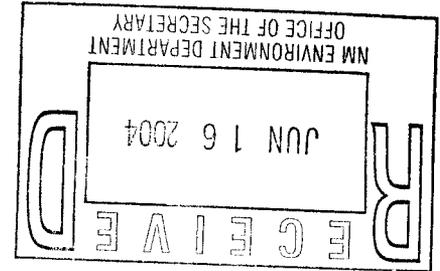


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Mr. Ron Curry
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Dear Mr. Curry:

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), is initiating the preparation of a 5-year review Supplement Analysis (SA) on the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS). In 1999, DOE issued the LANL SWEIS and its associated Record of Decision for the continued operation of LANL. DOE Implementing Regulations for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (10CFR1021.330(d)), require that DOE "evaluate site-wide NEPA documents prepared under § 1021.330 (c) at least every five years. DOE shall evaluate site-wide EISs by means of a Supplement Analysis". Accordingly, the LANL SWEIS 5-Year Review SA will review the past five years of LANL operation and also consider the next five year period of LANL operations for the purpose of facilitating NNSA's determination as to whether the existing LANL SWEIS remains adequate or whether to prepare a new site-wide EIS or supplement the existing EIS, as appropriate.

We would appreciate your comments and participation in the NEPA process. You will be given the opportunity to review and comment on a pre-decisional draft LANL SWEIS 5-year Review SA prior to the Manager of the Los Alamos Site Operations making any final NEPA compliance determination. NNSA plans to hold at least one public meeting on the draft SA; you will be informed by letter and by announcement in local news media of the availability of the draft SA for review, and of the time and place for the public meeting(s).

If you have any questions concerning the SA or the Los Alamos Site Office NEPA compliance program, please contact me at (505) 667-8690.

Sincerely,

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