



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Dear Interested Party,

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500-1508), and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures (10 CFR Part 1021), the Department of Energy (DOE)/Environmental Management Los Alamos Field Office (EM-LA) is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Chromium Plume Control Interim Measures and Plume-Center Characterization at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), DOE/EA-2005.

In this document, potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed actions in Mortandad Canyon located in Technical Area 5 are being evaluated. The objectives are to control migration of the chromium plume and to further characterize and study the chromium plume in the groundwater beneath Mortandad Canyon and will be conducted in accordance with the March 1, 2005 Compliance Order on Consent between the State of New Mexico Environment Department, DOE, and LANL. The Environmental Assessment will analyze whether there are potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed actions and determine whether they are significant and if an environmental impact statement is required or a finding of no significant impact is appropriate.

Federal agencies, state, tribal and local governments, special interest groups, concerned citizens and any other interested parties are invited to participate in the review of this document and provide input. When the draft is completed, DOE/EM-LA will request stakeholder review, during a 30-day public comment period. A project link will be established on the Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance website at <http://energy.gov/nepa>.

Requests for information should be sent to Ms. Karen Oden, NEPA Compliance Officer/Document Manager, at Karen.Oden@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

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