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***Abstract*:** NNSA proposes to continue operating the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) located in Los Alamos County, in north-central New Mexico. NNSA has identified and assessed three alternatives for continued operation of LANL: (1) No Action, (2) Reduced Operations, and (3) Expanded Operations. Expanded Operations is NNSA's Preferred Alternative. In the No Action Alternative, NNSA would continue the historical mission support activities LANL has conducted at currently approved operational levels. Under the Reduced Operations Alternative, NNSA would eliminate selected activities and limit the operations of other selected activities. In the Expanded Operations Alternative, NNSA would operate LANL at the highest levels of activity currently foreseeable, including full implementation of the mission assignments. Under all of the alternatives, the affected environment is primarily within 50 miles (80 kilometers) of LANL. Analyses indicate little difference in the environmental impacts among alternatives for many resource areas. The primary discriminators are: public risk due to radiation exposure, collective worker risk due to radiation exposure, socioeconomic effects due to LANL employment changes, electrical power and water demand, waste management and transportation.

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ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND CONVERSION CHARTS

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ALARA	as low as reasonably achievable
AOC	area of concern
BEIR	Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation
CAP-88	Clean Air Act Assessment Package, 1988
CASA	Critical Assembly Storage Area
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	*Code of Federal Regulations*
CME	corrective measure evaluation
CMR	Chemistry and Metallurgy Research (Building)
CMRR	Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building Replacement Project
CSU	container storage unit
DARHT	Dual Axis Radiographic Hydrodynamic Test (Facility)
dB	decibel
dBA	decibel A-weighted
D&D	decontamination and decommissioning
DD&D	decontamination, decommissioning, and demolition
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
DVRS	Decontamination and Volume Reduction System
EIS	environmental impact statement
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ERPG	Emergency Response Planning Guidelines
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FR	*Federal Register*
FY	fiscal year
GIS	geographical information system
HDPE	high-density polyethylene
HEPA	high-efficiency particulate air (filter)
HSWA	Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments
HTO	tritiated water
ISCORS	Interagency Steering Committee on Radiation Standards
ISCST3	Industrial Source Complex Air Quality Dispersion Model
LANL	Los Alamos National Laboratory
LANL SWEIS	*Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico*
LANSCE	Los Alamos Neutron Science Center
LASL	Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (now LANL)
LCF	latent cancer fatality
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LLW	low-level radioactive waste
LOC	level-of-concern
MAR	material at risk
MDA	material disposal area
MEI	maximally exposed individual
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NESHAP	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
NNSA	National Nuclear Security Administration
NOEL	No Observed Effect Level
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRC	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NTS	Nevada Test Site
PC	performance category
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl
PEL	permissible exposure limit
PHERMEX	Pulsed High Energy Radiographic Machine Emitting X Rays
PM_n	particulate matter less than or equal to *n* microns in aerodynamic diameter
PRS	potential release site
PSVE	passive soil vapor extraction
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
rad	radiation absorbed dose
RANT	Radioactive Assay and Nondestructive Test
rem	roentgen equivalent man
RFI	RCRA facility investigation
RLWTF	Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility
ROD	Record of Decision
SA	supplement analysis
SAL	Screening Action Level
SHEBA	Solution High-Energy Burst Assembly
SLEV/Q	screening level emission value by the estimated emission rate
SNM	special nuclear material
SST	safe secure transport
SVE	soil vapor extraction
SWEIS	Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement
SWMU	solid waste management unit
TA	technical area
TEDE	total effective dose equivalent
TEELs	Temporary Emergency Exposure Limits
teraops	a trillion floating point operations per second

TRAGIS	Transportation Routing Analysis Geographic Information System
TSFF	Tritium Science and Fabrication Facility
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
TSTA	Tritium Systems Test Assembly
TWCF	Transuranic Waste Consolidation Facility
UCL	upper confidence limit
USGS	U.S. Geologic Survey
VOC	volatile organic compound
WCRR	Waste Characterization, Reduction, and Repackaging Facility
WETF	Weapons Engineering Tritium Facility
WIPP	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

CONVERSIONS

METRIC TO ENGLISH			ENGLISH TO METRIC		
Multiply	**by**	**To get**	**Multiply**	**by**	**To get**
Area					
Square meters	10.764	Square feet	Square feet	0.092903	Square meters
Square kilometers	247.1	Acres	Acres	0.0040469	Square kilometers
Square kilometers	0.3861	Square miles	Square miles	2.59	Square kilometers
Hectares	2.471	Acres	Acres	0.40469	Hectares
Concentration					
Kilograms/square meter	0.16667	Tons/acre	Tons/acre	0.5999	Kilograms/square meter
Milligrams/liter	1 [a]	Parts/million	Parts/million	1 [a]	Milligrams/liter
Micrograms/liter	1 [a]	Parts/billion	Parts/billion	1 [a]	Micrograms/liter
Micrograms/cubic meter	1 [a]	Parts/trillion	Parts/trillion	1 [a]	Micrograms/cubic meter
Density					
Grams/cubic centimeter	62.428	Pounds/cubic feet	Pounds/cubic feet	0.016018	Grams/cubic centimeter
Grams/cubic meter	0.0000624	Pounds/cubic feet	Pounds/cubic feet	16,025.6	Grams/cubic meter
Length					
Centimeters	0.3937	Inches	Inches	2.54	Centimeters
Meters	3.2808	Feet	Feet	0.3048	Meters
Kilometers	0.62137	Miles	Miles	1.6093	Kilometers
Temperature					
Absolute					
Degrees C + 17.78	1.8	Degrees F	Degrees F - 32	0.55556	Degrees C
Relative					
Degrees C	1.8	Degrees F	Degrees F	0.55556	Degrees C
Velocity/Rate					
Cubic meters/second	2118.9	Cubic feet/minute	Cubic feet/minute	0.00047195	Cubic meters/second
Grams/second	7.9366	Pounds/hour	Pounds/hour	0.126	Grams/second
Meters/second	2.237	Miles/hour	Miles/hour	0.44704	Meters/second
Volume					
Liters	0.26418	Gallons	Gallons	3.78533	Liters
Liters	0.035316	Cubic feet	Cubic feet	28.316	Liters
Liters	0.001308	Cubic yards	Cubic yards	764.54	Liters
Cubic meters	264.17	Gallons	Gallons	0.0037854	Cubic meters
Cubic meters	35.314	Cubic feet	Cubic feet	0.028317	Cubic meters
Cubic meters	1.3079	Cubic yards	Cubic yards	0.76456	Cubic meters
Cubic meters	0.0008107	Acre-feet	Acre-feet	1233.49	Cubic meters
Weight/Mass					
Grams	0.035274	Ounces	Ounces	28.35	Grams
Kilograms	2.2046	Pounds	Pounds	0.45359	Kilograms
Kilograms	0.0011023	Tons (short)	Tons (short)	907.18	Kilograms
Metric tons	1.1023	Tons (short)	Tons (short)	0.90718	Metric tons
ENGLISH TO ENGLISH					
Acre-feet	325,850.7	Gallons	Gallons	0.000003046	Acre-feet
Acres	43,560	Square feet	Square feet	0.000022957	Acres
Square miles	640	Acres	Acres	0.0015625	Square miles

a. This conversion is only valid for concentrations of contaminants (or other materials) in water.

METRIC PREFIXES

Prefix	Symbol	Multiplication factor
exa-	E	1,000,000,000,000,000,000 = 10^{18}
peta-	P	1,000,000,000,000,000 = 10^{15}
tera-	T	1,000,000,000,000 = 10^{12}
giga-	G	1,000,000,000 = 10^{9}
mega-	M	1,000,000 = 10^{6}
kilo-	k	1,000 = 10^{3}
deca-	D	10 = 10^{1}
deci-	d	0.1 = 10^{-1}
centi-	c	0.01 = 10^{-2}
milli-	m	0.001 = 10^{-3}
micro-	µ	0.000 001 = 10^{-6}
nano-	n	0.000 000 001 = 10^{-9}
pico-	p	0.000 000 000 001 = 10^{-12}