

associated with the construction and operation of those facilities and infrastructure necessary to support the CVN and preserve the existing capability to accommodate one transient CVN. Homeporting a CVN will require dredging of the berthing areas and the San Diego Bay channel, a new berthing wharf involving bay fill, construction of new propulsion plant and ship maintenance facilities, and expanded utilities.

The EIS describes and evaluates potential homeport sites in San Diego Bay, three alternative berthing arrangements, dredge material disposal alternatives, and the "no action" alternative as required by NEPA. The EIS analyzes potential project specific impacts associated with a number of projects proposed for implementation during the next five years at Naval Air Station, North Island. No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed and the Navy releases a Record of Decision.

The EIS is available for review at the Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, California; San Diego Public Library, Science and Industry Section, 820 E Street, San Diego, California; Chula Vista Public Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista, California; Imperial Beach Public Library, 810 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, California; National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, California; Encinitas Public Library, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, California; and the Oceanside Public Library, 330 North Hill Street, Oceanside, California. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on the proposed action to the address listed at the end of this notice no later than June 26, 1995, to become part of the official record.

A public hearing to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Coronado High School Auditorium, 650 D Avenue, Coronado, California.

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or be represented at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record for the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements.

The EIS point of contact for receiving comments is: Commanding Officer, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities

Engineering Command (Attention: Mr. Bob Hexom, Code 232RH), 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92132-5190.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare a Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for its Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos, New Mexico, a DOE multiprogram research and development laboratory. The SWEIS will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 USC 4321 et seq., the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR Parts 1500-1508] and the DOE NEPA regulations [10 CFR Part 1021]. It will analyze as alternatives various levels of LANL operations, including reasonable foreseeable new operations and facilities.

DOE initiated a prescoping process with an Advance Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 1994 [59 FR 40889]. This Notice of Intent reflects the consideration of comments provided during the prescoping process, including comments regarding NEPA reviews initiated or anticipated at the time of the Advance Notice of Intent, and issues and alternatives for the SWEIS.

DATES: The DOE invites other Federal agencies, the State, Indian Tribes, local governments, and the general public to comment on the scope of this SWEIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until June 30, 1995. DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date in defining the scope of this SWEIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Public scoping meetings are scheduled to be held as follows:

June 13, 1995; Hilltop House Hotel, 400 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

June 14, 1995; Sweeney Center, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

June 15, 1995; Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 North Onate Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532

The purpose of these meetings is to receive oral and written comments from the public. The meetings will use a workshop format to facilitate dialogue among DOE, LANL, and the public and will provide an opportunity for individuals to provide written or oral statements. The DOE will publish additional notices on the dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings in local newspapers in advance of the scheduled meetings. Any necessary changes will be announced in the local media.

In addition to providing oral comments at the public scoping meetings, all interested parties are invited to record their comments, ask questions concerning the LANL SWEIS, request speaking times, request to be placed on the LANL SWEIS mailing or document distribution list, or request copies of the LANL SWEIS Implementation Plan (when available) by leaving a message on the LANL SWEIS Hotline at 1-800-898-6623. The Hotline will have instructions on how to record your comments and requests.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions to assist the DOE in identifying the appropriate scope of the LANL SWEIS should be directed to: Mr. Corey A. Cruz, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185-5400, or by facsimile at (505) 845-6392. For express delivery services, the appropriate address is Pennsylvania and H Streets, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM 87116.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the SWEIS and the public scoping process, contact Corey Cruz at the address and telephone number listed above.

For information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom can be reached at (202) 586-4600, by facsimile at (202) 586-7031, or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Invitation to Comment**

The public is invited to participate in the scoping process and is encouraged to comment on the preliminary alternatives and issues identified for the LANL SWEIS. The results of the scoping process will be documented in an Implementation Plan which will be made available to the public and will reflect how comments provided during the scoping process were incorporated or addressed.

Availability of Scoping Documents

Copies of all written comments, transcripts of all oral comments, and copies of the SWEIS Implementation Plan will be available at the following locations:

- Los Alamos National Laboratory,
Community Reading Room, Museum
Park Office Complex, 1450 Central
Avenue, Suite 101, Los Alamos, New
Mexico 87544, 505-665-2127 or 1-
800-543-2342
- U.S. Department of Energy, National
Atomic Museum Public Reading
Room, Kirtland Air Force Base,
Building 20358, Wyoming Boulevard,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185,
505-845-6870/4378.

A full set of comments on the Advance Notice of Intent is available at the Los Alamos Community Reading Room.

LANL's Mission

Among other missions, DOE is responsible for the Federal government's nuclear weapons program, research and development of energy technologies, and basic science research. LANL is one of DOE's primary research and development laboratories. It was established in 1943 to provide research, design, and testing for nuclear weapons and nuclear materials, and remains one of the three laboratories in DOE's nuclear weapons complex. Over the past 50 years, LANL's mission has expanded to include research in energy, materials science, nuclear safeguards and security, biomedical science, computational science, environmental protection and cleanup, and other basic and applied science research. LANL provides these research and science services for DOE and other Federal agencies, universities, foreign countries, and private industry. LANL is one of the largest multidisciplinary research laboratories in the world, with an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion and more than 10,000 contractor and subcontractor employees. LANL covers about 43 square miles of land held as a Federal reservation in north-

central New Mexico in Los Alamos, Sandoval and Santa Fe Counties.

A report entitled "Alternative Futures for the DOE National Laboratories" (the "Galvin Report"), prepared for the Secretary of Energy by the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board, was completed in February 1995. This independent review provided recommendations on the future missions of all DOE National Laboratories. Although the DOE has not yet fully determined which of these recommendations will be adopted, the preliminary SWEIS alternatives are structured to allow for inclusion of the report's recommendations specific to LANL operations.

The Role of the SWEIS in the DOE NEPA Compliance Strategy

The DOE has a policy [10 CFR 1021.330] of preparing SWEISs for certain large, multiple-facility sites, such as LANL. The purpose of a SWEIS is to provide DOE and its stakeholders with an analysis of the environmental impacts caused by ongoing and reasonably foreseeable new operations and facilities and reasonable alternatives at a DOE site, to provide a basis for site-wide decision making, and to improve and coordinate agency plans, functions, programs, and resource utilization. Additionally, a SWEIS is to provide an overall NEPA baseline for a site that is useful for tiering or as a reference when project-specific NEPA documents are prepared. The NEPA process allows for Federal, state, tribal, county, municipal, and public participation in the environmental review process. A SWEIS was last prepared for LANL in 1979 [DOE/EIS-0018]. The proposed SWEIS would replace that document as the baseline environmental impact statement regarding LANL operations.

A SWEIS is a useful aid for DOE management of its facilities and operations. It provides the DOE decision makers and the public with analyses of the cumulative environmental impacts of past, ongoing and reasonably foreseeable activities at a site and contrasts these with reasonable alternatives in order to inform decisions regarding the resources entrusted to DOE's care. A SWEIS can be used as a way to efficiently deal with multiple proposals and can help establish an efficient, environmentally sound and cost effective plan for operating the site and its facilities. In accordance with 10 CFR 1021.330(d), DOE will evaluate the SWEIS at least every five years after its completion to determine whether it remains adequate or should be supplemented or replaced with a new SWEIS.

The LANL Site-Wide Analysis

The SWEIS will address operations and activities that DOE foresees at LANL within approximately the next 10 years. The SWEIS will focus on operating practices and facility management, specifically with the intent to analyze the overall impacts of current and reasonably foreseeable operations at LANL. The DOE proposes for the SWEIS to include an analysis of land use requirements related to the operations at LANL, as well as DOE activities as the primary Natural Resources Trustee for LANL. The DOE proposes to use the SWEIS to analyze: mitigation measures for impacts of LANL operations; interim nuclear materials storage and management strategies for LANL; LANL environmental restoration strategies; and waste management strategies for LANL. Specific projects or facilities that are speculative and therefore not ready for analysis would not be addressed in the SWEIS. However, if such projects later become definite proposals for action they would be subject to subsequent project- or facility-specific NEPA reviews that would be tiered from the SWEIS.

The SWEIS is expected to facilitate and streamline subsequent NEPA reviews at LANL by allowing DOE to focus on project-specific issues and to narrow and simplify the scope of later reviews. This process is called "tiering" [40 CFR 1508.28]. DOE believes that the SWEIS analysis will provide adequate NEPA review for those activities and projects designated and analyzed within the SWEIS.

Preliminary Alternatives

The scoping process is an opportunity for the public to assist the DOE in determining the alternatives and issues for analysis. A preliminary set of alternatives and issues for evaluation in the SWEIS is identified below, after consideration of comments received during the prescoping process. In response to prescoping comments, a discussion of the relationship between programs and specific LANL operations has been included in each preliminary alternative description. Future programs and activities will be determined based on such factors as national needs, scientific developments, budgets, environmental impacts, the results of NEPA reviews such as the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) discussed below, and other considerations. Thus, the program discussions provided below are not all-inclusive and are only examples for the

facility operational levels described in the alternatives. For each of the alternatives discussed, waste management/environmental restoration activities, interim activities for nuclear materials storage and handling, and land requirements will be analyzed. The environmental impacts of both facilities and operations and cumulative site-wide operations will be assessed. DOE will continue to conduct ongoing activities as the SWEIS is being prepared.

No Action

The No Action alternative would continue current facility operations throughout LANL in support of assigned missions. NEPA regulations require analysis of the No Action alternative to provide a benchmark for comparison with environmental effects of the other alternatives. This alternative would include ongoing and proposed activities for which the NEPA reviews will have been completed prior to completion of the SWEIS. The current Waste Management/Environmental Restoration program plans (i.e., actions for which NEPA review will have been completed) will be reflected in this alternative, including specific strategies to address anticipated waste generated by facility and restoration operations.

This alternative reflects the current nuclear weapons program missions at LANL. This includes support of competence in nuclear weapons component fabrication technologies; nuclear weapons material processing to support technology competence, process development and improvement, and safe, secure storage of the nuclear material inventory; acceptance and processing of neutron sources from off-site (from licensees such as universities and corporations that no longer need them); maintenance of the hydrodynamic test program at projected material throughputs; destructive evaluation of plutonium components; continued weapons and other research and development operations using accelerators; continued operations at the Los Alamos Critical Experiments Facility in support of existing missions; and transportation and storage of nuclear material at currently projected levels.

Reduced Operation

This alternative would reflect a reduction in facility operations from those currently ongoing and planned. For example, nuclear materials processing activities would be reduced and consolidated. Reduced shipments and receipts of nuclear materials would also be reflected under this alternative,

as would a reduced nuclear material inventory over the time period under analysis (as compared to inventory projections under the other alternatives). This alternative may include some construction projects to consolidate operations within existing facilities, maintain existing facilities, and replace existing facilities, if necessary. Specific waste management strategies would be developed to address the types and quantities of waste anticipated under this scenario. These strategies would consider off-site and on-site treatment and disposition options.

The programmatic context for this alternative is the maintenance of existing missions at a reduced scope. This alternative would be represented by one or more of the following: Maintenance of capability for fewer weapon production technologies; reduced nuclear materials processing (only to support safe, secure storage of the LANL inventory); support of only existing commitments regarding the processing of neutron sources from off-site; reduction in the materials throughput for hydrodynamic and other above ground weapon-related experiments; destructive evaluation of fewer plutonium components each year; reduction in weapons and other research and development use of accelerators; a reduced inventory and number of criticality experiments and training courses at the Los Alamos Critical Experiments Facility; and reduced transportation and storage of nuclear materials.

Expanded Operation

This alternative would reflect an increase in facility operations to the highest levels that can be supported by current facilities, and would evaluate those new facilities that are reasonably foreseeable. This could require construction projects to address safety, security and environmental compliance as well as to support reconfiguration of facility equipment and operations to optimize use of current facilities' capabilities. This could also require construction projects for reasonably foreseeable new facilities. Specific waste management strategies would be developed to address the increased types and quantities of waste anticipated under this scenario, considering off-site and on-site treatment and disposition options. These waste management strategies would include alternative approaches to accommodate the receipt of off-site waste for treatment and disposal, consistent with the Waste Management PEIS discussed below.

The programmatic context for this alternative is the continued support of existing missions, and additional missions which may be supported with the capabilities and capacities inherent in the existing facilities or which may require new facilities. Such program activities could include: low-level production of weapon components; increased throughput for nuclear materials processing; increased support of processing for off-site neutron sources; increased materials throughput for hydrodynamic and other test activities; destructive analysis of additional plutonium components each year; increased use of accelerators in support of weapons and other research and development missions; additional numbers and types of experiments at the Los Alamos Critical Experiments Facility; and increased transportation and storage of nuclear materials.

Other Alternatives Considered

DOE had asked in the Advance Notice of Intent whether analysis of an alternative that would describe phasing out all LANL operations and eventually decommissioning all facilities would be useful for comparison to ongoing activities. In response, the DOE received seven comments from the public. Four of the comments supported analysis of decontamination and decommissioning for the entire site; two recommended analysis of decontamination and decommissioning for "nuclear" related activities and one comment indicated the decontamination and decommissioning alternative was not reasonable and should not be analyzed. Of those supporting inclusion of a decontamination and decommissioning alternative, three appeared to support it as a determinant of useful comparative information and three advocated actual shutdown and decommissioning of some or all of LANL. The seven responses were obtained both orally and in writing from a population of over 500 comments from over 250 commentors.

DOE carefully considered these comments. DOE also recognizes that LANL has unique capabilities, diverse roles supporting a variety of national programs, and that there is an essential near-term need to manage and maintain the safety and stability of the existing nuclear materials inventory. Accordingly, in view of the limited community interest and DOE's view at this time that a decision to shut down LANL operations within the 5-10 year timeframe of the SWEIS would be highly unlikely, DOE plans not to expend the time and money that would be needed to analyze an alternative involving an orderly shutdown during

this period. The public is welcome to comment further on this issue during the scoping period.

Preliminary List of Issues To Be Addressed

The SWEIS will describe the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives, using available data where possible and obtaining additional data where necessary. In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500.4 and 1502.21), other documents, as appropriate, may be incorporated into the impacts analyses by reference, in whole or in part. The following preliminary list of issues was identified following the prescoping process. The DOE specifically invites suggestions for the addition or deletion of items on this list.

1. Water resources, particularly tritium in the groundwater and radioactive particles in streams and the Cochiti Reservoir.
2. Cultural resources, particularly regarding Native American access to land, flora of religious or medicinal significance, and protection of archeological and religious sites.
3. Air quality, particularly regarding compliance with Federal and state laws, and releases of radioactive and hazardous materials due to LANL operations.
4. Land use, particularly regarding use of DOE land by the public, radioactive contamination of the land, and burial of radioactive and hazardous materials.
5. Biota, particularly the effects of radioactive and hazardous releases on elk and the food chain, threatened and endangered species, and species of special concern.
6. Transportation, particularly regarding the risks of transporting nuclear material on and off the LANL site, and the need for integrating emergency plans with state, tribal, and local police and health organizations in case of a nuclear material release during transport.
7. Socioeconomics, particularly regarding the economic impact of LANL on the surrounding community.
8. Health effects, particularly regarding incidence of cancer in workers and the communities surrounding LANL, and other health effects on the public and workers.
9. Environmental justice, particularly whether or not activities at LANL disproportionately and adversely affect minority or low-income populations.
10. Noise/aesthetics, particularly regarding the visual, noise, and other aesthetic impacts of LANL facilities and operations on the surrounding

communities and potential uses of adjacent land.

Additional issues raised by the public during the prescoping process include:

- National security policy (particularly the need for a nuclear stockpile, the need for stockpile stewardship, and the effect of LANL operations on international non-proliferation);
- The goals of, and funding for, environmental restoration;
- The transfer of land to Pueblos or to Los Alamos County;
- Laboratory management (particularly the responsiveness of LANL management to community concerns, the equity in LANL/DOE outreach programs, the equity of salary and hiring policies, encouragement of independent ideas, the management of LANL by the University of California, and the non-profit status of LANL); and
- The credibility of the DOE and LANL (reliability of information provided by DOE and LANL, concerns regarding the actual effect of public input on DOE decisions, and a lack of trust in the DOE to prepare the SWEIS in accordance with the laws and regulations).

While DOE considers these issues to be outside the scope of the SWEIS, DOE will attempt to address these concerns in the process of interacting with the public on the SWEIS and on other issues, by answering questions posed during the SWEIS process, directing stakeholders to other reviews where appropriate, providing requested information (to the extent allowed by laws and regulations), and explaining how public comment and input is considered in each step of the LANL SWEIS process.

Related NEPA Reviews

Currently, the DOE is analyzing several proposals for programmatic, site-specific, and project-specific action that affect LANL either directly or indirectly. These analyses are being performed as NEPA reviews in several programmatic, site-wide, and project-specific EISs and environmental assessments. The summaries below are intended to familiarize the reader with the purpose of these other NEPA reviews and how LANL is being considered in them.

Programmatic NEPA Reviews

The Waste Management PEIS [Notice of Intent, 55 FR 42633, October 22, 1990; also see 60 FR 4607, January 24, 1995] (formerly called the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management PEIS) will analyze the DOE plan to formulate and implement a national integrated Waste Management

program. LANL is one of the alternative sites proposed to store and process transuranic radioactive waste and to store, process, and provide on-site disposal for low-level radioactive waste, which may include material generated at locations other than LANL. The waste management analyses in the SWEIS will address the facilities and operations necessary to implement a waste management strategy at LANL, consistent with the Waste Management PEIS.

The Nuclear Weapons Complex Reconfiguration PEIS [revised Notice of Intent, 59 FR 54175, October 28, 1994] was separated into the Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS and the Stockpile Stewardship and Management PEIS. LANL is not an alternative site for the Tritium Supply and Recycling PEIS. However, the Stockpile Stewardship and Management PEIS will analyze changes in LANL's role in weapons research and development and may analyze aspects of a LANL weapon component production mission. Since public scoping for the Stockpile Stewardship and Management PEIS has not yet been initiated, LANL's role in the alternatives for this PEIS cannot now be predicted. The SWEIS is intended to provide the site-specific analysis for various levels of facility operations that could support a variety of program missions. The SWEIS will address LANL facility operations that are expected to be of primary interest to the public and DOE in support of potential future programs. In this manner, DOE intends to integrate programmatic analyses for the Stockpile Stewardship and Management PEIS with site-specific analyses of the SWEIS.

The Programmatic Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Programs PEIS includes a programmatic analysis of transporting, processing, and storing spent nuclear reactor fuel [Notice of Availability, Final EIS, 60 FR 20992, April 28, 1995]. LANL has generated spent fuel and continues to store this material pending the outcome of programmatic decisions following the spent fuel PEIS. The nuclear material storage and handling analyses in the SWEIS will address the continued storage and potential disposition of this fuel, consistent with this PEIS.

The DOE is preparing a Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials PEIS [Notice of Intent, 59 FR 31985, June 21, 1994]. This PEIS will analyze alternatives for the long-term storage and disposition of surplus nuclear materials, with the exception of surplus highly enriched uranium, in

order to minimize the risk of proliferation of nuclear weapons capability in the world. Phase I of the project would be to provide safe, controlled, inspectable interim storage of nuclear materials. Phase II would be long-term storage or disposition of surplus material. Among other things, this PEIS will analyze a new, consolidated long-term storage facility at five candidate sites (LANL is not a candidate site), as well as continued use of existing facilities for interim storage. On April 5, 1995, DOE published a Notice [65 FR 17344] amending the scope of this PEIS by removing the disposition of all surplus highly enriched uranium. Instead, DOE will prepare a separate EIS entitled Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium. The scope of this EIS has not yet finally been determined, because the public scoping period only closed on May 1, 1995. LANL now stores some nuclear materials; since the SWEIS addresses approximately a 10-year period, it will analyze storage and handling of current and projected inventories prior to implementation of the decisions from Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials PEIS.

The DOE is preparing the Medical Isotope Production at Sandia National Laboratory/New Mexico and Los Alamos National Laboratory Environmental Assessment for the proposal to produce medical isotopes for medical applications such as diagnostics and chemotherapy [EA determination, November 15, 1994]. The proposal involves irradiating targets in a nuclear reactor at Sandia National Laboratory, Albuquerque, processing the material, and disposing of waste. Alternatives involving LANL facilities would only include fabricating targets at the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building and disposing of waste from target fabrication at LANL waste management areas. Target fabrication and associated activities are ongoing at LANL and as such, would be analyzed in the SWEIS to provide environmental impacts at a variety of operational levels.

Ongoing LANL NEPA Reviews

The DOE is preparing an EIS for the construction and operation of an enhanced radiographic hydrodynamic test facility at LANL. This EIS examines the alternatives to support some of the stockpile stewardship missions currently assigned to LANL in the absence of nuclear testing. The preferred alternative is to complete and operate the partially constructed Dual Axis Radiographic Hydrodynamic Test Facility. DOE expects that all or portions of this EIS will be incorporated by reference into the LANL SWEIS and that the decisions from this EIS will be reflected in the LANL No Action alternative. The Record of Decision for this EIS is scheduled for September 1995.

DOE had initiated or considered several other environmental analyses for specific proposed projects at LANL. Those presented in the LANL SWEIS Advance Notice of Intent are identified in Table I, with a summary of comments received on each project through the prescoping process and the DOE decision as to which project NEPA reviews will proceed immediately, which will be suspended for inclusion in the SWEIS, and those which will be deferred until after the SWEIS.

The results of the LANL project-level NEPA reviews that will precede completion of the SWEIS will be addressed in the No Action alternative. Projects for which NEPA reviews were suspended for inclusion in the SWEIS will be addressed in one or more alternatives and their impacts will be included in the cumulative impact analysis. It is also likely that additional projects will be proposed as the SWEIS process continues; each proposal will be reviewed to determine whether its NEPA process should proceed separately, should be included in the SWEIS, or should be deferred until after the SWEIS. The exact relationship between specific proposed projects and the SWEIS alternatives will be detailed in the Draft SWEIS.

The SWEIS Preparation Process

After the scoping period, DOE will prepare and publish the LANL SWEIS Implementation Plan, which will be placed in the Los Alamos National Laboratory Community Reading Room and the Atomic Museum Public Reading Room, and made available to members of the public upon request. This document will describe the DOE's plan for preparing the SWEIS, based upon the results of the scoping process. The Implementation Plan will include the revised alternatives and environmental issues which were refined through the scoping process, and will describe how comments received in the scoping process were considered in its development.

The DOE intends to complete the Draft EIS in early 1996 and will announce its availability in the **Federal Register** and through local media. The DOE will hold public hearings to solicit comments on the Draft EIS from the public, organizations, and other agencies, and will consider all comments in the preparation of the Final EIS. The DOE intends to complete the Final EIS in December 1996.

DOE expects to issue the Record of Decision in early 1997, but at least 30 days after a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS is published in the **Federal Register**.

Classified Material

DOE will review classified material while preparing this SWEIS. Within the limits of classification, DOE will provide to the public as much information as possible. Any classified material DOE needs to use to explain the purpose and need for action, or the uses, materials, or impacts analyzed in this SWEIS, will be segregated into a classified appendix or supplement.

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 5th day of May 1995, for the United States Department of Energy.

Peter Brush,

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Environment, Safety and Health.*

TABLE 1

Project	ANOI recommendation	Comments received	Proceed with independent NEPA review?
Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility.	Suspend the NEPA review for this project and address it in the SWEIS.	6 comments received. 4 concurred with the recommendation; 1 asserted that the existing treatment facility is thought to be leaking; 1 questioned why this project has to be in the SWEIS.	No—as long as the existing system can operate safely, DOE intends to analyze this proposed replacement in the SWEIS.
Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Upgrades.	Proceed immediately with the NEPA review for project actions for maintenance of the existing infrastructure, for improved safety of operations to workers and the public, for enhanced environmental management systems, and for improved security. Other upgrades should be suspended and addressed in the SWEIS.	16 comments received. 5 concurred with the recommendation; 5 indicated that additional information was required to develop a position on this subject; 3 indicated that DOE should pursue uses for this facility and funding which can better benefit society; and 3 opposed any upgrades prior to the completion of the SWEIS.	Yes—proceed with a review of the subset of proposed upgrades, as recommended in the ANOI. Additional upgrades will be analyzed in the SWEIS.
High Explosives Materials Test Facility.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	2 comments received. 1 concurred with the recommendation, given limited information; 1 opposed this recommendation, proposing that it be covered in the SWEIS.	No—the project has been cancelled.
Isotope Separator Facility.	Defer the NEPA review for this project until after the SWEIS.	3 comments received. All 3 concurred with the recommendation.	No—defer until after SWEIS.
Low Energy Accelerator Laboratory.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. All 3 opposed the recommendation.	Environmental Assessment has been completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been issued.
Nuclear Materials Storage Facility Upgrade.	The NEPA review for upgrades that would increase capacity should be suspended and addressed in the SWEIS. Activities to correct design deficiencies should proceed based upon previous NEPA documentation.	8 comments received. 3 concurred with the recommendation; 3 indicated that additional information was necessary regarding nuclear material storage at LANL; 1 opposed storage of weapons usable fissile materials of any kind; 1 opposed even repairs to this facility pending completion of the SWEIS.	No—repair and operate up to 6.6 metric tons; proposed capacity changes will be addressed in the SWEIS.
Safety Testing of Pits under Thermal Stress.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	4 comments received. 2 opposed the recommendation; 2 indicated that additional information was necessary regarding the benefits of this project.	No—this subject will be addressed in the SWEIS.
Transuranic Waste Drum Staging Building.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	2 comments received. Both opposed the recommendation.	Yes—in order to support staging of waste drums generated by ongoing activities.
Weapons Components Test Facility Relocation.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. 1 comment indicated concurrence with the recommendation; 1 comment indicated that additional information on this project was required; 1 comment indicated that public opinion on this subject was moot because the environmental assessment had since been completed.	Environmental assessment has been completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been issued.
Decontaminate, Decommission, and Demolish Building, TA-33-86.	Suspend the NEPA review for this project and address it in the SWEIS.	3 comments received. All 3 concurred with the recommendation.	No—this subject will be addressed in the SWEIS.
New Sanitary Landfill ..	Suspend the NEPA review for this project and address it in the SWEIS.	4 comments received. 3 concurred with the recommendation; 1 requested that more emphasis be placed on minimization of sanitary waste.	No—this subject will be addressed in the SWEIS.
Actinide Source Term Waste Test Program.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. 2 opposed the recommendation; 1 indicated that additional information was required to reach an opinion on this subject.	Environmental assessment has been completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact has been issued.

TABLE 1—Continued

Project	ANOI recommendation	Comments received	Proceed with independent NEPA review?
Controlled Air Incinerator Operations.	Suspend the NEPA review for treatment operations and address that in the SWEIS; no recommendations were made regarding the NEPA review for the proposed trial burn.	17 comments received. 2 concurred with the recommendation; 1 indicated that no aspects of incinerator operations be included in the SWEIS; 2 indicated that additional information on this subject was required; 5 indicated concerns with the impacts of incineration; 2 indicated opposition to incineration of waste; 1 indicated that alternatives to incineration should be examined with the same rigor as applied to incineration; 1 indicated LANL needs to obey all laws enacted for public protection; 1 indicated the need to study the environmental impacts of the incinerator; and 2 indicated that all incinerator activities (including the trial burn) be suspended and included in the SWEIS.	No—this subject, including the trial burn, will be addressed in the SWEIS. This process is being placed on stand-by pending completion of the SWEIS.
Expansion of Area G Low-Level Waste Disposal Area.	Suspend the NEPA review for this project and address it in the SWEIS.	19 comments received. 5 concurred with the recommendation; 4 indicated that additional information was required on this subject; 1 indicated that alternatives to burial should be pursued; 3 indicated concern regarding the scope and impact of Area G expansion; 1 indicated that environmental restoration waste should be considered weapons-related waste; 1 indicated that LANL is not in full compliance with regulations; 4 indicated opposition to any expansion of Area G.	No—this subject will be addressed in the SWEIS.
Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility and Mixed Waste Receiving and Storage Facility.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. 2 opposed the recommendation; 1 indicated no opinion on the recommendation.	Yes—to support near-term programmatic requirements.
High Explosives Wastewater Treatment Facility.	No initial recommendation was made regarding the NEPA review for this project.	5 comments received. 1 comment requested that DOE proceed promptly with NEPA documentation for this project; 2 indicated that additional information was required on this subject; 2 requested that the NEPA documentation for this project be suspended and addressed in the SWEIS.	Yes—to support near-term objectives regarding waste minimization and management.
Mixed Waste Disposal Facility.	No initial recommendation was made regarding the NEPA review for this project. However, the DOE proposed to proceed with an environmental assessment for the environmental restoration waste only.	4 comments received. 1 concurred with the DOE proposal; 3 opposed any action proceeding for this project prior to completion of the SWEIS.	Yes—for support of the environmental restoration program only. The use of this facility for other waste sources will be examined in the SWEIS.
National Biomedical Tracer Facility.	Defer the NEPA review for this project until after the SWEIS is completed.	3 comments received. All 3 concurred with the recommendation.	No—defer until after the SWEIS.
Laundry	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. 2 opposed the recommendation; 1 indicated that this facility might benefit from analysis in the SWEIS, but noted insufficient information to reach a clear decision.	No—this subject will be addressed in the SWEIS.
Receipt and Storage of Nuclear Material for Criticality Experiment.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. All 3 opposed the recommendation.	Yes—to support the programmatic need for this material.
Hazardous Low-Level Radioactive, and Mixed Waste Treatment Skids.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. All 3 indicate support of the recommendation.	Yes—to support near term waste management program activities.
Replacement Waste Compactor.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	5 comments received. All 5 indicate support of the recommendation.	This proposed replacement has been categorically excluded from further NEPA review.
Radioisotope Heat Source Fabrication.	Proceed with the NEPA review for this project immediately.	3 comments received. All 3 indicate opposition to the recommendation.	No—this subject will be addressed in the SWEIS.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.
ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Board Committee Meeting:
Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site.

DATES AND TIMES: Tuesday, May 16, 1995
6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Monticello City Hall,
Monticello, Utah 84535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Audrey Berry, Public Affairs Specialist,
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Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand
Junction, CO, 81502 (303) 248-7727.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to advise DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Monticello Site, will be discussing issues related to the reorganization of the advisory board.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Audrey Berry's office at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting, due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying

at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Audrey Berry, Department of Energy Grand Junction Projects Office, P.O. Box 2567, Grand Junction, CO 81502, or by calling her at (303)-248-7727.

Issued at Washington, DC on May 9, 1995.

Rachel M. Samuel,

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee
Management Officer.*

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Office of Fossil Energy

[FE Docket No. 95-25-NG]

American Hunter Exploration Ltd.; Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Export Natural Gas to Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.
ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting American Hunter Exploration Ltd. authorization to export up to 100 Bcf of natural gas to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of the first export delivery.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs Docket Room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., April 28, 1995.

Clifford P. Tomaszewski,

*Director, Office of Natural Gas, Office of Fuels
Programs, Office of Fossil Energy.*

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[FE Docket No. 95-24-NG]

CoWest Energy; Order Granting Blanket Authorization to Import and Export Natural Gas From and to Canada

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.
ACTION: Notice of order.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued an order granting CoWest Energy blanket authorization to import and export up to a combined

total of 400 Bcf of natural gas from and to Canada over a two-year term beginning on the date of first import or export delivery.

This order is available for inspection and copying in the Office of Fuels Programs docket room, 3F-056, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-9478. The docket room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EG95-49-000, et al.]

Southern Electric Wholesale Generators, Inc., et al.; Electric Rate and Corporate Regulation Filings

May 5, 1995.

Take notice that the following filings have been made with the Commission:

1. Southern Electric Wholesale Generators, Inc.

[Docket No. EG95-49-000]

On April 28, 1995, Southern Electric Wholesale Generators, Inc. ("SEWG"), 900 Ashwood Parkway, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30338, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission an application for determination of exempt wholesale generator status pursuant to Part 365 of the Commission's Regulations.

SEWG is a Delaware corporation that is engaged directly, or indirectly through one or more affiliates as defined in Section 2(a)(11)(B) of PUHCA, and exclusively in the business of owning or operating, or both owning and operating, all or part of one or more eligible facilities and selling electric energy at wholesale. The Commission previously has determined that SEWG is an EWG.

SEWG intends to acquire 100% of the voting securities of Southern Energy Marketing, Inc. ("SEMI"). Concurrent with the filing of this application, SEMI has filed its own application for EWG status. SEMI owns an interest in an eligible facility consisting of a 222 MW coal-fired cogeneration facility that is presently under construction in King George County, Virginia.

Comment date: May 26, 1995, in accordance with Standard Paragraph E