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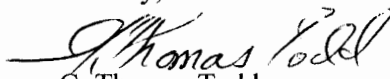
Dear Dr. Kelley:

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) proposes to implement measures to eliminate discharge of industrial and sanitary wastewater from 29 outfalls at various facilities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos County, New Mexico. These measures are necessary to comply with federal and state water quality standards and directives issued by the Environmental Protection Agency. The measures would consist of both rerouting wastewater to an existing treatment facility and installing recirculation systems at the source of the wastewater. Remaining discharges would come primarily from stormwater runoff. The objective of the proposed action is to eliminate or reduce industrial discharge to the environment. The elimination or reduction of wastewater would terminate flows to approximately 25 wetlands that may have been created as a consequence of these long-term discharges. ←

In accordance with DOE policy, I am notifying you that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared for this proposed project. Furthermore, you will be given the opportunity to review and comment on a predecisional draft EA prior to my making a final determination on this project.

If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact Elizabeth Withers, NEPA Compliance Officer, at (505) 667-8690.

Sincerely,


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