



**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
National Nuclear Security Administration  
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Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544



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Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is the *Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico* (the SWEIS), DOE/EIS-0380. The Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has prepared the SWEIS to examine the potential environmental impacts associated with continuing to operate the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

The SWEIS evaluates the No Action Alternative (continued operations at today's level of activities), and two action alternatives: the Reduced Operations Alternative and the Expanded Operations Alternative. The NNSA's preferred alternative is to operate the facility at the expanded operations level of activities.

NNSA issued a notice of availability for the Draft SWEIS in July 2006 (71 FR 38638). The formal public comment period, originally scheduled for 60 days, lasted 75 days, beginning on July 7, 2006 and ending on September 20, 2006. During this comment period, public hearings were held in Los Alamos, Española, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. NNSA considered all comments received and revised the Draft SWEIS in preparation of this Final SWEIS. The SWEIS will be part of the information used by NNSA to make decisions on actions it will take regarding the operation of LANL over about the next 5 years. NNSA intends to issue more than one Record of Decision (ROD) for LANL operations, and will issue the first ROD no earlier than 30 days following publication in the *Federal Register* of the Notice of Availability for the Final SWEIS.

Thank you for your continued interest in the NNSA's National Environmental Policy Act compliance program. Request for information or questions about the LANL SWEIS should be sent to Ms. Elizabeth Withers, SWEIS Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Albuquerque Service Center, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400.

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Enclosures