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Dr. Kirkland L. Jones
Deputy Director
Environmental Improvement Division
Harold Runnels Building
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87053

Dear Dr. Jones:

The Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to construct a hazardous waste treatment facility at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The project calls for a 12,000 square foot treatment building, a 3,500 square foot office building, and two long, narrow staging pads that are curbed for spill containment and have roofs but no walls. The two enclosed buildings will be concrete and concrete block structures.

For your information, DOE has made an initial determination that an environmental assessment (EA) is the appropriate level of National Environmental Policy Act review required for this proposed action. The State of New Mexico will be given the opportunity to review and comment on this EA prior to any DOE decision to approve it.

Sincerely,

Leo P. Duffy

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Director
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