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UDALL STATEMENT ON LANL BUDGET

WASHINGTON - U.S. Representative Tom Udall, D-N.M., today issued the following statement on the Congressional Energy and Water Appropriations funding levels for Los Alamos National Laboratory:

"After months of working with the House and Senate leadership to secure a budget for LANL, the assurances I received that core funding levels for our labs would be maintained have finally been realized. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that in the near future we face a major reduction in our nuclear footprint and this year's budget is only a temporary fix. We must continue to plan for the Lab's future and that means growth in new areas.

"LANL is a national treasure with first-class employees, world-renowned for enhancing our nation's defenses in the most critical of times. In addition to the current core mission of the lab, our scientists have the talent to tackle research and work in other areas of national concern, including nonproliferation, counterterrorism, intelligence analysis, homeland security, and energy security. They cannot tackle these challenges, however, unless the collective will exists to guide them towards a more diverse, sustainable direction. I will continue to work with the NNSA, Lab Leadership, and my colleagues from New Mexico to help prepare LANL for the future to ensure its permanence and standing as our nation's supreme scientific institution."

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