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**Federal Facility Compliance Agreement  
between the  
Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency  
for  
Los Alamos National Laboratory**

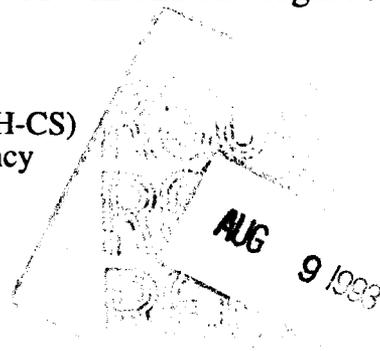
Los Alamos National Laboratory is currently out of compliance with land disposal restriction storage prohibitions of Section 3004 (j) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for most mixed (i.e. hazardous, radioactive waste) and some hazardous waste. The Laboratory lacks sufficient capacity to treat these wastes on site in accordance to regulatory standards. In addition, there is currently no off-site commercial facility capable of treating the wastes.

On July 19, 1993, Secretary of Energy, Hazel O'Leary, approved a Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6. The agreement addresses the deficiencies cited in a Notice of Non-Compliance that was issued to Los Alamos National Laboratory on September 3, 1992, and will set forth a schedule to bring the Laboratory into compliance with current standards. The agreement is based on milestones developed using a phased approach. The phases include activities such as construction of new facilities and obtaining operating permits. Full compliance is expected to be achieved after the year 2000.

Funding for complying with the terms of the Federal Facility Compliance Agreement is currently contained or will be contained in the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management's FY'93 appropriated and FY 1994 President's budget, and future years as outlined in the Five-Year Plan strategic planning process.

Public comments regarding the agreement will be accepted for 30 days before it becomes effective. The comment period will end on August 30, 1993. Comments should be mailed to:

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The Department of Energy Los Alamos Area Office announces  
An Opportunity to Review and Comment on a  
**FEDERAL FACILITIES COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT**  
reached between the Department of Energy and the  
Environmental Protection Agency for  
**LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY**

The Agreement outlines a plan to treat hazardous and mixed waste at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

A copy of the agreement is available for viewing at the following locations:

Environmental Reading Room  
1450 Central , Suite 101  
Los Alamos, New Mexico

Santa Fe Public Library  
145 Washington  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Mesa Public Library,  
1741 Central  
Los Alamos, New Mexico

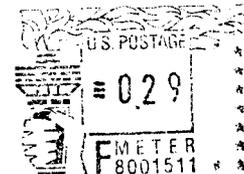
Española Public Library  
314A Oñate St.  
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