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Mr. James Bearzi, Chief
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Dear Mr. Bearzi:

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has determined the need to prepare a supplement to its November 2003, *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Replacement Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico* (DOE/EIS-0350; the CMRR EIS). This Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) will consider the potential environmental impacts associated with changes proposed for the construction of the Nuclear Facility portion of the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement (CMRR) Project.

We appreciate your comments and participation in the NEPA process. A Notice of Intent announcing the preparation of the SEIS and the initiation of a public scoping process has printed in today's *Federal Register*. State and federal government agencies and tribal and pueblo governments are invited to participate in the preparation of the SEIS as a cooperating agency (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6); any entity wishing to be a cooperating agency should contact me by phone at (505) 665-0113. The scoping period will extend from October 1 through October 31, 2010. Two "Open House Style" public scoping meetings will be held on October 19, 2010, at the White Rock Town Hall, 139 Longview Drive, White Rock, New Mexico, and on October 20, 2010, at the Cities of Gold Casino Hotel, Pojoaque, New Mexico. Both meetings will begin at 4:00 PM and end at 7:00 PM, and both oral and written comments will be accepted at the meetings. Written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the SEIS may also be mailed to me at: Mr. John Tegtmeier, Document Manager, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 3747 West Jemez Road, TA-3 Building 1410, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544; or sent by facsimile to (505) 667-5948; or sent electronically to: NEPALASO@doeal.gov. Oral comments may also be recorded by leaving a message on the SEIS Hotline at (toll free) 1-877-427-9439.

The release of a draft SEIS document for review and comment is planned for early 2011. Information regarding the availability of the draft SEIS and regarding arrangements for public hearings on the draft document will be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions concerning the SEIS, or concerning the Los Alamos Site Office NEPA compliance program, please contact me at (505) 665-0113, or Mr. George Rael at (505) 606-0397 or send an electronic message to: NEPALASO@doeal.gov.

Sincerely,


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