

Any person or the Commission's Staff may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the NGA.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 C. 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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rate authorization filings, while also providing notice of requests for blanket authorizations for future issuances of securities and assumptions of liabilities.

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*Secretary.*

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Northern New Mexico Citizens Advisory Board, 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and, the Zimmerman Library, Central Avenue, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information on NNSA's NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Alice C. Williams, NA-50, NEPA Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, or telephone 1-202-586-6847. For general information about the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance (GC-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-4600, or leave a message at 1-800-472-2756.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose and need for continued operation of LANL is to provide support for DOE and NNSA core missions as directed by Congress and the President. NNSA's need to continue operating LANL arises from its obligation to ensure a safe and reliable nuclear weapons stockpile. LANL is also needed to support other Federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security. The Final SWEIS analyzed the environmental impacts of operating LANL at different levels. LANL is located in north-central New Mexico and covers an area of about 40 square miles (104 square kilometers). It was established in 1943 as "Project Y" of the Manhattan Project with a single mission—to build the world's first nuclear weapons. After World War II ended, Project Y was designated a permanent research and development laboratory and its work was expanded to incorporate a wide variety of assignments in support of other government and civilian programs. LANL is now a multi-disciplinary, multipurpose institution engaged in theoretical and experimental research and development.

DOE issued a Final SWEIS and Record of Decision in 1999 for the continued operation of the laboratory. DOE regulations implementing NEPA require the evaluation of site-wide NEPA analyses every five years to determine their continued applicability; such a five-year evaluation was initiated for the 1999 SWEIS in 2004, and NNSA subsequently decided to prepare a new SWEIS. A new Draft SWEIS was issued in July 2006 for public review and comment over a 75-day period. NNSA considered the comments received on

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Supplemental Notice Announcing Revised Treatment of Initial Electric Market-Based Rate Authorization Filings That Also Request Blanket Section 204 Authorization

May 8, 2008.

On April 3, 2008, the Commission issued a notice stating that, effective April 3, 2008, it would issue a separate combined notice of filing for initial electric market-based rate authorization filings.

Upon further consideration, and effective upon the date of issuance of this supplemental notice, the Commission instead will include initial electric market-based rate authorization filings along with other filings in a combined notice of filing. However, once it is determined that an initial electric market-based rate authorization filing includes a request for blanket authorization, pursuant to 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, it will issue a separate supplemental notice.

By this initiative, the Commission seeks to expedite the process for noticing initial electric market-based

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### National Nuclear Security Administration

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** NNSA announces the availability of the *Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico* (Final SWEIS) (DOE/EIS-0380). The Final SWEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of continuing to operate Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) and addresses public comments received on the Draft SWEIS. NNSA's Preferred Alternative for LANL, as identified in the Draft and Final SWEIS, is the Expanded Operations Alternative. The Final SWEIS also evaluates a No Action Alternative and a Reduced Operations Alternative.

**DATES:** NNSA will not issue Records of Decision based on the SWEIS before 30 days have passed from the publication of this notice of availability.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the Final SWEIS may be obtained by writing to: U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, Attn: NEPA Compliance Officer, Environmental Operations, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544.

Requests for copies of the document may also be sent by facsimile ((505) 845-4239); or by E-mail ([LANL\\_SWEIS@doeal.gov](mailto:LANL_SWEIS@doeal.gov)) or ([LASO.SWEIS@doeal.gov](mailto:LASO.SWEIS@doeal.gov)). The Final SWEIS will also be available on the NNSA Los Alamos Site Office's NEPA Web site at: <http://www.doeal.gov/lafo/NEPASWEIS.aspx>. Copies of the Final SWEIS are also available for review at the following locations: The Los Alamos Research Library, West Jemez Road, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico; the Office of the

the Draft SWEIS in preparing the Final SWEIS.

The alternatives evaluated in the Final SWEIS represent a range of operational levels from the minimal reasonable activity levels (Reduced Operations Alternative) to the highest reasonable activity levels that could be supported by current facilities combined with expansion and construction of new facilities (Expanded Operations Alternative). The No Action Alternative would continue current mission support work at LANL and includes actions, facility construction, and other activities for which NEPA analyses have already been completed. All alternatives assumed that NNSA will continue to operate LANL as a national security laboratory for the foreseeable future.

**Subsequent Document Preparation:** NNSA will consider the environmental impact analysis presented in the Final LANL SWEIS, along with other information, in making decisions regarding the continued operation of LANL. NNSA will wait to issue a ROD for at least 30 days following publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of availability. It is anticipated that several RODs may be issued based on the Final SWEIS over the next several years. NNSA will publish all RODs in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 4th day of April, 2008.

**Thomas P. D'Agostino,**  
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges From Construction Activities

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed permit issuance.

**SUMMARY:** EPA Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 today are proposing for public comment the issuance of their 2008 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permits for stormwater discharges from new

dischargers engaged in large and small construction activities. Hereinafter, these NPDES general permits will be referred to as "permit" or "2008 construction general permit" or "2008 CGP." "New dischargers" are those who did not file a notice of intent ("NOI") to be covered under the 2003 construction general permit ("2003 CGP") before it expired. Existing dischargers who properly filed an NOI to be covered under the 2003 CGP continue to be authorized to discharge under that permit according to its terms. This draft 2008 CGP contains the same limits and conditions as the Agency's 2003 CGP with the exception of a few minor modifications which are detailed below. As proposed, EPA is issuing this CGP for a period not to exceed two (2) years and will make the permit available to new construction activities and unpermitted ongoing activities only.

In addition to proposing this draft CGP, EPA is also requesting comments on the criteria to be used by the Agency to incorporate, by reference, "qualifying local program requirements" for erosion and sediment control as provided for in EPA's regulations. Approved qualifying local program requirements can then be incorporated by reference into the Agency's construction general permit. A construction site operator with construction activities within the jurisdiction of the qualifying local program can follow local erosion and sediment control requirements in lieu of complying with comparable erosion and sediment control requirements in EPA's CGP.

**DATES:** Comments on EPA's proposal, including the draft permit, must be postmarked by June 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0238, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail*: [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epa.gov).
- *Mail*: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery*: EPA Docket Center, Public Reading Room, EPA Headquarters West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

**Instructions:** A copy of the draft 2008 CGP and its accompanying fact sheet is available at [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/cgp). Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0238. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the Water Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.