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**DOE Releases Draft Environmental Assessment for
Removal Actions at the Technical Area III
Classified Waste Landfill at
Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico**

The Department of Energy (DOE) has released the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Removal Actions at the Technical Area III Classified Waste Landfill (CWL) at Sandia National Laboratories/New Mexico.

The proposed action is to excavate the CWL, sort and segregate excavated materials, dispose and recycle sanitized materials, and perform site restoration activities.

The EA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations implementing NEPA, and DOE's NEPA regulations. DOE NEPA regulations require that DOE provide states and any American Indian tribe or pueblo that would host or be affected by a proposed DOE action the opportunity to review and comment on the draft EA before DOE's approval of the EA. This process is intended to foster early and open communication between DOE and host states and affected tribes and pueblos.

Should you have any comments on this EA, please send them by August 2, 2010, to Susan Lacy, NEPA Document Manager, Sandia Site Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185. Comments received within this period will be considered prior to finalizing the EA. Comments sent in after this period may not be received in time to allow consideration prior to finalizing the EA.

The Draft EA is available on the web at www.doeal.gov/sso/ and at the DOE Reading Room located at the Government Information Department of the University of New Mexico's Zimmerman Library, UNM Main Campus. Copies can also be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Energy, NNSA Sandia Site Office, Attn: Susan Lacy, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185.