



Citizens Advisory Board  
Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

**Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 Capabilities and Materials at  
the Los Alamos National Laboratory**

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The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Proposed Relocation of Technical Area 18 (TA-18) Capabilities and Materials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

The INEEL CAB considered the possibility of relocating TA-18 capabilities and materials to Argonne National Laboratory – West as a possible "new mission" for the INEEL. Based on our understanding of the Draft EIS and the alternatives described and evaluated in the document, however, we conclude that it makes little sense to willingly separate operational functions of a process between two locations because efficiencies of operation would likely be severely reduced. If separation were desirable to enhance security, then perhaps the inherent loss of organizational efficiency would be overridden. We note that no justification for separation of functions (that is, security considerations) is presented in the Draft EIS.

Absent such a justification, the INEEL CAB is opposed to splitting of the TA-18 capabilities and materials between LANL and a remote site. Therefore, **the INEEL CAB recommends that the TA-18 capabilities and materials remain at LANL.**