

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. Under Pub. L. 105-78, the National Assessment Governing Board is also granted exclusive authority over developing the Voluntary National Tests pursuant to contract number RJ97153001.

On March 4, the Achievement Levels Committee will meet in partially closed session. From 1:30-2:30 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit the Committee to review the results of the civics and writing standards setting activities for the National Assessment examinations. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In open session, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., the Committee will review other civics and writing information from the national assessment, and discuss the draft report to Congress regarding the quality of the achievement levels setting process.

Subject Area Committee #1 will hold in a partially closed meeting. From 2:00-3:00 p.m. the meeting will be closed to permit the Committee to review reading passages that have been developed for inclusion in the Voluntary National Test in 4th grade reading. This portion of the meeting must be closed because references will be made to specific items from the assessment and premature disclosure of the information presented for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. In open session, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Subject Area Committee #1 will discuss the IEA civic Education Study, the new NAEP Foreign Language assessment development, and activities related to the Voluntary National Test in 4th grade reading.

Also on March 4, the Executive Committee will meet in partially closed session. The open portion of the meeting will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at which time the Committee will receive updates on Voluntary National Tests,

NAEP reauthorization, and NAEP design for 2000-2010. From 5:30-6:00 p.m., the Committee will meet in closed session to discuss the development of cost estimates for the NAEP contract. This portion of the meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On March 5, the full Board will convene in open session from 8:30-10:00 a.m. In addition to a report from the Executive Director of the National Assessment Governing Board, and an update on NAEP activities, the agenda for this session of the meeting includes a report and discussion on Voluntary National Tests: purposes, definitions, and reporting plans.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. there will be open meetings of the standing committees.

Subject Area Committee #1 will meet from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to discuss NAEP math development activities, national trends in math standards and assessments, the Achieve math project, and activities related to the Voluntary National Test in 8th grade mathematics.

The Design and Methodology Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to take action on a change in the proposed sampling for NAEP 2000. The agenda also includes the following action items for the Voluntary National Tests (VNT): (1) Accommodations for limited English proficient students, and (2) the revisions in the research plan for year 2 of the (VNT).

Also, the Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The Committee will be reviewing the following documents: (1) NAGB policy on reporting and dissemination of National Assessment results, (2) NAEP 1998 Reading Report release, and (3) schedule for release for future NAEP reports. Other agenda items to be considered by the Reporting and Dissemination Committee are related to the reporting of specific data: private school results; categories for race; and students with disabilities and limited English proficiency.

The Full Board will reconvene in open session from 12:00-4:15 p.m. The Board will hear a briefing on the NAEP 1998 Reading Report, and NAEP Internet Item Release. The Board will discuss the National Assessment Design:

2000-2010, and the NAEP report to Congress on achievement levels. Also, the Board will hear a briefing on the recommendations for NAEP 2000, and receive a follow-up report on the NAGB tenth anniversary conference.

On March 6, from 8:00-9:00 a.m., there will be an open meeting of the Nominations Committee. The Committee will consider the nominations process and schedule for 1999.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., until adjournment, approximately 11:30 a.m., the full Board will reconvene to discuss NAGB: its cultures, and traditions and to receive reports from its various standing committees.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

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**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for Continued Operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)(DOE/EIS-0238). The LANL SWEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of continuing to operate LANL and incorporates public comments received on the Draft SWEIS. DOE's Preferred Alternative for LANL, as identified in the Final SWEIS, is the Expanded Operations Alternative, with plutonium pit production at a level of 20 pits a year in the near term (versus 50-80 pits per year as identified in the Expanded Alternative in the Draft SWEIS). The Final SWEIS also evaluates a No Action Alternative, a Reduced Operations Alternative, and a "Greener" Alternative.

**ADDRESSES:** Written requests for copies of the Final SWEIS or requests for information should be directed to: Mr. Corey Cruz, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185-5400 or by calling (505) 845-4282.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DOE has prepared this SWEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). For information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20585, 202-586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** LANL, located in north-central New Mexico, is one of DOE's National Laboratories undertaking a variety of research, development, and applications work in support of DOE missions. The SWEIS analyzes four alternatives for the continued operation of LANL. The No Action Alternative would continue operation of LANL in accordance with existing plans. This alternative provides a baseline against which the impacts of the other alternatives can be compared. The Reduced Operations Alternative would reduce facility operations currently ongoing or planned to the minimum levels necessary to maintain the near term capability to perform work assigned to LANL. The Expanded Operations Alternative would expand operations at LANL, as the need arises, to the highest reasonably foreseeable levels appropriate to implement mission elements assigned to LANL. The "Greener" Alternative would utilize the capabilities and competencies at LANL with an emphasis on basic science, waste minimization and treatment, dismantlement, non-proliferation, and other areas of national and international importance. Weapons applications of LANL capabilities would be at the Reduced Operations levels. DOE developed this alternative after soliciting input from members of the public in the communities surrounding LANL.

All four alternatives describe the impacts of manufacturing plutonium triggers (known as "pits") for the United States nuclear weapon stockpile. The alternatives analyzed a range of production rates, including a maximum of 50 pits per year, single shift, 80 pits per year multiple shifts, in the Expanded Operations Alternative. The Expanded Operations Alternative also analyzed the expansion of the low-level

nuclear waste disposal site located in Technical Area-54 at LANL.

In the Draft SWEIS, the DOE's Preferred Alternative was the Expanded Operations Alternative. In the Final SWEIS, the Expanded Operations Alternative remains the Preferred Alternative except that pit manufacturing would be implemented at a level of 20 pits per year in the near term (before 2007). DOE has determined that additional study of methods for implementing the 50 to 80 pits per year production capacity is warranted.

The Final SWEIS incorporates comments received during the public comment period from May 15, 1998 through July 15, 1998. The SWEIS is available for public inspection at the following locations:

University of New Mexico, Government Document Collection, Zimmerman Library, Main Campus, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1466, (505) 277-5441

U.S. Department of Energy, Freedom of Information Reading Room, Room 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585, 202-586-6020

Los Alamos National Laboratory, Community Relations Office, 1619 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544, (505) 665-4400, toll free 1-800-508-4400

**Subsequent Document Preparation:** DOE intends to issue a Record of Decision no earlier than 30 days following publication in the **Federal Register** of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of the Final SWEIS. DOE will publish the Record of Decision in the **Federal Register**.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 11, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Rocky Flats

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Rocky Flats. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that

public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Thursday, March 4, 1999, 6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** College Hill Library (Front Range Community College), 3705 West 112th Avenue, Westminster, CO.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Korkia, Board/Staff Coordinator, EM SSAB-Rocky Flats, 9035 North Wadsworth Parkway, Suite 2250, Westminster, CO 80021, phone: (303) 420-7855, fax: (303) 420-7579.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

##### Tentative Agenda

1. The Board will conduct its final discussion and finalize recommendation(s) on building rubble.
2. The Board will review and discuss issues regarding low-level waste disposition.
3. The Board will review responses to comments, questions, and concerns about the East Trenches and Solar Ponds Plume Proposed Action Memorandum Documents.
4. Other Board business will be conducted as necessary.

##### Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ken Korkia at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the beginning of the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to programmatic issues that needed to be resolved prior to publication.

##### Minutes

The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue,