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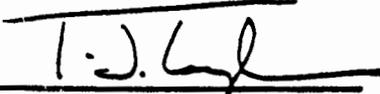
The Department of Energy/Los Alamos Area Office (DOE/LAAO) and the University of California would like to provide you with opportunities to participate in the decision-making process on issues related to the Environmental Restoration (ER) Program at Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory). As you probably know, the ER Program is designed to investigate, recommend solutions for, and ultimately clean up the old waste sites at the Laboratory. It is a program that probably will continue for the next 20 or so years.

The DOE and the Laboratory would like to know how to best establish a dialogue that will contribute to solving potential problems to everyone's satisfaction. In order to identify the most effective way to conduct this dialogue, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration (FFER) Dialogue Committee. This committee consisted of about 40 representatives of federal agencies, tribal and state government and associations, and local and national environmental community and labor organizations. The members of this committee were appointed specifically to try to make the best, most reasonable, and cost-effective decisions for the environmental cleanup process. The committee issued a report early in 1993 on the results of their discussions. This report is known as the Keystone Report and is available in the ER Program's Public Reading Room located at 1450 Central Avenue, Suite 101, in Los Alamos. Their recommendations focus on the following issues:

- improving the distribution of FFER-related information;
- improving stakeholder involvement in key decisions, with special emphasis on the use of site-specific advisory boards;
- improving consultation on funding decisions and setting priorities in funding shortfalls.

In order to find out **YOUR** opinions about this process, we have prepared the following questionnaire. We would very much appreciate it if you would return it to us with your comments. Your responses will be very helpful in establishing a future direction for public involvement plans for the DOE and the Laboratory in which all interests can be represented.

Thank you for your participation and we look forward to working with you in the future.

  
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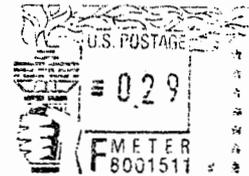


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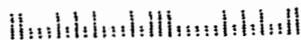
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# QUESTIONNAIRE

## 1. Quarterly Public Meeting

These meetings are held approximately every three or four months at Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Española/Taos (alternatively). The meetings have been the only existing formal mechanism for the public to discuss environmental restoration issues with Laboratory and DOE staff.

Please check your preference(s).

What public meeting format do you prefer?

- Presentations given by DOE/Laboratory technical staff
- Open house with an opportunity to talk to project leaders and technical staff on an individual basis
- Roundtable discussions
- Workshop format
- Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Notifications/Newsletters

At present, notice of public meetings and a newsletter are sent out every three or four months. What information would you like in addition to the newsletter and notices?

- Newsletter every month or bimonthly
- Radio and/or television news broadcast or public service announcements
- Fact sheets or other publications by the ER Program
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive your public meeting announcements or newsletters in a timely manner?

yes       no

Would you like your name added to our mailing list?

yes       no

If yes, please give us your name and address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Reading Room/Document Repositories

Have you visited or used the Environmental Restoration Reading Room in Los Alamos or the document repositories at the Los Alamos, Santa Fe, and Española public libraries?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If yes, do you find the available information helpful?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If no, what information would you like to have added?

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### 4. Participation in Activities Related to the ER Program

In what types of activities relating to the ER Program and other environmental issues would you like to participate (e.g., review documents, provide comments on documents or issues, participate in workshops)? Please check all areas of interest.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Regulatory compliance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Closures (of sites, facilities)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Corrective actions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site characterization plans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Site characterization results
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decontamination and decommissioning (D&D)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Permitting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prioritization for cleanups and scheduling
- \_\_\_\_\_ Budget and funding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review documents such as the operable-unit-specific work plans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Future land use
- \_\_\_\_\_ Risk assessments: "how clean is clean?"

What other issues would you like to discuss in a committee format?

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**5. I would like to be involved in the Laboratory's ER Program by (please identify all areas of interest)**

- Attending public information meetings
- Visiting the Environmental Restoration Reading Room
- Participating in tours of ER Program sites
- Reviewing technical documents
- Reviewing budget documents
- Receiving mailings (newsletters, fact sheets, announcements)
- Serving on a committee
- Other

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire. Your input is important to us so we can better serve your needs. Please staple or tape the pages of the questionnaire together using the self-mailing cover provided for you on the back of the questionnaire.

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