

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Mission critical CMR capabilities at LANL support NNSA's stockpile stewardship and management strategic objectives. The CMR Building's analytical chemistry, materials characterization, and actinide research and development capabilities are necessary to support the current and future directed stockpile work and campaign activities conducted at LANL. The CMR Building is over 50 years old and approaching end of design life. Studies conducted in the late 1990s identified a seismic fault trace located beneath the CMR Building, which greatly enhances the level of structural upgrades needed for the building to meet current structural seismic code requirements for a Hazard Category 2 nuclear facility. The CMR Building has been upgraded such that operations can continue, on a restricted basis, in support of national security missions. The CMR Upgrades project was designed to extend the life of the CMR Building through approximately 2010. It would be cost prohibitive to perform the needed repairs, upgrades, and systems retrofitting for a long-term (beyond 2010), unrestricted use of the CMR Building.

NNSA cannot continue to perform the assigned LANL mission critical CMR capabilities in the existing CMR Building at an acceptable level of risk to public and worker health and safety without operational restrictions. These operational restrictions would preclude the full implementation of the level of operation DOE decided upon through its Record of Decision for the 1999 LANL Site-wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory (DOE/EIS-0238). CMR capabilities are necessary to support the current and directed stockpile work and campaign activities at LANL. By 2010, operations will have been conducted in the existing CMR Building for 60 years; this is the estimated operational life span for nuclear operations at the existing CMR Building. Given that the CMR Building is near the end of its useful life, action is now required by NNSA to assess alternatives for continuing these activities for the succeeding 50 years.

The Final CMRR EIS evaluates the environmental impacts associated with relocating the CMR capabilities at LANL to new buildings sited at the following alternative locations: (1) Next to the Plutonium Facility at TA-55 at LANL (the Proposed Action), and (2) a "greenfield" site within TA-6. The NNSA also evaluated performing minimal necessary structural and systems upgrades and repairs to portions of the existing CMR Building

and continuing the use of these upgraded portions of the structure for administrative offices and support function purposes, as well as evaluating the potential decontamination and demolition of the existing CMR Building as disposition options coupled with the alternatives for construction and operation of new nuclear laboratory facilities at the two previously identified locations. The Final CMRR EIS considers the performance of minimal necessary structural and systems upgrades and repairs to the existing CMR Building as a no-action alternative with continued maintenance of limited mission critical CMR capabilities at the CMR Building.

In the Final CMRR EIS, the Administrator of the NNSA designated Alternative 1, the Proposed Action of constructing and operating a new CMRR Facility at TA-55, as its preferred alternative. Additionally, the designated preferred construction option is the construction of a single consolidated SNM-capable Hazard Category laboratory above ground with a separate administrative offices support functions building (Option 3); NNSA's preferred option for the disposition of the CMR Building is to decontaminate, decommission, and demolish that entire structure (Option 3).

Signed in Washington, DC, this 21 day of October, 2003.

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### Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 4, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

#### Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-G65090-NM Rating LO, Magdalena Ridge Observatory

Project, Construct and Operate an Observatory in the Magdalena Mountains, Cibola National Forest, Magdalena Ranger District, Socorro County, NM.

*Summary:* EPA had no objection to the preferred alternative.

ERP No. D-DOE-L09817-WA Rating EC2, BP Cherry Point Cogeneration Project, To Build a 720-megawatt Gas-Fired Combined Cycle Cogeneration Facility, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), Whatcom County, WA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns that proposed mitigation would not adequately offset project-related impacts to wetlands. EPA recommended that the additional wetland mitigation be developed along with a demonstration that the applicant-proposed project represents the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative. EPA also recommended that the Bonneville Power Administration and the Corps of Engineers consult with the governments of affected tribes, pursuant to Executive Order 13175.

ERP No. D-NOA-L91019-00 Rating EC2, Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 16-2, Rebuilding Plans for: Darkblotched Rockfish, Pacific Ocean Perch, Canary Rockfish, and Lingcod, Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, WA, OR, CA and Boundary of U.S. EEZ.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns on bycatch information, impacts on habitat, and enforcement of depth-based management restrictions.

ERP No. D-USA-G11042-LA Rating EC2, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment Transformation and Installation Mission Support, Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Long-Term Military Training Use of Kisatchie National Forest Lands, Fort Polk, LA.

*Summary:* EPA expressed environmental concerns and requested additional information on mitigation measure to reduce sediment loadings, mapping wetlands, and forest restoration.

ERP No. D-USA-L10005-AK Rating EC2, Programmatic EIS—Army Transformation of the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate) to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Propose Location Forts Wainwright and Richardson, AK.

*Summary:* EPA expressed concerns regarding impacts on natural resources from increased in live-fire training and maneuver training. EPA requested that the FEIS clarify impacts and include compensation information for natural resources.

ERP No. DS-FAA-K51039-CA Rating EC2, Los Angeles International Airport Proposed Master Plan Improvements, New Alternative, Enhanced Safety and Security Plan, Los Angeles County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA raised environmental concerns regarding emissions of criteria and hazardous air pollutants, especially emissions from auxiliary power units; the adequacy of measures to reduce air pollutant loading for this project, especially operational emissions; whether the project causes disproportionately high adverse effects on low-income or minority populations due to air pollution and mitigation for noise impacts by jet aircrafts.

#### Final EISs

ERP No. F-AFS-G65088-NM

Bluewater Ecosystem Management Project, Proposal to Initiate Vegetation Treatments to Restore Ponderosa Pine and Pinon-Juniper Stands to a Desired Condition, Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District, McKinley and Cibola Counties, NM.

*Summary:* EPA had no objection to the selection of the preferred alternative.

ERP No. F-BIA-K60034-CA

Jamul Indian Village (Tribe) 101 Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project, Implementation, San Diego County, CA.

*Summary:* No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-BLM-K65251-CA

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan, Implementation, Public Lands Management, Riverside County, CA.

*Summary:* EPA indicated that the FEIS satisfactorily responded to our DEIS comments. Therefore, EPA has no objections to the proposed action.

ERP No. F-NOA-E91012-00

Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan Amendment 13, Implementation, US Exclusive Economic Zone along the Atlantic Seaboard from Maine through North Carolina.

*Summary:* EPA has no objections to the implementation of Amendment 13 but recommends using appropriate harvesting controls, and monitoring for gear effects on EFH.

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Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nea>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed November 3, 2003, through November 7, 2003, pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*EIS No. 030507*, FINAL EIS, AFS, AK, Greens Creek Tailings Disposal Project, Additional Dry Tailings Disposal Storage Facilities Construction, Authorization, Admiralty National Park Monument, Tongass National Forest, AK, Wait Period Ends: December 15, 2003, Contact: Jeff DeFreest (907) 790-7457. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.greenscreekeis.com>.

*EIS No. 030508*, DRAFT EIS, COE, ID, Emerald Creek Garnet Project, Proposal to Mine Garnet Reserves within the St. Maries River Floodplain near Fernwood, Walla Walla District, Issuance of Several Permits, Benewah and Shoshone Counties, ID, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Michael Doherty (208) 756-7237. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.usace.army.mil>.

*EIS No. 030509*, DRAFT EIS, FHW, UT, I-15, 31st Street in Ogden to 2700 North in Farr West, Reconstruction, Widening and Interchange Improvements, Funding and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, Weber County, UT, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Sandra Garcia (801) 963-0182.

*EIS No. 030510*, DRAFT EIS, FHW, IA, IL, Interstate 74 Quad Cities Corridor Study, Improvements to the I-74 between 23rd Avenue in Moline, IL and 53rd Street in Davenport, IA, NPDES, Rivers and Harbors Act Section 9 and US Army COE Section 404 Permits, Scott County, IA and Rock Island County, IL., Comment Period Ends: January 9, 2004, Contact: Philip Barnes (515) 233-7300.

*EIS No. 030511*, FINAL EIS, FRC, OR, Bull Run Hydroelectric Project (FERC No.477-024), Proposal to Decommission the Bull Run Project and Remove Project Facilities including Marmot Dam, Little Sandy Diversion Dam and Roslyn Lake, and an Application to Surrender License, Sandy, Little Sandy, Bull Run Rivers, Town of Sandy, Clackamas County,

OR, Wait Period Ends: December 15, 2003, Contact: Alan Mitchnick (202) 502-6074.

*EIS No. 030512*, DRAFT EIS, FRC, TX, Freeport Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project, To Deliver Imported Liquefied Natural Gas to Shippers, Authorization of Site, Construction and Operation, Stratton Ridge Meter Station 2007, City of Freeport, Brazoria County, TX, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Thomas Russo (202) 502-8584. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.ferc.gov>.

*EIS No. 030513*, DRAFT EIS, NRC, IL, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, Supplement 16 to NUREG-1437, License Renewal, IL, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Louis L. Wheeler (301) 415-1444.

*EIS No. 030514*, DRAFT EIS, FHW, IL, Macomb Area Study, Construction from U.S. Route 67 (FAP-310) and Illinois Route 336 (FAP-315), City of Macomb, McDonough County, IL, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Norman R. Stoner (217) 492-4640.

*EIS No. 030515*, DRAFT EIS, BIA, OR, Wanapa Energy Center, Construction and Operation a New 1,200 Megawatt (MW) Natural Gas-Fired Electric Power Generating Facility, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), in the City of Hermiston and the Port of Umatilla, OR, Comment Period Ends: December 29, 2003, Contact: Jerry Lauer (541) 278-3790. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.efw/bpa.gov/cgi-bin/PSA/NEPA/SUMMARIES/WanapaEnergy>.

*EIS No. 030516*, FINAL EIS, NOA, Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks Fishery Management Plan, To Prevent Overfishing and Rebuild Overfished Species, Update Essential Fish Habitat, Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea, Wait Period Ends: December 15, 2003, Contact: Karyl Brewster-Geisz (301) 713-2347.

*EIS No. 030517*, FINAL EIS, FHW, IN, Indianapolis Northeast Corridor Transportation Connections Study, To Identify Actions to Reduce Expected Year 2025 Traffic Congestion and Enhance Mobility, Between I-69: from I-465 to IN-328; I-465: from U.S. 31 to I-70; I-70: from I-65 to I-465; IN-37 from I-69 to Allisonville Road (Noblesville), Marion and Hamilton Counties, IN, Wait Period Ends: December 21, 2003, Contact: Antony DeSimone (317) 226-5307.