area. The electric energy that the Applicant proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from third parties such as electric utilities and Federal power marketing agencies pursuant to voluntary agreements. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential Permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to these proceedings should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214). Five copies of such comments, protests, or motions to intervene should be sent to the address provided above on or before the date listed above.

Comments and other filings concerning Matador’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. E–453. An additional copy is to be provided to both Ruta Kalvaitis Skucˇas, Diana Stoica, Matador Power Marketing, Inc., 523 Soudan Avenue, Toronto, ON M4S 1X1, and Angela Troy, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE, 900 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

A final decision will be made on this application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after a determination is made by DOE that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system. Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above, by accessing the program website at http://energy.gov/node/11845, or by emailing Angela Troy at Angela.Troy@hq.doe.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration

Withdrawal of the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Operation of a Biosafety Level 3 Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On November 29, 2005, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) to evaluate the operation of a Biosafety Level (BSL)–3 Facility at LANL. NNSA has determined that, at this point in time, it does not have a need to operate a BSL–3 Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), in Los Alamos, New Mexico. Therefore, NNSA is withdrawing the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS and is terminating the NEPA EIS process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Wolf, Deputy Director, Office of Public Affairs, National Nuclear Security Administration. Phone (202) 586–2561 or via email at gregory.wolf@nnsa.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NNSA published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS in the November 29, 2005, issue of the Federal Register (70 FR 71490). In 2002, NNSA prepared an Environmental Assessment for the construction and operation of the Facility. On February 26, 2002, NNSA issued an Environmental Statement (FONSI) for the construction and operation of the BSL–3 Facility. Construction on the windowless, single-story, 3,200-square foot BSL–3 Facility, housing one BSL–2 laboratory, and two BSL–3 laboratories began in late 2002, and was completed in the fall of 2003. After completion of the NEPA process and BSL–3 Facility construction, NNSA determined there were seismic concerns that had not been adequately analyzed during the design of the BSL–3 Facility. As a result, in February 2004, NNSA withdrew the FONSI with respect to the operation of the BSL–3 Facility and subsequently decided to prepare an environmental impact statement. The EIS would have evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Federal action and reasonable alternatives. NNSA is now terminating the NEPA EIS process.

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Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty,
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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