

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a concise and current status of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documents that are in preparation under the direction of the Los Alamos Site Office (LASO) NEPA Compliance Officer (NCO) for actions that would occur at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Additionally, we will also provide the status of other Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) NEPA compliance documents for actions that could either directly or indirectly affect LANL that are currently in preparation. A list of LANL proposals that have been categorically excluded (CX'd) for the calendar year will be maintained with the most recently approved CX'd proposals listed first together with their date of approval by the LASO NCO.

As security classification issues permit, draft and final NEPA compliance documents will be posted separately on the LASO NEPA web page at: www.doeal.gov/laso/nepa/index.htm. As the NEPA compliance process is completed, the NEPA compliance documents will no longer be tracked in this report and draft documents will be removed from the web page. The final version of the NEPA compliance documents will be retained on the web page for a reasonable period of time (usually for several months or years). All associated Records of Decisions (RODs) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSIs) will be posted together with the Final NEPA compliance documents. Please note that DOE and NNSA do not issue RODs in addition to FONSIs for actions associated with environmental assessment level of analyses, as do some other federal agencies.

A paper copy of the 1999 LANL Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) and the SWEIS Yearbooks may be reviewed in the DOE Public Reading Room located within the LANL Community Relations Office at 1619 Central Avenue in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Other paper copies of NEPA documents are periodically provided to the DOE Public Reading Room at the LANL Community Relations Office as well, but these documents may only be available for review over a short time through that facility.

Paper copies of NEPA compliance documents may be obtained by calling the LASO NCO at (505) 667-8690 or by writing to the NCO via electronic mail addressed to: ewithers@doeal.gov. Questions about the documents or proposals identified in this on-going report may also be directed to the LASO NCO.

II. LANL NEPA COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS IN PREPARATION

- 1. Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Stockpile Stewardship and Management for a Modern Pit Facility:** A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplemental Programmatic EIS (SPEIS) was published in the Federal Register on September 23, 2002 (67 FR 59577). The draft SPEIS was released on June 2, 2003. NNSA Administrator Linton Brooks has since delayed the final EIS for the MPF in order to address congressional concerns that it is premature to pursue further decisions on a MPF at this time. The decision to delay the final EIS also delays identification of a preferred site for constructing the MPF. A new schedule for completing the NEPA compliance process for this programmatic issue will likely be developed sometime later this year.
- 2. EA for the Proposed Remediation of the Material Disposal Area (MDA) H at TA 54 at LANL:** A determination was made on December 16, 2002 to prepare an EA for the proposed action in compliance with NEPA. The proposal is for the remediation of Material Disposal Area (MDA) H at Technical Area (TA) 54. The predecisional draft EA was released for public and stakeholder review and comment on March 22, 2004. The review and comment period ended on April 22, 2004. The LASO manager issued a final EA and FONSI on June 14, 2004.
- 3. EA for the Operation of a Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory at LANL:** NNSA will prepare a new EA for potential environmental impacts regarding operation of a newly constructed biosafety level-3 (BSL-3) facility at the LANL. The EA will tier from the original EA for the BSL-3 Facility. The NNSA issued an initial EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the construction and operation of the BSL-3 Facility on February 26, 2002. The NNSA has withdrawn the February 2002 FONSI for operating the BSL-3 laboratories within the new BSL-3 Facility. New circumstances and information relevant to environmental concerns bearing on the operation of the BSL-3 Facility have arisen since the building was constructed. The NNSA originally anticipated that the draft EA-1491 would be published in late 2004, but the recent security investigation and stand down of LANL operations will delay publication until at least January of 2005.
- 4. Supplement Analysis for the 5-year Review of the 1999 LANL Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement:** NNSA will prepare a Supplement Analysis (SA) to determine whether the existing 1999 LANL Site-wide EIS remains adequate, or whether to prepare a new Site-wide EIS or supplement the existing Site-wide EIS, as appropriate. The SA will consider the past 5 years of LANL operations, as well as the next five years of LANL operations. Preparation of the SA commenced in mid-June and a draft SA was originally expected to be ready for stakeholder and public review and comment by September 2004. The recent security investigation and stand down of LANL operations will delay publication until at least December 2004.

III. NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The following table lists the NEPA categorical exclusion determinations made by the LASO NCO for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2004:

Reference Number	Title	CX Reference	Date Approved
LAN 04-002	Live Firing Range Tracer Use Acoustical Studies	B1.2	1/22/04
LAN 04-003	Recovery & Storage of Sr-90 RTGs at TA-54, Area G	DOE/EIS-0238	1/22/04
LAN 97-099a	Acoustical Studies (amended)	B 3.6	2/10/04
LAN 04-007	TA-16-340 and -342 Joint Characterization and Analytical Testing	B 3.11	3/31/04
LAN 95-133a	AC Loss Measurements on HTS Cable	B 3.6	4/29/04
LAN 98-052a	D&D of Vacant Structures (amended) Buildings 3-246, -247, -379; and 59-02	B 1.23	4/29/04
LAN 98-052a	D&D of Vacant Structures (amended) Buildings 21-01, -228, and -402	B 1.23	4/29/04
LAN-04-001	TA-16-2 02 GTS Laboratory Operations	B 3.6	5/18/04
LAN-02-015	100 PSI Natural Gas Pipeline	B 5.5	6/16/04
LAN-98-052	Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) of Vacant Structures at TA-69-3	B 1.23	6/16/04
LAN-98-052	D&D of Vacant Structures at TA-21	B 1.23	6/21/04
LAN-98-052	D&D of Vacant Structures at Bldg 16-540, Steam Plant	B 1.23	6/25/04
LAN-97-089	Electronic Testing at TA-33	B 3.6	6/25/04
LAN-96-091	Biosciences and Biotechnology Bench-Scale R&D (extend to FY-08)	B 3.6	7/19/04
LAN-04-008	Water Monitoring Project (BSL-1)	B 3.12	8/11/04