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Ms. Kathleen Sisneros
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Dear Ms. Sisneros:

The Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing the following project at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The Landfill Modification, Area J consists of the siting and construction of a non-radioactive asbestos waste landfill and requires the excavation of an area approximately 1100m². Approximately 250m³/yr of asbestos waste is expected to be removed from laboratory facilities at Los Alamos. Non-radioactive friable asbestos will be segregated from other wastes and buried in Area J.

For your information, DOE has made an initial determination that an environmental assessment (EA) is the appropriate level of National Environmental Policy Act review required for this proposed action. The State of New Mexico will be given the opportunity to review and comment on this EA, prior to any DOE decision to approve it.

Sincerely,

Leo P. Duffy

Assistant Secretary for Environmental
Restoration and Waste Management

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