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 Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544



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Mr. James Bearzi
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Notice of Availability of the *Draft Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico* (Draft SWEIS) on July 7, 2006. The Notice of Availability stated that the public comment period would last until September 5, 2006. NNSA has voluntarily elected to extend the comment period to September 20, 2006, to give the public more time to submit comments on the Draft SWEIS for NNSA's consideration as the Final SWEIS is prepared.

Written comments or requests for additional information may be submitted electronically by e-mail to LANL_SWEIS@doeal.gov or via facsimile at 1-505-667-5948. Comments may also be mailed to Ms. Elizabeth Withers, U.S. DOE/NNSA, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico, 87544-2201. In addition, NNSA is accepting comments via a toll free phone line at 1-877-491-4957. Copies of the Draft SWEIS and the references cited in the Draft SWEIS are available for review by members of the public in the following locations:

Northern New Mexico
 Citizens Advisory Board
 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B
 Santa Fe, NM 87505
 505-989-1662

Government Information Department
 Zimmerman Library
 University of New Mexico
 Albuquerque, NM 87131
 505-277-4412

Los Alamos National Laboratory
 Research Library
 Technical Area 3, Building 207
 J. Robert Oppenheimer Study Center
 W. Jemez Road & Casa Grande Drive
 Los Alamos, NM 87545
 505-667-0216

All organizations and individuals who were sent a copy of the Draft SWEIS or Draft SWEIS Summary have been notified of the comment period extension. All comments received on or before September 20, 2006, will be considered during preparation of the Final SWEIS. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be considered to the extent practicable.



If you have any questions regarding this extension or the Draft SWEIS in general, please call me at (505) 845-4984.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth R. Withers", followed by a long horizontal flourish line extending to the right.

Elizabeth R. Withers
Document Manager