to have a standby generator for this facility in case of a power outage. However, the size and type of generator have not yet been determined. SNL will submit a separate application for the standby generator, when more information is available.

**Negative Declaration:** A copy of the draft Negative Declaration is available for review at the BAAQMD office at 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, on the District website ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)), or may be obtained by calling the BAAQMD at (415) 749-4721.

**Written comments** on the Negative Declaration must be addressed to Barry G. Young, Principal Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, or emailed to [byoung@baaqmd.gov](mailto:byoung@baaqmd.gov). All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on [30 days from the date on this notice].

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