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Dear Dr. Kelley:

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is considering a proposal to transfer land located along DP Road to the County of Los Alamos. In November 1996, DOE sent you a copy of a predecisional draft Environmental Assessment (DOE/EA-1184) that analyzes the potential environmental consequences of this proposed action and its alternatives. We are now notifying you that the review period for that draft EA has been extended until January 3, 1997.

DOE NEPA regulations (10 CFR Part 1021) require DOE to provide a state and any American Indian tribe that would host a proposed DOE action the opportunity to review and comment on an EA for that particular action before DOE's approval of the EA. DOE may also provide the same opportunity to any other state or American Indian tribe if, in DOE's judgment, the state or Indian tribe may be affected by the proposed action. This process is intended to foster early and open communication between DOE and affected states, and DOE and appropriate Indian tribes.

If you have any comments on this document, please send them to Dean Triebel, Document Manager, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, MS-A316, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544. Comments sent within this period will be considered prior to approval of the EA. Comments sent after this period may not allow sufficient time to be considered prior to approval of the EA. Also, please inform Mr. Triebel if you have no comments, or if you or your office staff wish to receive further information about this project or DOE's NEPA process. Mr. Triebel can be reached by telephone at (505) 665-6353, or by facsimile at (505) 665-4872.

Sincerely,

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