

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Notice of Availability

Dear Interested Party:

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), has prepared a *Draft Environmental Assessment of Proposed Changes for Analytical Chemistry and Materials Characterization at the Radiological Laboratory/Utility/Office Building, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico (DOE/EA-2052) (EA). The EA analyzes the administrative and physical changes necessary to convert the Radiological Laboratory/Utility/Office Building (RLUOB), located in Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Technical Area 55, from a Radiological Facility to a material-atrisk-limited Hazard Category-3 Nuclear Facility. The proposed approach would maximize use of RLUOB laboratory space for analytical chemistry and materials characterization operations. The purpose of the EA is to provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.*

A project website has been established at https://energy.gov/node/2501991. Information posted on the website includes the draft EA and project-related documents.

Questions, EA comments, and/or requests for a paper copy of the EA may be submitted via U.S. mail to:

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Comments on the draft EA will be accepted through March 26, 2018. Comments may be submitted to the NNSA Los Alamos Field Office via mail or through the email address listed above. Comments will not be accepted over the telephone. Comments received after March 26, 2018 will be considered to the extent practicable for preparation of the final EA and decision document.

Sincerely,

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