



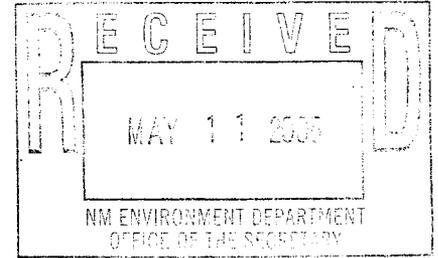
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Mr. Ron Curry  
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Dear Mr. Curry:

Earlier this year, the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) completed a two-month scoping period for the preparation of a Supplemental Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (S-SWEIS) for the continued operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). After careful consideration of comments received on the scope of the impact analysis, NNSA has determined the need to prepare a new SWEIS, rather than a supplement to the 1999 SWEIS document.

We appreciate your comments and participation in the NEPA process. The release of the draft SWEIS document for review and comment is now planned for early 2006. You will be notified regarding the availability of the draft SWEIS and regarding public hearing arrangements on the draft document.

If you have any questions concerning the SWEIS, or concerning the Los Alamos Site Office NEPA compliance program, please contact me at (505) 667-8690 or at: [lanl\\_sweis@doeal.gov](mailto:lanl_sweis@doeal.gov).

Sincerely,

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