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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### **National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations; Notice of Floodplain Involvement for the Construction and Operation of a 12-inch Natural Gas Pipeline in Los Alamos Canyon at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM**

**AGENCY:** National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of floodplain involvement.

**SUMMARY:** The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Office of Los Alamos Site Operations at the Department of Energy (DOE), plans to grant an easement to the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) to construct, operate, and maintain a 15,000 foot, 12-inch diameter natural gas transmission line on DOE-owned land at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The new gas line would begin at an existing valve station at the bottom of Los Alamos Canyon, cross under the streambed to avoid encroaching on wetlands, and continue upstream for about two miles. The gas line would then cross back under the stream to connect with an existing gas line. The proposed easement would be 50 feet wide and would parallel an existing electric power line. Portions of the gas line will be constructed in the 100-year floodplain of Los Alamos Canyon, as identified in the location map.

In accordance with 10 CFR part 1022, NNSA has prepared a floodplain/

wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain.

**DATES:** Comments are due to the address below no later than July 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or submit them to the Mail Room at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may also be sent electronically to: [ewithers@doeal.gov](mailto:ewithers@doeal.gov) or by facsimile to (505) 667-9998.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Milton West, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Building 388, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185-5400. Telephone (505) 845-4452, facsimile (505) 284-7191.

For further information on General DOE Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585-0119. Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756, facsimile (202) 586-7031.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In August 2001, NNSA considered a proposal for constructing a new 12-inch natural gas pipeline to provide additional natural gas capacity to Los Alamos County and LANL. A 50-foot right-of-way would be cleared along the length of the easement to facilitate construction and operation of the gas line. The proposed project

would be located at the bottom of Los Alamos Canyon parallel to an intermittent stream and along an existing electric power line. Stream crossings would be accomplished by tunneling under the streambed to avoid wetland areas. Portions of the gas line construction would occur in the 100-year floodplain. The floodplain/wetlands assessment will discuss engineering best management practices that will be implemented to control erosion and sedimentation from the construction activities. Construction of the gas pipeline would begin in the spring of 2003 and be completed in approximately six months.

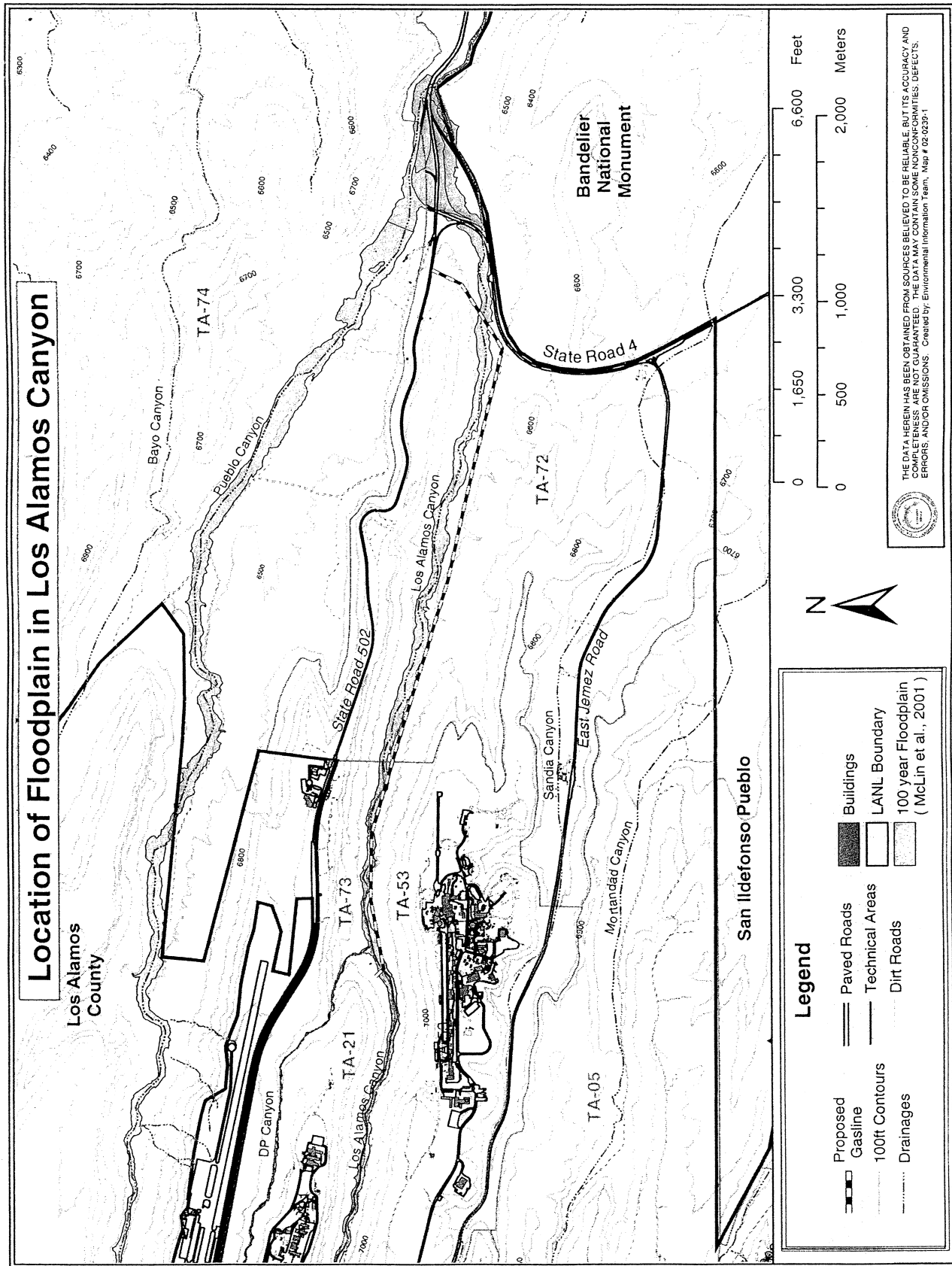
In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), NNSA has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment for this action, which is available by contacting Elizabeth Withers at the previously identified addresses, phone and facsimile numbers. The floodplain/wetland assessment is available for review at the DOE Reading Room at the Los Alamos Outreach Center, 1619 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 87544; and the DOE Reading Room at the Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. The NNSA will publish a floodplain statement of findings for this project in the **Federal Register** no sooner than July 12, 2002.

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**E. Dennis Martinez,**

*Acting Director, U. S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Los Alamos Site Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

**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), Oak Ridge. 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:** Wednesday, July 10, 2002, 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Halsey, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-922, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 576-4025; Fax (865) 576-5333 or E-mail: [halseypj@oro.doe.gov](mailto:halseypj@oro.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to the Department of Energy and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### *Tentative Agenda:*

1. A presentation on the Oak Ridge Reservation Land Use Planning Process will be provided by Ms. Pat Parr, Project Manager, Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

2. Comments from the Deputy Designated Federal Official and Ex-officio

3. Motions and recommendations for consideration for Board approval.

4. Public comment period

**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 Pat Halsey at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy 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 five minutes to present their comments at the end of the meeting.

**Minutes:** Minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Department of Energy's Information Resource Center at 105 Broadway, Oak Ridge, TN between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by writing to Pat Halsey, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-922, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, or by calling her at (865) 576-4025.

Issued at Washington, DC on June 20, 2002.

**Belinda G. Hood,**

*Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket Nos. CP97-319-004 and CP97-315-006]**

### ANR Pipeline Company, Independence Pipeline Company; Errata Notice

June 19, 2002.

On June 19, 2002, the Commission issued a notice of its June 26, 2002 meeting. Item No. C-8 lists "Docket No. CP97-319-004, ANR Pipeline Company". Item No. C-8 should also include Docket No. CP97-315-006, Independence Pipeline Company.

**Magalie R. Salas,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**[Docket No. CP02-386-000]**

### MDU Resources Group, Inc.; Notice of Application

June 21, 2002.

Take notice that on June 12, 2002, MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU), 918 East Divide Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506, filed in Docket No. CP02-386-000, an application pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for a determination of a service area, a declaration that MDU qualifies as a local distribution company (LDC) and a waiver of the regulatory requirements under the NGA and the Natural Gas

Policy Act (NGPA), all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "RIMS" link, select "Docket #" from the RIMS Menu and follow the instructions (call (202) 208-2222 for assistance).

MDU requests a service area determination for the area it serves in Otter Tail and Wilkin Counties, Minnesota, and Richland County, North Dakota in order to be able to enlarge or extend its facilities for the purpose of supplying increased market demands without the need to apply to the Commission for further authorization. MDU also requests a declaration that it qualifies as an LDC in the service area to be determined for the purposes of section 311 of the NGPA. In addition, MDU requests a waiver of the regulatory requirements ordinarily applicable to natural gas companies under the NGA and the NGPA. It is asserted that MDU's operations are almost entirely in intrastate commerce, with the exception of a small portion extending across the Minnesota-North Dakota border in order to serve the Richland County market. It is stated that MDU's services and rates are regulated by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Any questions regarding this amendment should be directed to Douglas W. Schultz, Senior Attorney, MDU Resources Group, Inc., at (701) 222-7613.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before July 12, 2002, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 14 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.